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Friday October 19, 2018

## **A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa**

### Connecting Leaders

The Connecting Leaders conference this weekend is an opportunity for our colleagues to share and learn, to reconnect with peers and make new connections. The impetus behind Connecting Leaders is for participants to bring ideas, energy and inspiration back to their schools, and we look forward to seeing how that excitement is shared.

Each Connecting Leaders conference has a topical theme: this year's theme is *Changing Tides: Charting Our Course Together*. I think we can all attest to the flow of change that we've experienced in recent years, and the increasing complexity of our roles. As the needs of our schools and the system require an enhanced skill set from school leaders, it's natural to feel overwhelmed. The idea of working together to navigate change resonates, and through opportunities like Connecting Leaders we want to give our members the tools, resources and training that you need to be successful. We want you to know that there's a community of peers who are ready to support you, and somewhere that you can turn for help.

Branching off from the theme of this conference are five points of focus: inclusion, resilience, change, leadership and wellness. I want to remind you of your immense capacity in all of these areas. Principals and vice-principals are on the leading edge in championing inclusion and making sure that everyone is welcome in BC schools. We model resilience as we move through the hundreds of demands on our daily path. We engage change, we learn from it and we anticipate it in our leadership journey. We have a heightened awareness of wellness in our schools, and we are becoming better at recognizing our own needs and challenges.

I encourage you to think about your current navigation of change and what might emerge if you applied a different perspective or drew upon the support of a peer. For one day, recognize change as your ally and not your adversary: invite change to the table, and see what happens.

I hope that our conference attendees enjoy their experience of learning and sharing, and that everyone has a great weekend.

Take Care,  
David

## BCPVPA DIRECTOR BY-ELECTION

Nominations for the Director vacancy on the Board are now closed.

The [Candidate Statements](#) were distributed to BCPVPA members October 18.

The candidates in alphabetical order are:

- Tom Aerts (SD61, Victoria)
- Joanne Beddoes (SD8, Kootenay Lake)
- Bev Forster (SD54, Bulkley Valley)
- Raj Puri (SD36, Surrey)
- John Tyler (SD40, New Westminster)
- Jonathan Weresch (SD39, Vancouver)

October 23-25: Voting by electronic ballot to 5pm October 25: watch for your notification!

## BCPVPA UPDATES

### **David's Highlights:**

- *October 12-13: BCPVPA Board of Directors Meeting*
- *October 16: Presentation to BCTC*
- *October 17: Interview with The Tyee for an upcoming article*
- *October 17: Member Health and Well-Being Framework Meeting*
- *October 17: Webinar Series - humanworks*

### **Coming Up:**

- *October 19-20: Connecting Leaders Conference, Nanaimo*
- *October 16: Presenting webinar – 7:30am BetterEducate*
- *October 26: Attend conference and AGM - Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia*

## **BCPVPA Mentor Opportunity**

The BCPVPA is urgently seeking current principals to act as Mentors in our Mentorship program for the 2018-2019 school year. Members accepted as Mentors are asked to attend a training session on October 25 in the BCPVPA offices. Find out about the [Mentorship program](#) and contact [Kevin Reimer](#) for more information.

## **BCPVPA Survey on Curriculum Implementation for Secondary Principals and Vice-Principals**

As the redesigned curriculum approaches full implementation in secondary schools, we recognize that Principals and Vice-Principals are working hard to address many aspects of these changes. This survey for **secondary school administrators** aims to understand some of your

greatest needs. Recently two of our members were seconded to the Ministry of Education and will act as members of an Outreach Team. The information we gather in this survey will be shared with them as well as the BCPVPA Professional Development Committee.

[Complete the Survey](#)

## Upcoming BCPVPA Webinars

Register now!

### BetterEducate – A Dynamic Tool for School Leaders

Tuesday October 23, 7:30 am

Presented by BCPVPA President David DeRosa, this webinar highlights some of the important features in BetterEducate and showcases some of the recently-added functionality. The BCPVPA continues to work with the BetterEducate developers to create a dynamic platform that allows educators to connect, network and learn from each other.

[bit.ly/2RqDgZQ](http://bit.ly/2RqDgZQ)

### Understanding and Accessing Benefits Supports

Wednesday October 24, 4:00 pm

Presented by Ingrid Gallier of *Morneau Shepell* this webinar provides an overview of the benefits plans of principals and vice-principals and how to access a range of supports within the plan.

[bit.ly/2xVLlxJ](http://bit.ly/2xVLlxJ)

## EDUCATION NEWS

### National Principals' Month

Do you know an **Outstanding Principal**? Let's represent BC and celebrate an amazing leader with a nomination for **Canada's Outstanding Principal Award**. [Find out more](#): *deadline is October 29.*

We're celebrating National Principals' Month in Canada this month. Be part of our online campaign by following us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), and check out our [release to media and our education partners](#). Celebrate the school leaders in your life, using the hashtag #OutstandingPrincipals and tag @bcpvpa.

## BCPVPA EVENTS

### BCPVPA Connecting Leaders 2018 Conference

**Changing Tides: Charting Our Course Together – October 18, 19 and 20, 2018**

*We look forward to seeing attendees in Nanaimo!*

[Media Release](#)

## Retirement Info Opportunities

The BCPVPA will offer retirement seminars in Vancouver this year. The seminar provides an overview of the pension plan and highlights important considerations when selecting pension options.

Seminars are scheduled from 9:00am to 12noon at the BCPVPA Vancouver office:

**November 3, 2018**

**December 8, 2018**

**January 26, 2019**

Additional sessions may be announced based upon demand.

Spouses are welcome, and registration is first come, first served with a 25-person seating capacity for each session.

