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Friday October 5, 2018

A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Celebrating Teachers and Principals

As we lead in our schools every day, juggling the activities, challenges and triumphs that mark our hours, we can get pretty focused on that world. Today is a good day to put our heads up and be recognized by the global community. It's **National Principals' Month**, and **October 5 is World Teachers' Day**: I invite you all to recognize your colleagues and to be recognized for the great work that you do.

All of our members **started their careers as teachers and continue to serve as instructional leaders today**. Those beginnings in the classroom and that passion for teaching, learning and positively influencing the life trajectory of your students opened a variety of paths to leadership at the school and district level. Our research reveals that the majority of principals and vice-principals continue to teach: nearly **60%** of us have a **teaching assignment** alongside our leadership responsibilities, strengthening the impact that we have in the lives of our students.

The transition from teaching to leading can be a steep curve, and the BCPVPA is here to make sure our new PVPs have all of the tools they need to be successful. Many of the **167 participants** who recently completed **Short Course I** commented that the training – and the sense of community – was invaluable to their progress. Our Mentorship program is another way that the 'wisdom in the room' can benefit new leaders.

This month, we'll be focusing on our **success as school leaders**, how we can continue to learn and grow, and ways to share best practices from around the globe. BC continues to be an international success story in education, and this can be attributed to the **strong collaboration between amazing teachers, remarkable principal and vice-principal leaders, skilful district staff and supportive trustees**. I'm inviting you to share **your leadership stories** with us this month and to tell us what you and your colleagues are doing to foster innovative education in your schools. **[Send me an email](#)** or post on social media tagging @bcpvpa & #OutstandingPrincipals – great news needs to be shared! To get you started, check out what some of your colleagues are up to: **[twitter/bradleybaker](#)** **[twitter/selmahsmith](#)** **[twitter/SLShortall](#)**

Happy National Principals' Month, and I hope you enjoy Thanksgiving with your friends and family this weekend.

Take Care,

David

BCPVPA DIRECTOR BY-ELECTION

The closing date for nominations for the Director vacancy on the Board is October 15: the position is for a two-year term, and members can download the nomination form: [BCPVPA NomForm](#)

October 15: Nominations close at 5pm
October 19: Candidate statements distributed to members and posted to website
October 23-25: Voting by electronic ballot to 5pm October 25

All members of the BCPVPA are registered to vote in the election.

BCPVPA UPDATES

David's Highlights:

- **September 27: meeting with Corwin Press about potential professional learning opportunities for our members**
- **September 27: DASH BC, mental health and well-being support for our members**
- **September 28: LEAP New South Wales, Aboriginal Educational Tour – reflective closure and summary feedback**
- **October 1: VSB Presentation - use of Better Educate for mentor-mentee professional support**
- **October 3: at the BC Legislature for the SOGI 123 statement**
- **October 4: hosted member webinar on EIP with Jack MacNeill of humanworks**

Coming Up:

- **Today - October 5: Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, Victoria**
- **October 9: Presentation at VSB, NOII Spirals**
- **October 9: Sunshine Coast SD#46 Chapter Visit**
- **October 11: Mental Health Advisory Meeting**
- **October 12-13: BCPVPA Board of Directors Meeting**

EDUCATION NEWS

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

October is National Principals' Month in Canada. BCPVPA is celebrating our members all month through an online campaign on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), and with a release to media and our education partners. Celebrate the school leaders in your life, using the hashtag #OutstandingPrincipals and tag @bcpvpa.

And don't forget: Friday October 5 is [World Teachers' Day](#) with the 2018 theme: *Teachers, the heartbeat of public education*. Share online what you're doing in your schools to mark World Teachers' Day, and tag @bcpvpa.

Leading the Way

Women in Educational Leadership – Saturday, October 13, 2018

This event is sold out and closed for registration

BCPVPA Connecting Leaders 2018 Conference

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

Registration deadline is October 9

Featuring:

Simon Breakspear – *a leading thinker on educational change and learning innovation.*

Roy Henry-Vickers – *a renowned Canadian First Nations artist and sought-after keynote speaker.*

Candy Palmater – *a Canadian comedian, broadcaster, and writer/creator of her own national TV show for APTN*

Simon Breakspear will lead an individual breakout session, and other breakout sessions will be held by leading BC educators. All sessions will address at least one of the conference strands: Inclusion, Resilience, Leadership, Change, and Wellness.

