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

Contemplating "Connecting Leaders"

I'm still thinking about the Connecting Leaders conference: there's something very special about being in a room with members who have gathered from around the province to put aside the needs of the week for a short time. We had the opportunity to truly connect.

The three keynote speakers couldn't have been more different: a researcher from Australia, an artist & storyteller from northern BC and a lawyer turned comedian & broadcaster from New Brunswick. [Simon Breakspear](#) engaged us with strong messaging about leadership and process. My greatest takeaways were about small steps that may not look like much, but are meaningful over time; about simplifying, reducing complexity and doing less better; and about having an awareness of the impact of our actions.

[Roy Henry Vickers](#) is a master storyteller: a leader, healer and teacher. He wove his stories of his life in a beautiful and peaceful way and left us with this: "when you speak from the head, others will hear you, but when you speak from your heart, others will connect with you."

[Candy Palmater](#)'s honest and truthful messages were something we all needed to hear and believe. As principals and vice-principals, "You are enough, the role you need to fill is not

perfection: it's persistence, that's what we need from you" and that we all need to accept that we're going to fail, and that's when we'll get better.

The time we spent with these inspirational speakers were markers along the journey of the conference. We learned and shared with our colleagues in breakout sessions and table talk, and we spoke with members who were already formulating plans for integrating the new learning at their schools on Monday.

One experience that I haven't yet mentioned will stay with me for a long time. Elder Lolly Good opened our conference and welcomed us along with Lawrence Mitchell. Lolly invited conference participants to choose an instrument from her travel bag, and to join her at the front of the room to greet the day in song. The sight and sound of so many of our colleagues coming together in open joy – with smiles that wouldn't fade – was an incomparable start to a day of learning.

I hope that you were all able to experience something new and motivating as part of the Pro-D Day last week and if you did, please share your learning.

Take care,  
David

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## BCPVPA DIRECTOR BY-ELECTION

Your new Director is **Tom Aerts (SD61, Victoria)**

Thank you to the candidates in this election:

Joanne Beddoes (SD8, Kootenay Lake)

Bev Forster (SD54, Bulkley Valley)

Raj Puri (SD36, Surrey)

John Tyler (SD40, New Westminster)

Jonathan Weresch (SD39, Vancouver)

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## BCPVPA UPDATES

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

- *October 24-27: Attend conference and AGM - Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia*

### **Coming Up:**

- *November 2: Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting*

## **Ministry of Education: Committee Opportunity Classroom Assessment and Reporting Advisory Group Membership (CAR)**

The CAR was established in 2016 with a mandate to provide advice to support the ministry's goals and objectives of providing support and guidance to the field regarding directions in classroom assessment and reporting.

Since 2016, CAR membership has grown to over forty members, including superintendents (BC School Superintendents Association), principals and vice-principals (B.C. Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association), teachers (BC Teachers' Federation and Federation of Independent School Associations), and Indigenous educators from the First Nations Education Steering Committee.

The Ministry has requested two BCPVPA representatives to serve on the advisory group for the upcoming 2-year term November 2018-October 2020. Collaboration will involve both in-person and web conference meetings and working groups may be established. Please contact [Kevin Reimer](#) no later than **October 31** to find out more about this opportunity: BCPVPA will submit representative names to the Ministry by November 2, 2018.

## **Upcoming BCPVPA Webinars**

**Register now!**

### **Leading an Effective Decision-Making Process**

Tuesday October 30, 7:30 am

Presented by BCPVPA Managers of Professional Learning, Liz Bell and Jessica Antosz along with Dr. Bruce Beairsto. The webinar will introduce the elements of a tool kit of PDF files that can be used in a variety of ways to improve a group's ability to understand each other, resolve differences and make good decisions. The entire toolkit is posted on BetterEducate.

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

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David DeRosa provided commentary from the principals' perspective in this story by education reporter Katie Hyslop about the wide-ranging impact of cuts to custodial staff in BC schools –

**[The Tye: Custodian Cuts Add Up to Dirty Schools](#)**

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## EDUCATION NEWS

### National Principals' Month

Monday is the deadline to nominate an **Outstanding Principal** from your region! 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 closing out National Principals' Month! Celebrate the school leaders in your life, using the hashtag #OutstandingPrincipals and tag @bcpvpa.

Be part of our online campaign by following us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), and check out our [release to media and our education partners](#).

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## MEMBER & PARTNER NEWS

### 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.

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

10:00 a.m.

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.

Van Bien Training Centre, 311 Wilson Cres.

To 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)

## 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.](#)

## 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

*Ticket deadline is November 5*

For tickets and information visit [picatic.com/PDKCannabisLegalizationInSchools](http://picatic.com/PDKCannabisLegalizationInSchools)

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## **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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## CAREERS

**NEW**

**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*

[bit.ly/2OQ8U5k](http://bit.ly/2OQ8U5k)

**NEW**

**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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**NEW**

### **Eliza Archie Memorial Band School**

#### **Principal**

Eliza Archie Memorial School, a Community School, located in beautiful Canim Lake area, is seeking a 0.6 FTE Principal for December 2018 – June 2019. Our educators work as part of a collaborative, energetic teaching team focused on creating success for all our students. Our staff follows the BC Curriculum with additional programs such as Readwell, Reading Mastery, Six Minute Solution, Jump Math supported by the First Nations Schools Association.

*Closing date is October 31, 2018 4:30pm*

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### **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*

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THE DEPUTY MINISTERS BULLETIN

**FOR ACTION, BOARDS OF EDUCATION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & HR DIRECTORS – OVERDUE (OCTOBER 15) – Reminder to submit Employers List:** Under section 80 of the *Teachers Act*, on or before October 15 of each year, an employer must submit to the director of certification information that identifies the certificate holders employed by the employer during the 12-month period from July 1 in the previous year to June 30. If you have not already done so, please submit your employers list for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 through the [Employers' Area](#) on the Teacher Regulation Branch website. If you have any questions, please contact [Alvin Tong](#) by email or at 1 800 555-3684.

**FOR ACTION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS – DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2018 – Annual Facility Improvements Data Maintenance:** For planning and reporting purposes, the Ministry requires each school district to provide information about facility improvements that were completed under the 2017/18 School Enhancement Program (SEP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), and Annual Facility Grant (AFG). A data maintenance spreadsheet specific to each school district will be emailed to Secretary-Treasurers on Monday October 22. This spreadsheet is to be completed and emailed to [Damien Crowell](#) by Friday November 30, 2018.

**FOR INFO, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – REMINDER: 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 RELEASE: INCREASED PLAYGROUND FUNDING FOR PACS/DPACS – [B.C. students benefit from enhanced extracurricular activities](#)**

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