



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

Funding Model Review

The provincial government released its Funding Model Review this week with a plan to form working groups to examine the implications and ways to implement the recommendations. A link to the full report is available here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/funding-model-review/independent_review_panel-final_report_2018.pdf. The BCTF responded immediately with its own News Release found at <https://bctf.ca/NewsReleases.aspx?id=52281>.

Project of Heart Pro-D Opportunity

On January 25th VESTA will be hosting the BCTF Professional Development workshop Project of Heart. The workshop supports the excellent Project of Heart teaching materials available on the [BCTF website](#). The BCTF describes the workshop as follows:

Project of Heart is an inquiry-based, hands-on, collaborative, intergenerational, artistic journey for seeking truth about the history of Aboriginal people in Canada. This teaching resource examines the history and legacy of Indian residential schools, commemorates the lives of the thousands of Indigenous children who died as a result, and prepares students to engage in social justice activities that contribute to the developing truth and reconciliation movement.

This professional development opportunity will be held from 9am to noon at the VESTA office. Please email andrea@vesta.ca to register.

Changes for the New Year

In January we will be welcoming Darren Tereposky to the VESTA In-House team as Jody Polukoshko is seconded full time to the provincial bargaining team. Jody will be greatly missed by all here, but we are thrilled to have her representing teachers across the province in her important work on our Collective Agreement. We are grateful that Darren has been willing to leave his classroom and bring his expertise to the VESTA office.

All the BEST for a great holiday from the In-House Team at VESTA!

Friday is the shortest day of the year, the Winter Solstice. From this day forward the days will again begin to lengthen. May the growing light grow your good health and happiness. We wish you all a restful and rejuvenating Winter Break, enjoying time with family and friends. See you in 2019! From Chloe, Jill, Joanne, Jody and Allison.

Dates to Remember

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

Working & Learning Conditions & Bargaining Committee Meeting
January 9

Social Justice & Solidarity Committee Meeting
January 14

Executive Committee Meeting
January 15

TTOC Committee Meeting
January 17



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