



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

Proportional Representation

You should have received your ballot in the mail for the Referendum on How We Vote by the end of this week. If not, please contact the BC Government through the information available at <https://eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/ovr/welcome.aspx#>. Your mail-in ballot must be received by 4:30 on November 30th so don't wait too long to send in your vote and have your say. If you haven't seen the **Tyee** series on Proportional Representation, follow the link to <https://thetyee.ca/Series/2018/10/08/BC-Big-Vote-Guide/>. In addition, VSB teachers are invited to attend an event organized by the Burnaby Teachers' Association on **November 7th at Burnaby Central from 4:30-5:30** where Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives director Seth Klein will break down proportional representation and the three proposed systems. Please RSVP to bta3@bctf.ca.



Bargaining Conference

This past weekend BCTF delegates from all over the province met at the Bargaining Conference to discuss, debate and make recommendations for this round of bargaining. Our current Collective Agreement expires June 30, 2019. Every local from around the province has made recommendations to the Bargaining Conference. By the end of the two-day conference we had a list of provincial priorities and objectives. Preparations for Local Bargaining are also well under way. Stay tuned, more information coming through Staff Rep Assemblies and General Meetings.

Mentor Information Session

The District Mentorship Support Teachers will be holding an information session for teachers interested in becoming a School-based Mentor. The team is looking for teachers with 5 or more years of experience. The information session will be held in the library at Templeton Secondary on Tuesday November 13th from 3:45 to 5pm. RSVP by registering at prod.vsb.bc.ca. If you would like more information please contact DMST@vsb.bc.ca.

Curriculum Implementation Days and Pro-D Funds

Please note that pro-d funds are **not** used to cover any activities related to the Curriculum Implementation Days on November 9th and February 15th. If staff wish to have goodies provided on either of those days they can take a recommendation to Staff Committee for use of flex funds. More information regarding school-based Staff Committees and Finance Committees will be included in next week's VESTA Weekly.

Dates to Remember

Meetings at the VESTA office start at 4pm unless

Retirement Workshop 1
November 6
4-6 pm

Communications Committee Meeting
November 8

Executive Committee Meeting
November 13

TTOC Committee Meeting
November 15



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