



**Stronger Together**

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# VESTA Weekly

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

## Dates to Remember

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

**Professional Issues Committee Meeting**  
April 9

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
April 10

**Staff Rep Assembly General Meeting**  
Tupper Secondary  
April 17 at 4:00pm



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## Teachers' Pension Plan Site Update

The TPP website has been updated and members are encouraged to log onto or register to access the "My Account" section to learn more about pension options, register for workshops and familiarize yourself with important information regarding factors that effect your pension. You can also make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. Follow the link to <https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/>. Regardless of whether you are close to retirement or new to teaching, there is important information here for you to review. You will require your personal ID number which can be found on your yearly Member's Benefit Statement or on your Welcome to the Plan package if you have recently signed on.

## Cross Border Social Justice Conference Reminder

This Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 8:30 to 4:30 the Surrey Teachers' Association will be hosting the first ever Cross Border Social Justice Conference. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear both Naomi Klein and Seth Klein as the keynote speakers. For more information and registration go to the conference website at <http://crossborderconference.weebly.com/>. The conference will be held at Sullivan Heights Secondary and the very reasonable \$35 fee includes lunch.

## Applications for VESTA Executive

Are you interested in becoming more involved with your union? Are you passionate about Social Justice, Professional Issues or would you like to know more and become a Member-at-large? The members of the VESTA executive in these and other roles for the coming year are elected at our AGM in May and the deadline for applications is April 15. The executive meet approximately twice monthly from 4pm to 8pm on Tuesdays. The application form is available on our website at <http://vesta.ca/documents/other-forms/>. If you would like more information regarding the VESTA executive positions and roles, please call us at the office at 604-873-8378.

## Loss of Service Forms

Please remember to send the Loss of Service forms for your school to the VESTA office on a monthly basis. Currently we have only received forms for approximately 1/3 of our schools. Non-enrolling teachers should fill out the form available here <http://vesta.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Loss-of-Educational-Service-to-Students-Form.pdf>, and give it to the Staff Rep at your site to fax into the office. If your school does not have a Staff Rep, please fax the form to 604-873-2652. These forms provide valuable information for us that we can use when advocating for teachers and support for students. If you have forms from previous months that have not been sent in, please forward those as well. Thank you for your efforts!

## New Teacher SURT!

We are looking for new teachers to attend a half-day SURT at the VESTA office. If you are in your first 5 years of teaching and the lowest in seniority at your school, please see your Staff Rep for the form to register for the workshop on either April 11th or April 18 depending on your site. If you need more information please contact [allison@vesta.ca](mailto:allison@vesta.ca) or call the office at 604-873-8378.