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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

New Beginnings

I was fortunate to be part of an historic occasion last week, the birth of a new association with goals much like our own. [The Public School Administrator's Association of Nova Scotia](#) (PSAANS) invited myself and our long-time Manager of Finance Carol Powell to join them for their inaugural conference and AGM, along with Allyson Otten and Joanne Robinson of the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC), Carol Campbell of The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, TedEx speaker and founder of Peace by Chocolate [Tareq Hadhad](#).

The event took place at [Pier 21](#) in Halifax and — by chance — led me to discover my own connection to that place: after WWII my father and his family embarked on an arduous journey from northern Italy, arriving in Halifax at Pier 21 to start a new life in Canada.

My family story gave me context that while a new beginning is a time for celebration, it is also a time of change that can present many challenges. Our colleagues in Nova Scotia have 'landed' on this new shore but now they are looking up at the hill ahead, uncertain of what may lie on the other side. We could sense their apprehension and their anticipation, those emotions that can be difficult to reconcile when so much is unknown.

Carol and I, along with Allyson and Joanne, were there to share the stories of the BCPVPA and the OPC. Both Carol and Joanne carry a vast institutional knowledge of our associations, each of which celebrate landmark anniversaries in 2018: 20 years for OPC and 30 years for BCPVPA. It was remarkable to have our three organizations together in one place with a focus on discussing new beginnings and the paths that we have followed, and to recognize that changes not chosen can take us out of our comfort zones, but that the results can be extraordinary.

The BCPVPA looks forward to growing our new relationship with PSAANS, and I invite you to follow their association on Twitter @PSAANS, to say hello or to send them a message of support.

Take Care,
David

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BCPVPA UPDATES

David's Week Ahead

- *November 2: Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting*
- *November 5-6: BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Symposium*
- *November 6: BCPVPA Board of Directors Teleconference*
- *November 7: Ministry Survey Task Force*
- *November 8-9: BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) Conference*

BC Teachers' Council Appointment Opportunity

The Minister of Education is seeking to appoint one BCPVPA member to the BC Teacher's Council for a three-year term beginning in 2019. The nominations by the BCPVPA must be in accordance with the BC Teacher's Council Regulation that states that the BCPVPA may nominate up to three of its members for consideration. The Minister of Education will make the final decision regarding the BCPVPA member appointed to the BCTC.

Application deadline is Monday November 19, 2018

[BCPVPA Member Application](#)

Save the Date - 2019 Connecting Leaders Conference

Thursday October 24 – Saturday October 26, 2019

Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

The 2019 conference will have the theme *Cultivating a Climate of Leadership*, and will feature keynotes [Peter DeWitt](#), [Gabrielle Scrimshaw](#) and [Dr. John Chenoweth](#). Watch for more information soon!

BCPVPA Retirement Seminar: Surrey – Tuesday December 4, 2018

4:00pm – 6:30pm

Cindrigh Elementary School, 13455 90 Ave.

A retirement seminar is being offered in Surrey 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.

To RSVP for yourself and your partner: [Susan Whyte](#)

BCPVPA Webinars

The Fall webinars are now available on the BCPVPA [YouTube](#) channel.

Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars for the full rundown and link

WE Day Family

BCPVPA members are invited to take advantage of a special offer for complimentary tickets: 100 tickets have been made available, and must be ordered before November 16.

WE Day Family

Wednesday, November 21

Doors 5:00pm, show 6:15pm – 8:00pm

Rogers Arena, Vancouver

How to Register:

1. Use this special [WE Schools link](#) to register with Ticketmaster (or copy and paste into your browser: bit.ly/2DtsLlx)
2. Select the number of tickets you would like to reserve, then select **GENERAL ADMISSION** (or Accessible as needed) on the right side.
3. Select the green **GET TICKETS** button.
4. Enter contact details **including your organization** in the **UNIT #** field – enter **#BCPVPA**
5. You will receive a copy of your tickets via email immediately after registering

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MEMBER & PARTNER NEWS

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

Mechatronics 12

Geraldine Lawlor of Principal Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School in Kitimat is hoping to connect with any administrator who has the **Mechatronics 12 (Redesigned Curriculum) course** running in their school, to get guidance on resources and materials, and to find out about your progress. Please contact [Geraldine](#) to discuss.