Space is limited to 425 delegates

Register: bit.ly/BCPVPA2018

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 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](#).

Student Vote

Schools throughout the province are invited to engage their grade 4-12 students in the October 20 local elections through the free and non-partisan [Student Vote](#) program.

Student Vote enables educators to bring democracy alive in the classroom and empowers students to experience the voting process firsthand. Participating schools receive a variety of educational materials to teach about local government, boards of education and the electoral process, and facilitate research into the issues and candidates. Ballots and ballot boxes are also provided for the coordination of Student Vote Day.

[Register](#) or call toll free 1-866-488-8775.

Presented by UBC Faculty of Education – Professional Development & Community Engagement

Reconciliation through Indigenous Education MOOC – Starting October 23, 2018

Reconciliation through Indigenous Education MOOC is a 6-week online course for educators and anyone interested in learning how Indigenous perspectives can be incorporated into our everyday experiences. This course will build competency for individuals to engage in relationships with Indigenous peoples based on intercultural understanding, empathy, and respect. [Find out more](#)

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

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](#)



SD37, Delta

Secondary Principal

As the result of a retirement, Delta School District requires a Secondary Principal to commence duties on January 1, 2019.

bit.ly/2O3TES1

SD44, North Vancouver

Principal and Vice Principal

bit.ly/2Rgvm5e

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

Closing date is October 22, 2018.

SD 43, Coquitlam

Principals and Vice-Principals

bit.ly/2PTGKTm

Coquitlam School District invites applications for Principal and Vice-Principal positions from individuals who are seeking challenging educational leadership opportunities. Upcoming vacancies are anticipated at all levels (Secondary, Middle, and Elementary).

Closing date is October 12, 2018.

The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA)

Director of Strategic Initiatives

This full-time position is responsible for leading the BCSTA's work in regard to a variety of BCSTA's strategic initiatives, including a focus on building an expanded public profile. Additionally, this position is responsible for providing background research related to the K-12 education sector, oversight of specific internal and external projects and working groups and has primary responsibility for assigned key advocacy initiatives.

Closing date is October 15, 2018

[Find out more](#)

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

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](#)

Enhancing Aboriginal Leaders Program BCSSA Leadership Opportunity

The British Columbia School Superintendents Association [BCSSA](#) is committed to improving success and achievement rates for Aboriginal learners in BC. Improving the outcomes for Aboriginal learners is a strategic goal priority for the Association. Encouraging structural change and supporting strategies to increase Aboriginal participation in senior leadership, decision making, and capacity building will further support Aboriginal learners in BC. The Enhancing Aboriginal Leaders Program provides a concentrated professional learning opportunity tailored to the needs of the participants and complemented with the BCSSA's Dimensions of Practice.

Purpose

This program will provide an opportunity and venue for school and district level Aboriginal leaders to explore the challenges and rewards of becoming a senior leader in the K to 12 education system.

Cohort Composition

The cohort will be comprised of Aboriginal educators (max. 12) who are currently principals, vice-principals, district principals and/or vice-principals, directors of instruction and/or assistant superintendents.

Program Length

The program will be hosted by the BCSSA at the Vancouver office over three sessions. The first two-day session will be held on **November 6 and 7** from 9:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The tentative date for the second session is **March 15** and the tentative dates for the final session are **May 21 and 22**. The deadline for your expression of interest is October 19, 2018.

[Find out more](#)

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](#)

BCPVPA Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee

All BCPVPA members are eligible to apply to serve on BCPVPA advisory committees that assist the BCPVPA Board of Directors in carrying out its responsibilities. Committee meetings are typically held several times per year at our office in Vancouver, or at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond. *For this Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee opportunity, we are particularly interested in hearing from members who have aboriginal heritage.*

BCPVPA members serving on committees are appointed to two-year terms, and members are eligible to reapply and serve a maximum of three consecutive terms on that committee. If you are interested in applying or reapplying to serve on the Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee, please complete and submit your application **as soon as possible**.

bit.ly/BCPVPACommApplic

IGNITE Sessions

IGNITE Sessions are an opportunity to share local and provincial leadership stories at the Connecting Leaders 2018 Conference October 18-20, 2018 in Nanaimo, BC

Fun, fast presentations

20 slides at 15 seconds each

5-minute maximum presentation

Challenge yourself and share your thoughts

The focus of the presentation is yours to determine: the strands of the Connecting Leaders are Inclusion, Resilience, Leadership, Change, Wellness

