



Stronger Together

October 12th, 2017

VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues

Dates to Remember

Meetings at the VESTA office starts at 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

Health & Safety Meeting

October 16th
VESTA Office

General Meeting/ Staff Rep Assembly

October 17th at 4pm
Tupper Secondary

Executive Meeting

October 24th
VESTA Office



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School Trustee Election

Saturday, October 14 is voting day in the by-election for trustees. Please make sure to spread the word on social media, in your neighborhood and with your family and friends. This election is extremely important as we need a progressive slate of trustees who are willing to speak up and advocate for public education. The Vision and OneCity Trustee candidates are committed to this effort. Information on voting locations is available at <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/where-to-vote.aspx> Voting is possible at any location that is convenient for you. You will need two pieces of ID. Note that there were no voter cards sent to your home. If you voted in the last provincial election you should be registered. You can also register or update information on site. Make your mark and make a difference!

If you are available to help OneCity, please contact Savanna at [778-838-8073](tel:778-838-8073) or email her at SavannaMak@gmail.com

VSU Laptops

The board has recently been adding to their distribution of laptops so all enrolling teachers will be eligible to receive one. If your school has declined the offer and you wish to reconsider, you are still able to submit your requests. VESTA does not have a policy with regards to laptops and their distribution by the board, but our concerns regarding tech support, liability and equity remain. Please remember that once you accept a laptop, they should be used for work-related activities and that they will remain the property of the board.

The MOA and Remedy

Remedy is calculated as of October 1, and it will be retroactive to this date. The MOA states, "If there is non-compliance for any portion of a calendar month the remedy will be provided for the entire month." Remedies are calculated based on the highest number of violations in the month, therefore it will be calculated at the end of the month. We will be addressing issues regarding remedy at the upcoming Staff Rep Assembly on October 17 as well as at the October 23 Staff Rep SURT. Please ensure that your Staff Rep or someone representing your school attends these important meetings/workshops. There is no need to discuss remedy with your principal at this time.

UBC/VESTA Urban Learners Cohorts Invitation

Are you a graduate of the UBC/VESTA Masters Program, Urban Learners, Cohorts 1 through 10? Here's a self-directed professional development opportunity specifically for you on Friday, October 20, 2017, 10 am to 3 pm. As an alumni of the Urban Learner program, you are invited to participate in an URBAN LEARNER FORUM hosted by the current UBC/VESTA Urban Learners Cohort 11. The focus is Dialogues on the Significance of Teaching: Life in Urban Classrooms and Communities. Contact clare.ford@ubc.ca or karen.meyer@ubc.ca to register. See you at 10 am, October 20, at Ponderosa Commons Ballroom, 6445 University Boulevard, UBC.

New Teachers' Welcome and Induction: October 18

Please remember to register for the New Teachers' Welcome and Induction to be held at VanDusen located at 5251 Oak Street from 4pm to 6pm. You can call the VESTA office, fax in a registration form or email andrea@vesta.ca to register. Hope to see you there!

