



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

January 25 Pro-D Opportunities

On the flexible professional development day VESTA is holding a free BCTF workshop, **Project of Heart**, at the VESTA office from 9am to noon. To register contact andrea@vesta.ca. TTOCs who are interested in an alternate opportunity can attend a session being held in the morning at Templeton Secondary by the District Mentor Support Teachers. To register for the TTOC session or to view other pro-d opportunities offered by the VSB, go to <https://prod.vsb.bc.ca/>.

Update Your Contact Information

We are heading into bargaining and VESTA and the BCTF will require up-to-date contact information including a non-vsbc email address, phone numbers and addresses in order to ensure communication of time-sensitive materials such as voting or meeting notices. To update your information with VESTA, please email Lori at lori@vesta.ca. The BCTF needs to be informed separately. If you have access to the member portal it is easy to log in and update your information through the "Make Changes" tab. If you haven't already visited the BCTF Member Portal, you can sign up for access using your BCTF number or your District Employee Number by clicking on the Member Portal button on the left of the page at <https://bctf.ca/>.

Deadline Extended to January 18 for Application to be a BCTF AGM Delegate

We have room for more delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting that will be held in Victoria from March 16 to 19th this year. If you would like to learn more about how our union works and see real democracy in action, you can submit your application by Friday, January 18th. The form is available on the VESTA Website at <http://vesta.ca/2018/12/bctf-agm-delegates-application-due-january-8th/> and can be faxed to the office at 604-873-2652. Delegates will be elected at the January 22 General Meeting and will be released for a full-day session on February 22 to review the resolutions and recommendations and prepare for the AGM. Elected delegates will also need to attend the March 5th VESTA General Meeting to receive advice from VESTA members. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to become involved with the local and provincial discussions on topics as diverse as classroom needs to international solidarity. Attending the BCTF AGM is cost neutral as delegates will be reimbursed for travel and other expenses and are provided accommodation and food.

Dates to Remember

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

Social Justice & Solidarity Committee Meeting
January 14

Executive Committee Meeting
January 15

TTOC Committee Meeting
January 17

Communications Committee Meeting
January 24



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