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BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association

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

#### **BC's Funding Model Review**

As many of you know, the BC Ministry of Education has been consulting with K-12 stakeholders to review the province's public education funding model. The current funding model has been in place for more

than 15 years, and can no longer reflect the social, cultural and demographic trends in our province. Advances in technology have had a profound effect on instruction and student learning. The job market has shifted, as have the skills that students need to prepare them for their post-graduation life. Our public education system has recognized that specific learning needs can best be supported, and success enhanced, within a revised curriculum.

The funding model review process emerged based on the 2018 realities of education in BC. The goal of the funding model review is to ensure that the allocation of funding is equitable across BC's 60 Boards of Education, with a focus on strong outcomes and equitable access to opportunities for all students. We share the goal of providing the best supports and services for all students, and I have been involved in the consultation process on behalf of the BCPVPA, both on the Board level and during my time as President. During the initial stages of the review process, stakeholder perspectives were gathered from School Districts, sector partners including the BCPVPA, parents' groups, teachers' groups and non-profit groups with an interest in education. You can read those submissions here [bit.ly/K-12FMRFeedback](http://bit.ly/K-12FMRFeedback).

An independent review panel met with School Districts around the province, and while the feedback was broad and reflective of the different needs of the 60 Districts, 16 themes emerged including *Special Education, Collective Agreements, Targeted Funding for Indigenous Students* and *Unique School District Features*: read about the findings here [bit.ly/K-12FMRPanel](http://bit.ly/K-12FMRPanel). Government has been in the process of reviewing the panel's recommendations, and options for transitioning to a new funding model will be released shortly before or after the holiday break.

Changes that affect the operation of our schools can be high on the list of things that keep school leaders awake at night. We expect that there will be many questions from our members once the results of the funding review are released, and we will be here to help you to navigate the information and understand the context for your schools. I will be involved in a feedback process with government, and I am committed to taking your questions and concerns forward to ensure that we are continuing an effective dialogue.

As we move towards the end of the year, I wish you and your families all the very best. I want to personally thank you for being passionate advocates for public education, and for creating a positive and inclusive learning environment every day in your schools. I'm proud to be part of this community of leaders, and to represent your voice.

Take Care,  
David

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## BCPVPA Updates

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

- *December 11 - Graduation Program*

- *December 13 - Sector Advisory Council*
- *December 13 - Leadership Development Working Group*
- *December 13 - ARC / SOGI 123*
- *December 14 - BC Teacher Council*
- *December 14 - Funding Model Review*

### **Coming Up**

- *A very happy holiday season!*
- *January 9 - Leadership Development Wellbeing*
- *January 10 - BCPVPA 30th*
- *January 11-12 - Board of Directors Meeting*
- *January 14 - Work Intensification and Wellbeing Meeting*
- *January 17 - Ocean Wise Meeting*

### **NEW**

#### **Save the Date – 2019 BCPVPA Issues Forum**

The 2019 BCPVPA Issues Forum is coming soon: Friday February 22, 8:30am - 3:00pm at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond. Topics and speakers for this compelling interactive opportunity to share and learn with your colleagues will be announced early in the new year.

### **NEW**

#### **Breakout & IGNITE Sessions: 2019 Connecting Leaders Conference**

Have you become expert in an aspect of leadership, a method of instruction or a difficult procedure? Maybe you've had an instructional or leadership experience that you feel might help others to learn and grow? We're accepting proposals for presenters to participate in the 2019 Connecting Leaders Conference. Presenters can propose content that relates to all parts of the Leadership Standards, from **Instructional Leadership**, to **Relational**, **Organizational** and **Moral Stewardship**, for either a 60:00 Breakout session or a 5:00 IGNITE session. It's a unique opportunity to share what you know and to be part of our annual regional conference. [\*\*Complete your proposal here.\*\*](#)

Thursday October 24 – Saturday October 26, 2019

Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

Theme - *Cultivating a Climate of Leadership*

Keynote speakers - [\*\*Peter DeWitt\*\*](#), [\*\*Gabrielle Scrimshaw\*\*](#) and [\*\*Dr. John Chenoweth\*\*](#).