If you would like to present an IGNITE Session to your colleagues at Connecting Leaders, **please contact Jane Reynolds** jreynolds@sd69.bc.ca



BCPVPA/Ministry of Education Webinar Series

Our thanks to the Ministry personnel who recently provided very informative **webinars** for our members and leadership partners. Access the webinars on our BCPVPA YouTube channel:

Foundation Skills Assessment webinar

<https://bit.ly/2NQQvbM>

Graduation Numeracy Assessment webinar

<https://bit.ly/2PD3Qxq>

Career Education 10-12 Webinar

<https://bit.ly/2NeuNtJ>

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Ministry of Education Deputy Minister's Bulletin

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS –

First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) 2018-19 Regional Sessions: The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) invites district representatives to attend an upcoming [FNESC regional session](#) to learn how to better serve First Nations students. This year, the first day of each two-day session will be devoted to the new British Columbia Tripartite Education Agreement. Register to learn more about implementing this transformative agreement to enhance First Nation student success. For more information, please contact [Riannon Nahanee](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Results and Reminder:

The [2017/18 FSA results](#) are now available. This year's FSA will be administered October 1 to November 9 and districts will have the results by January 30, 2019. Students' participation is required. The FSA provides important information to teachers and parents on how well students are doing in reading, writing and numeracy. There is a strong connection with student FSA participation, results, school completion and future life success.

Please read the [FSA – Student Participation Q&As document](#) for more information.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & PRINCIPALS – Permission Forms for Children and Youth in Care (CYIC):

A recent change in Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) policy allows caregivers (foster parents) to use discretion in signing permission slips for routine school activities. If the caregiver decides not to sign the form, the caregiver must inform the child's guardianship worker immediately. This change is to enable CYIC to participate in all school activities. Please contact MCFD's [Child Welfare Policy Branch](#) if you have any questions.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Recent Discipline Outcome:

Discipline outcomes are posted on the [Teacher Regulation Branch's web page](#) to enhance the transparency of the processes and decisions made with respect to complaints and reports about educators. Recently, an outcome was posted regarding Debbie Lynne Bourne.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & SAFE SCHOOL COORDINATORS – Free Emergency Preparedness Classroom Program:

Are your students ready if disaster strikes? With PreparedBC's free Master of Disaster program, students learn about the hazards in B.C., how they can get themselves and their families prepared and how they can help others during a disaster. This pre-packaged program includes student and family workbooks, fun swag for kids like flashlights and stickers and a teacher's guide full of classroom activity ideas.

Order your free classroom kit on the [Master of Disaster web page](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & PRINCIPALS – New Classroom Assessment Support Materials:

[New classroom assessment materials](#) to support the redesigned K-9 curriculum are now available. These materials include the Assessment Literacy in B.C video and several K-9 classroom assessment supports. Email the [Curriculum and Assessment Branch](#) if you have any feedback.

FOR INFO, SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CAREER COUNSELLORS – WorkBC Parents’ Guide:

Looking for resources to help your students with their career planning? The [2018 WorkBC Parents’ Guide](#) is an invaluable resource to help you start a conversation with your students about education and training pathways. Full of practical ideas, exercises and resources, the guide will help you talk with your students so they can follow their passion and create the career of their choice.

For additional ideas, exercises and resources see the [Resources for Counsellors, Teachers & Parents page](#) of the WorkBC website.

FOR INFO, SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CAREER COUNSELLORS – Junior Achievement BC Programs for Schools (JABC):

JABC brings a variety of [financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship training courses](#) into elementary, middle and secondary school classrooms across B.C. These training programs support competencies in the province’s new Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum.

Please contact [Junior Achievement BC](#) for more information or to enroll your class in one of their courses.

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR ALL DISTRICT STAFF – Trust for Sustainable Living International Schools Essay Competition:

The Trust for Sustainable Living invites schoolchildren around the world to submit an essay or class video on the role young people play in support of [U.N. Sustainable Development Goal #15 - Life on Land](#). Entrants are also invited to attend the Sustainability Student Debates to be held in Victoria, July 8-12, 2019.

Please visit the [Trust for Sustainable Living web page](#) for more information.

NEWS RELEASES

COMMUNITY LITERACY

[Province supports innovative community literacy programs](#)

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

[Young students in Fort St. John getting new schools](#)