



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

Advance Voting Begins October 10!

Please vote early because it helps organizers focus when getting out the vote on election day. Advance voting in Vancouver will be held at several Community Centers across the city as well as at City Hall. To find an advance voting location go to <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/where-to-vote.aspx> and enter the date and your general location.

Endorsed Candidates in Areas Outside of Vancouver

Many VSB teachers live and vote in areas other than Vancouver and have been requesting information regarding progressive candidates in other areas. Thanks to the Surrey Teachers Association for the amalgamated information from districts across the Lower Mainland now available on our website! You can also find a list of progressive candidates for mayors, councilors and school trustees endorsed by the New Westminster and District Labour Council at <http://www.nwdlc.ca/>. In case you missed it, the Vancouver and District Labour Council (VDLC) also endorsed progressive candidates for Vancouver and North Vancouver. The VDLC list is available at <http://www.vancouverlabour.ca/political-action>.

District Mentors and Early Career Teacher Support

Angela Brown, Christine Giesbrecht, Caroline Lay and Trish Mugford are the District Mentoring Support Teachers hired this year to support the professional learning of Early Career Teachers (ECT). They can be reached at DMST@vsb.bc.ca. In order to gather more information about the needs of ECT the team has put together a survey. If you are in your first five years of teaching please take 5 minutes to fill in the survey and let the district know what you need. The survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WX6SGRP> is only open until October 8th so please complete asap.

Health and Safety Minutes

This is a reminder to email your school-based Health and Safety meeting minutes from September to karin@vesta.ca or blue bag them to the VESTA office. Thanks for helping to keep our schools a safe place to work!

New Teachers' Welcome and Induction

Please encourage new VSB teachers to attend the VESTA/VSTA Welcome and Induction. Glen Hansman will be a guest speaker. VESTA's new members need to register as soon as possible with andrea@vesta.ca. The event will be held on October 15th beginning at 4:00pm. Those teachers who are new to the BCTF will be given a free membership to a BCTF Provincial Specialist Association of their choice. There is no fee to attend this exciting event that will be held at the Italian Cultural Center, located at 3075 Slocan St, Vancouver.

Dates to Remember

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

Executive Committee Meeting
October 9

Communications Committee Meeting
October 11



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