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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Coming Together

I feel fortunate for those occasions in the calendar where we move outward from our regular circles and can share time and conversations with members from around the province.

From November 22 – 24, our BCPVPA Board, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Councils will come together. As a **Board**, we look at the big picture of the association as defined by the Strategic Plan and its goals. The direction that we formulate together, and the actions that result, are longer-term processes that have significant implications for the association. Our collective examination of issues is critical, as are the different voices and perspectives that are represented on our Board.

As **Presidents**, we have few opportunities to come together, but it's an unparalleled opportunity to learn from the wisdom in the room. At the President's Meeting, common challenges can be recognized and shared, and there is space for solutions and positive strategies to emerge.

As **Chapter Representatives**, our members have the chance to gather and talk about their stories and successes, and to get vital feedback from their peers in other districts. This sharing of information, strategies and ideas helps to strengthen our processes and supports our people in their roles.

At the upcoming Chapter Council meeting, we will also take the time to thank and acknowledge our outgoing **Directors**: Read Jorgensen (Greater Victoria), Carol-Ann Leidloff (Kootenay Lake) and Kevin

Reimer (Comox Valley). Directors dedicate a significant amount of time and energy to advocating for our members, and we are extremely grateful for the contributions of these three leaders.

This week's meeting is our opportunity to view the BCPVPA and its work through a provincial lens: the unique voice of each region is represented and gives us insight into the needs of students, staff and communities as we support our members in leading familiar processes and exploring the implementation of new initiatives.

I look forward to sharing some highlights with you next week.

Take Care,
David

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BCPVPA UPDATES

David's Highlights

- *November 22 – Board of Directors Meeting*
- *November 23-24 Presidents' & Chapter Council Meeting*
- *November 24 – BCPVPA AGM*

Coming Up

- *November 26 - K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Meeting*
- *November 28 - SD75 Mission Chapter Visit*
- *November 30 - BCSTA 2018 Trustee Academy*
- *December 6 - SD70 Alberni Chapter Visit*

NEW

Update: Spirals of Inquiry

10,000 copies later ... the Judy Halbert/Linda Kaser book, "Spirals of Inquiry" is now sold out! A percentage of book sales has supported the [Aboriginal Enhancement Schools Network](#). Judy Halbert and Linda Kaser are working on a new book, and we'll keep BCPVPA members updated once it is available

Short Course I: Inspiring Early Career Leaders – July 2 – 6, 2019

UBC

This five-day program for new and nearly-new Principals & Vice-Principals is framed by the *Leadership Standards* and provides a foundation for the applicable skills and knowledge through experiential reflection. Participants are immersed in the realities of school administration, and are given the knowledge, skills and strategies needed in their new roles. Short Course I has evolved through 42 years of collaboration between the BCPVPA and UBC.

Space is limited!

Registration opens **January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

Short Course II: Igniting Mid-Career Leaders – July 9 – 12, 2019

UBC Okanagan

In conjunction with BCSSA and with the support of the Ministry of Education

This four-day summit for established Principals & Vice-Principals is a professional learning experience designed to inspire collaborative inquiry and innovation and foster transformative learning in schools.

Short Course II begins with a Leading Learning and Innovation summit and includes ongoing supported learning throughout the year.

Registration is **limited to 50 participants**, and **opens January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1 is an eight-month learning experience supporting leading learning through focused dialogue that is grounded in a clear vision, all to enhance a culture of learning in your school.

The five day-long sessions offer an opportunity to build instructional leadership capacity through a peer coaching model with embedded practice and reflection. Ongoing peer support occurs through triad conference calls held every two weeks, which has proven to be a very valuable component of the learning experience.

Focus areas include:

Values / Vision

Feedback / Change

Learner Focused Dialogue

Difficult Conversations

Structures and Support

Cohorts and dates to be determined

Registration opens **January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 2

Leading a Culture of Learning Level 2 is a five-day program over seven months that offers a practical extension to LCL 1. The 5 Attributes of Teaching and Learning, a framework of common language of learning adapted for BC, is used as participants practice observing learning in classrooms and work with colleagues to develop curious questions that inspire learning for all.

The first session introduces the 5A Framework and the subsequent four sessions are hosted in the schools of the participants. During these four practical sessions, participants will have the opportunity to establish the attribute of focus that will guide several learning observations and then practice developing reflective questions in a supporting group setting. Dyad teams will provide ongoing peer support between the sessions as participants engage in their learning focused dialogues.

Cohorts and dates to be determined

Registration opens **January 7, 2019** – please contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca for more information

LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet)

International Peer Shadowing Leadership Program for Educational Leaders

Apply to participate in the 2019 LEAP program:

Canadian participants billet with Australian colleagues July 21 - 31, 2019 *with*

- Welcome Luncheon Seminar
- Schools Visitation Program
- LEAP International Peer-shadowing Seminar
- LEAP International Peer-shadowing Dinner

Canadian participants billet and host Australian colleagues in your home and school from September 29 - October 9, 2019

Participation requires organizing and engaging in a welcoming function in your community, facilitating appropriate peer-shadowing, educational and professional learning experiences, and organizing and engaging in a farewell function in your community.

Please download the [application form](#) and visit aleap4principals.com.au

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](#).