[\*\*Find out more about the conference\*\*](#)

#### **BCPVPA Short Course Facilitators**

We welcome applications from current BCPVPA members to serve as 2019 facilitators for Short Course I (July 2-6) or Short Course II (July 9-12). Facilitators assist with the overall organization, and work with a cohort of school leaders to deliver the program. Some advance training will be required. [\*\*Find out more and apply here\*\*](#) by February 15, 2019.

#### **Conclusion of Listserv**

The BCPVPA will be concluding the Listserv email network effective January 31, 2019. The Listserv has been an effective way for members to connect in the past, but the service does not offer the range of connection opportunities and resources that are available through the Better Educate platform. We currently have more than 1600 members who are active on Better Educate, and we encourage all of our members to [find out more about the platform](#) and to consider signing up as a BCPVPA member. [Visit the site](#), click on the BCPVPA members icon and sign up for your free membership with the promo code **Bcpvpa123**.

### **BCPVPA – 2018 Scholarship Recipients**

The BCPVPA annually awards up to 20 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each, to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a post-secondary institution.

[Find out more](#)

### **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.

Space is limited!

Registration opens **January 7, 2019**

[Find out more](#)

Contact [amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca](mailto:amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca)

### **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.

Registration is limited to 50 participants, and opens **January 7, 2019**

[Find out more](#)

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### **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.

2019/2020 cohorts in Metro Vancouver and Salmon Arm

Registration opens **January 7, 2019**

[Find out more](#)

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### **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.

2019/2020 cohorts in Metro Vancouver and Comox

Registration opens **January 7, 2019**

[Find out more](#)

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## Member & Partner News

**NEW**

### **An Evening To Discuss Ensouling Our Schools: Nurturing a Sense of Meaning and Purpose**

A Presentation of PDK UBC

Tuesday February 5, arrival 5:00pm - 5:30pm & program 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver

In an educational milieu in which standards and accountability hold sway, schools can become places of stress, marginalization, and isolation instead of learning communities that nurture a sense of meaning and purpose.

PDK-UBC invites you to connect with other leaders and engage with our speaker Dr. Jennifer Katz, author of Ensouling Our Schools.

[Find out more](#)

[Tickets](#)

### **BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association**

*The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off – Abe Lemons*

Are you or a colleague thinking of retirement soon?

Please check the BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association website [bcrpvpa.ca](http://bcrpvpa.ca) for benefits offered to retired members, such as affinity, health & travel insurance, prestige coverage, pensions & other topics of interest.

You will also find a mail-in application form on the site.

The BCRPVPA looks forward to hearing from you if retirement is in your near future!

[Contact us](#)

### **Assessment Webinar Series**

Thursday January 17 – Wednesday February 13 – Thursday April 11

3:45pm – 5:30pm

A three-part series exploring assessment within the context of the redesigned curriculum, with a focus on secondary schools, with host Tom Schimmer.

[Find out more](#)

Contact [heather.brown@gov.bc.ca](mailto:heather.brown@gov.bc.ca) for webinar access details on or before January 14, 2019

### **Canadian Association of Principals National Conference 2019**

April 30 – May 3, 2019

Whitehorse, Yukon

We welcome you to the CAP 2019 Conference, Authentic Education in an Authentic Location

[Visit the site](#) for more information on the conference, speakers and breakout sessions.

### **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 *and* Canadian participants host

Australian colleagues in your home and school from September 29 - October 9, 2019

Download the [application form](#) and visit [aleap4principals.com.au](http://aleap4principals.com.au)

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## **Careers**

### ***NEW***

**SD 23, Central Okanagan**

**Vice-Principal**

**Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools**

*Closing date is January 18, 2019*

[bit.ly/2Egv1vm](http://bit.ly/2Egv1vm)

### ***NEW***

**SD 23, Central Okanagan**

**Principal**

**Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools**

*Closing date is January 18, 2019*

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

### ***NEW***

**SD 63, Saanich**

**Secondary Vice-Principal**

*Closing date is January 10, 2019*

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

**SD 71, Comox Valley**

**District Vice-Principal/Associate Principal - International Education**

*Ongoing*

[bit.ly/2AQ6v0D](http://bit.ly/2AQ6v0D)

**Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School**

**Principal**

Position will remain open until filled

[bit.ly/2z3kYWj](https://bit.ly/2z3kYWj)

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## The Deputy Minister's Bulletin

### **NEW**

**FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – DEADLINE JANUARY 11, 2019 – School Community Mental Health Conference 2019:** The Ministry of Education is hosting the [2nd Annual School Community Mental Health Conference](#) on February 4-5, 2019 in Vancouver. The theme of the conference is Leading Mentally Healthy Schools in BC: building the capacity of school-community teams to support student mental health through a systems leadership approach focusing on mental health promotion.