Living in Hope

4-part documentary series on Knowledge Network, and streaming across Canada on 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.](#)

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 – 8:00pm

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

Ticket deadline is November 5

For tickets and information visit picatic.com/PDKCannabisLegalizationInSchools

#pdkedchat

Final 2018 ICP Webinar Series: Health and Wellbeing

November 19, 2018

12:00pm BST (British Summer Time) – 5:00am PST

The International Confederation of Principals presents this webinar on Health and Wellbeing with Professor Phil Riley.

RSVP by November 16 to ICPLEADERS@gmail.com for login details

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

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NEW

SD 63, Saanich

Elementary School Principal

The Saanich School District invites applications for the position of Elementary School Principal effective January 1, 2019.

Closing date is November 6, 2018

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NEW

SD 23, Central Okanagan (Kelowna)

District Principal or Associate Director International Education Program

For a District Principal role, educators are expected to possess or be eligible for a certificate of qualification as per the Teachers Act 2012, and possess an appropriate Master's Degree. It is expected that the individuals will have held a variety of positions in the education system including significant administrative experience.

For an Associate Director role, non-educators will possess a relevant degree (Marketing or Administration) and have significant experience related to International Education. It is expected that individuals will have experience in a related leadership role.

Closing date is November 16, 2018

[Find out more](#)

SD 87, Stikine, Atlin School

Principal

We are seeking a leader who has strong communication and liaison skills, excellent teaching skills and who is committed to excellence in education to support staff and student growth. The assignment is scheduled to commence January 1, 2019.

Ongoing

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Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal

As an experienced administrator, educator, and organizational leader, you will head the department of Education and work with the Chief and Council and Community Services Division Director in the development of a comprehensive education framework and play a key role in the creation of a feasibility study for a new K-7 Cultural Immersion School.

Position will remain open until filled

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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

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 THE DEPUTY MINISTERS BULLETIN

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Graduation Program Update: Thank you for the conversation at the October 18 All Superintendents Meeting regarding the B.C. Graduation Program. We had a productive meeting with the Learning Advisory Board earlier this week about it as well. Over the next month, government will examine a few remaining policy questions on the provincial graduation assessments with key partner groups and I will communicate the results of these discussions with you. Government remains committed to proceeding with the implementation of the changes to the graduation program and expects to announce the changes publicly early in the new year.

FOR INFO, SAFE SCHOOL COORDINATORS – Updated *erase* 2018/19 Training Schedule: Check the [erase training schedule](#) for new information on upcoming sessions. Please contact the [Student Wellness and Safety Branch](#) if you have any questions.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS & TEACHERS – 2018 Revised Early Learning Framework: In support of [Child Care BC Initiatives](#), the Ministry of Education committed to updating the [Early Learning Framework \(2008\)](#) and accompanying documents and to making them widely available to educators and parents. A draft of the revised Framework is now complete and is available for your feedback. Please read the [2018 Revised Early Learning Framework \(Draft\) attachment](#) for more information.

FOR INFORMATION, SUPERINTENDENTS & BOARD CHAIRS – School Board Elections: A preliminary analysis of the municipal elections indicates that almost half of the incoming school district trustees will be new to their role. The Ministry looks forward to working with all trustees and the BC School Trustees Association as part of our shared commitment to support and strengthen B.C.'s public education system.

FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – November 2018 Provincial Graduation Assessments and Exam Materials (B.C. and Yukon Schools): Please read the [November 2018 Provincial Assessments and Exam Materials \(B.C. and Yukon Schools\) document](#) for important information on the upcoming Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) and Language Arts 12 exam (November 5-7, 2018) and the Graduation Literacy Assessment (November 8-15, 2018). The Electronic Password Letter information will also be posted on the [School Secure Web](#) Monday, October 29, 2018, under the “Graduation Assessment/Exam Materials and Forms” link. Please note [the GNA response sheets](#) have also been shipped to schools.

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