[Find out more](#)

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MEMBER & PARTNER NEWS

Gender and Sexual Diversity in Youth – November 29-30, 2018

Vancouver

When a person's internal experience of gender and/or sexuality does not match what would typically be expected of them based on their external appearance, it can cause great distress and difficulty. This workshop reviews what this experience can be like and offers strategies for creating more accessible and welcoming environments.

www.ctrinstitute.com

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CAREERS

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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THE DEPUTY MINISTERS BULLETIN

NEW

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PRINCIPALS – Invitation to Attend Indigenous Education Provincial Gathering: For those who were unable to attend on November 7, the ministry is hosting a second Indigenous Education Provincial Gathering on December 14 at the [Pinnacle Hotel](#) Harbourfront, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. Learn more about, and engage with, the [British Columbia Tripartite Education Agreement: Supporting First Nation Student Success](#). RSVP to [Norma](#)

[Ritchie](#) with the names of the representatives from your district who will be attending (max. 3 per district), along with any dietary requirements. An agenda will be sent out soon to those who confirm attendance.

FOR ACTION, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – DUE DECEMBER 11 – January 2019 Online Assessment & Exam

Register: The Online Assessment and Exam Register for the January 2019 exams session will be open on the [School Secure Web](#) from November 19 to midnight December 11, 2018. Please read the [January 2019 Online Assessment & Exam Register attachment](#) for more information.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, SAFE SCHOOL COORDINATORS – DUE DECEMBER 14 – ERASE Bullying

Reporting Tool – Accessing Historical Data: School districts have until December 14, 2018 to access their historical data for reports submitted through the previous ERASE Bullying reporting tool. To download your district's data, go to [Report Bullying BC](#), login with your Username (FirstName_LastName) and Password, then click on "Download". Please contact [Colleen Hawkey](#) if you need assistance. And don't forget to check out the new and improved erase Report It tool at erase.gov.bc.ca.

FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & SECRETARY-TREASURERS – BC Association of School Business Officials

(BCASBO) Fall Conference: The ministry was pleased to present at the BCASBO Fall Conference in Richmond on November 15 and 16. Topics covered included ministry priorities for 2018/19, Funding Model Review, enhanced network and cybersecurity initiatives, MyEducation BC, the BC Tripartite Education Agreement, and capital planning priorities. Copies of the [Deputy Minister's presentation](#) and the [Ministry's Plenary Session presentation](#) are included for your reference.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY TREASURERS & BOARD CHAIRS – Funding Model Review:

The ministry is continuing to review and analyze the report from the Independent Review Panel. Over the next several weeks we will engage with all partner groups to introduce and discuss the main themes from the Panel's final report: equity of educational opportunities, financial management, and accountability. Ministry staff began the engagement process with a status update at BCASBO conference earlier this week and more information will follow in the next few weeks.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Letter to New and Returning Board Chairs:

Minister Fleming hosted a conference call with all newly elected and returning board chairs on November 16. On the call the Minister provided an update on the Funding Model Review and the B.C. Graduation Program. A copy of the [follow-up letter the Minister sent to board chairs](#) is attached for your reference.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – BC Training and Education Savings Grant:

As part of Education Savings Week (November 18-24), the ministry would like to remind schools about the [B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant \(BCTESG\)](#). The B.C. government will contribute \$1,200 to each eligible child for a

Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to help families plan early for their children's post-secondary education or training programs. Please distribute or share the links to the BCTESG [Opportunities Grow](#) and [It Pays to Plan](#) brochures with parents and guardians of eligible children ages six through nine in your school district.

FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – January 2019 Language Arts 12 and Graduation Numeracy Assessment Administration: In preparation for the January 2019 exam session, please read the [requirements to administer Communications 12 and English 12 exams](#) in either electronic or paper exam formats.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Notification of Certificate Suspension: Pursuant to section 55 of the *Teachers Act*, boards of education have been notified that Lancer Kevin Price's certificate is suspended retroactively for five days. The suspension was served on January 15-19, 2018. For details, please visit the [Teacher Regulation Branch's web page](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & TEACHERS– DUE DECEMBER 17 – Student and Teacher Exchange and Mobility Scholarships: Two awards are available to help foster intercultural exchange and mobility. The [Student Exchange and Mobility Award](#) supports B.C. students on exchange or mobility activities to help them develop intercultural skills and knowledge, and strengthen relationships with foreign partners. The [Teacher Exchange and Mobility Award](#) supports B.C. teachers in developing new partnerships, strengthening existing partnerships, facilitating student exchange opportunities and also provides opportunities for professional development. Please visit each web page above to learn more and to apply.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2019 Graduates: Please remind your Grade 12 students to visit the [StudentTranscripts Service \(STS\) website](#) to submit their transcript and make their PSI selections for the 2019 year. Read the [Post-Secondary Institution Selections for 2019 Graduates backgrounder](#) for more details.

FOR INFO, STUDENT COUNSELLORS – New StudentTranscripts Service How-to Videos: Three instructional videos are now available to help students interested in signing up for the StudentTranscripts Service (STS). These videos cover: Registering for a BCeID and accessing the STS; How to order and or send a transcript to a post-secondary institution; and How to send a transcript. Please visit the [StudentTranscripts Service Help Videos web page](#) to view the videos.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SAFE SCHOOL COORDINATORS – Civil Forfeiture Crime Prevention and Remediation Grants: The provincial government's Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program is now accepting grant applications for one-time funding for projects in the following funding streams:

- Crime Reduction and Crime Prevention
- Indigenous Healing and Rebuilding
- Serving Victims Through Restorative Justice: Enhancing Program Capacity
- Addressing Violence Against Women: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Vulnerable Women in the Sex Trade
- Child and Youth Advocacy Centres

Districts are welcome to apply and, if successful, use the funds for projects of benefit to their students and schools. More information can be found on the [Grants from Civil Forfeiture Proceeds website](#).

NEWS RELEASES

SEISMIC UPGRADES: [More North Vancouver students soon will have a safer school!](#)

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