### **INFORMATION**

**FOR INFO, SECRETARY-TREASURERS – Operating Grant and Classroom Enhancement Fund Recalculation:** The Ministry has announced recalculated Operating Grants and Classroom Enhancement Fund allocations. Details can be found in the [2018/19 Recalculated Operating Grants letter](#).

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Release of Six-Year Completion Rate Data:** Updated completion rate data has been posted on the [secure SharePoint site](#). A deeper analysis and information on ways districts can use this data to improve student outcomes will be provided in next week's bulletin. Please contact [Ravnit Auja](#) if you have questions.

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – BCSTA Trustee Academy Recap:** On November 30, President Gordon Swan of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, signed an updated [Memorandum of Understanding](#) at the BCSTA Trustee Academy in Vancouver. The MOU acts as an agreement on collaboration, cooperation and communication between the two organizations. On December 1, I also provided a [Ministry update to the Academy](#), a copy of which is attached for your reference.

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS – Updated Curriculum Comparison Guide:** The [Curriculum Comparison Guide](#) has been updated for all areas of learning and now compares the old curriculum to the final curriculum for Grades 10-12.

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES & PRINCIPALS – Adhering to the Student Credentials Order:** The Ministry would like to remind districts of the changes that were made to the [School Completion \(Evergreen\) Certificate](#) in 2016. Evergreen Certificates are only to be issued to students with designated special needs and who have an Individual Education Plan in

place. Ministry staff will be reviewing Evergreen Certificate data in December and will be in contact with school districts if there are any questions regarding compliance with the [Student Credentials Order \(PDF\)](#).

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Notification of Certificate Suspensions:** Pursuant to section 55 of the *Teachers Act*, boards of education have been notified of the following two suspensions: Denise Marie Allard's Certificate of Qualification was suspended for seven days, which took effect on November 26, 2018; and Malcolm Murray McTaggart's Certificate of Qualification is suspended for one week (December 17-23, 2018). McTaggart also agreed to complete a course. For details, please visit the [Teacher Regulation Branch's Discipline Outcomes web page](#).

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

**FOR INFORMATION, SUPERINTENDENTS, CHILDREN IN CARE CONTACTS – Cross-Ministry Guidelines for Children and Youth in Care:** The [Cross-Ministry Guidelines](#) identifying how the Ministry works in partnership with other ministries to provide consistent and continuous support for children and youth in care are available in English and now in French. For further information, please contact the [Inclusive Education Branch](#).

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – DEADLINE MARCH 1 2019 – BC-China Award for Excellence in Chinese:** The Ministry of Education and the Education Office of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver have partnered to provide up to 50 awards of \$500 each for B.C. students studying Chinese. These awards are designed to help promote the study of Chinese language and culture in B.C. More information on these awards, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, can be found on the [BC-China Award for Excellence in Chinese web page](#).

**FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS & COUNSELLORS – 2018/2019 Provincial Scholarships Program:** Submissions are now being accepted for the [BC Excellence](#) and the [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships](#) until February 15, 2019. More information can be found in the attached [Provincial Scholarships document](#).

**FOR INFO, MYEDUCATION BC USERS – MyEducation BC Connection Issue 8:** The [December 2018 issue of the MyEducation BC Connection](#) is now available. Included in this issue is information on the successful implementation of MyEducation BC's standards-based gradebook in the Langley School District and an introduction to the Ministry's new director of MyEducation BC operations.

**FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – November 2018 Graduation Numeracy Assessment**

**(GNA) Results:** The [November 2018 Graduation Numeracy Assessment \(GNA\) results](#) are now available for your school.

**NEWS RELEASES**

**INDIGENOUS TRAINING SEATS –**

[More teachers to be trained to bring Indigenous perspectives into classrooms](#)

**INCREASING INVESTMENTS –**

[B.C.'s students benefiting from increasing government investments](#)

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