To register please email Emily Rogness [emily@bcpvpa.bc.ca](mailto:emily@bcpvpa.bc.ca) and specify:

***your first choice of session date***

***your second choice of session date***

***your full name***

***your current school district***

***if your spouse will attend***

All pension plan members are reminded that the "new" pension plan calculator (personalized calculator) is now available at the [teacher pension plan website](#).

## NEW MEMBER & PARTNER EVENTS

### Invitation to Youth

October 10 was World Mental Health Day. The Mood Disorders Association of BC is issuing an invitation for youth to join their Wellness Recreation Group Thursdays 6pm – 9pm, for activities that include walks, coffee shop chats, calligraphy, film screenings, concerts and art. [Find out more.](#)

## CURRENT MEMBER & PARTNER EVENTS

### Living in Hope

4-part documentary series on Knowledge Network, and streaming across Canada on [knowledge.ca](http://knowledge.ca) beginning **Tuesday, November 6 at 9 pm PT.**

October 10 was World Mental Health Day: 70% of mental health problems have their onset during childhood or adolescence, and many children experience mental illness in their families. **Living in HOpe** is a real-life drama filmed at the HOpe Centre in North Vancouver and driven by people dealing with realities of mental illness. The series offer a compelling and empathetic peek into the world of a psychiatric facility, perhaps helping replace stigma and fear with understanding. [See a preview.](#)

## **The First Peoples Principles of Learning – Thursday October 25, 2018**

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Centennial Secondary School, 570 Poirier St., Coquitlam

The Coquitlam School District and Learning Forward BC invite cross-role educational teams to this inspiring evening that includes a light dinner and a facilitated conversation with Gail Bedard and Andrea McComb.

[Find out more](#)

## **Retirement Seminar: Prince George – Saturday November 3, 2018**

A retirement seminar is being offered in Prince George for interested members from around the region. The seminar will include information on the Teachers' Pension Plan, including recent changes, and overall preparation and planning for retirement.

*Time and location of the session to be confirmed.*

RSVP for yourself and your partner: [Dan Watt](#)

## **Visible Learning Foundation Day Institute – November 5 and 6, 2018**

With keynote speakers Ainsley Rose, Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey

Part of the Visible Learning Foundation series, this two-day institute is designed to provide you with the tools to identify key takeaways from the Visible Learning research, learn about the Five Strands of Visible Learning and identify the difference between influences that impact student achievement.

Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond

Register now and [get your promo code](#)

Register: [bit.ly/VancouverVLBCPVPA](http://bit.ly/VancouverVLBCPVPA)

## **Leadership Challenge Workshop**

### **Leadership Challenge Facilitators Certification**

**November 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2018**

**London, Ontario**

The Performance Group will be offering the 2-day Leadership Challenge Workshop and 2-day Leadership Challenge Facilitator Certification in London, Ontario.

[Find out more](#)

## **BCSSA 2018 Fall Conference**

### **Transforming Education: Well-Being in Schools – November 8 and 9, 2018**

The conference is open to all BCSSA members, other senior district staff and their district teams of principals, teachers, trustees, PAC representatives, and other partners.

See the [event page](#) for information about the agenda, registration and hotel bookings

Westin Bayshore Vancouver

**A Presentation of PDK UBC**

**An Evening to Discuss Cannabis: Legalization and its Impact in Schools**

**November 14, 2018**

5:30pm – 8:00 pm

On October 17, the legalization and regulation of cannabis comes into effect. How will this social policy shift impact youth, schools, and families? What is the role of education and health promotion? Engage with guest speakers Art Steinman, Manager of Substance Use Health Promotion and the SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth) Initiative for the VSB, and Jen Donovan, Manager of SACY LRP (Leadership Resilience Program) for VCH.

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Ave, Vancouver

**Tickets**

#pdkedchat

**Sponsored by Solution Tree Education Canada**

**Future-Focused Learning: Ten Essential Shifts of Everyday Practice –**

**November 19-20, 2018**

With leading expert Lee Watanabe-Crockett

Richmond BC

**Find out more**

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**Assessing Critical Competencies: Modernizing Assessment and**

**Reporting for the New BC Curriculum – November 21-22, 2018**

With leading expert Tom Schimmer

Richmond BC

**Find out more**



**SD44, North Vancouver**

**Principal and Vice Principal**

**[bit.ly/2Rgvm5e](http://bit.ly/2Rgvm5e)**

Applications are invited from innovative, dynamic and qualified educators to fill potential future vacancies.

*Closing date is October 22, 2018.*

**SD36, Surrey**

**Assistant Superintendent**

**[bit.ly/2E9KBKJ](http://bit.ly/2E9KBKJ)**

Assistant Superintendents represent the heart of our Educational Leadership Team in Surrey and we are excited to seek applications from inspiring, innovative and passionate leaders to join our team.

*Closing date is October 26, 2018.*

**SD40, New Westminster  
Elementary Principal**

[bit.ly/2ONVaYa](http://bit.ly/2ONVaYa)

The New Westminster School District is seeking dynamic leaders with proven records of exemplary teaching and leadership for consideration for an immediate vacancy at the Elementary level.

*Closing date is October 29, 2018.*

**BC Ministry of Education  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Education Programs Division**

This position is responsible for designing and implementing key education standards including provincial curriculum, assessments, and related programs.

*Closing date is November 5, 2018*

[Find out more](#)

 OPPORTUNITIES

**Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership and Policy**

This program is designed to help educational leaders improve their capacity for inspiring, leading, and implementing innovations in educational organizations. Through a combination of coursework, field experiences, and a dissertation, students will advance their knowledge of pedagogy and leadership, develop an appreciation of the political, economic and social forces that influence educational innovations and decisions of education leaders, broaden their visions of education, and expand their repertoire of leadership skills.

[Find out more](#)

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