



Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association

Application for VESTA Mentorship Funds

In the last round of bargaining, a provincial fund of \$12 million was provided to locals to support mentorship. VESTA's allocation of that funding allows all VESTA members to access funds for release time including K-7 and Adult Educators, TTOCs, District and Itinerate staff.* You can use release time to: observe in another teacher's classroom; work in a self-identified mentor/peer partnership; and, collaborate with an experienced teacher or an early career peer.

Some topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Integrating the First Peoples' Principles of Learning across the curriculum
- Flexible Classroom Routines
- Integrating Formative and/or Self-Assessment
- Implementing Special Interest Projects
- Role of the Case-Manager for Special Needs Students
- Creative strategies for less motivated students
- Setting Priorities for you and your students
- Introducing Collaborative Learning
- Making the best use of SSA/SSB support

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NON-VSB Email:		
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Submit this application to jody@vesta.ca. The Committee meets once at the beginning of each month to approve applications.

Please do not book a TTOC until you have received approval from the VESTA Mentorship Funds Committee. You will receive an email with the applicable SFE code when your application has been approved. Once you have booked your TTOC, please send jody@vesta.ca an email including the job numbers and dates booked.

* Funds only be used for TTOC release, either to release contract teachers or, in the case of TTOC applicants, to pay their TTOC daily rate. **Mentorship funds cannot be used to purchase teacher/learning materials.**

‡ Vesta's policy is that the Mentorship Committee prioritize broad availability of the fund (i.e. more members with fewer days).

