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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Reflection

As many of you know, I'm a forward-looking guy. I'm fascinated by new technology and the way that it can enhance our support of students while advancing our own learning. So, it may come as a surprise that I still write an annual Christmas letter to my friends and family. I treasure the process of casting back through the year that's passed and documenting it, often with humour and no small measure of sentimentality.

This year, I'm thinking about what I've experienced since I became President. July's trip to Toronto for the symposium on mental health reinforced member well-being as one of the pillars of my work, and October's journey to Nova Scotia to witness the birth of a new association gave me a strong appreciation of how the BCPVPA has grown and developed. And mostly it's been the pleasure of meeting with members in your communities and in your homes and finding out more about your challenges and successes. This year's letter will draw in those experiences, along with the new reality of having a family that is settled in separate cities.

It's a busy time in schools, as the learning of the Fall flows into report cards and final classes, and beyond into family gatherings and your own holiday traditions. For some it's a whirlwind, for others a peaceful pause. But before you close the door on 2018, take that moment of reflection to look at what you accomplished: maybe it was an innovation in your school, or supporting a colleague through a crisis. Maybe it was coaching an anxious child to speak for the first time in front of her class or meeting a fundraising target that will cascade in learning benefits to your students. Or maybe it was a milestone event in your family life that will subtly alter your path. You don't have to produce your own Christmas letter, it may be a cerebral post-it note for you alone. But remember the impact that you've made this year.

Take Care,
David

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BCPVPA Updates

David's Highlights

- *December 3 – Meeting with Miriam Miller, Yale University: THE RULER Approach to Social and Emotional Learning*
- *December 6-7 - SD70 Alberni Chapter Visit*

Coming Up

- *December 10 - Psychoeducational Assessment Provincial WG*
- *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*

NEW

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.

NEW

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 kim@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](#)

Contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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](#)

Contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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](#)

Contact kim@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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

Save the Date - 2019 Connecting Leaders Conference

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](#).

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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 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](#)

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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 for webinar access details on or before January 14, 2019

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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

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Careers

NEW

SD 68, Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Secondary Principal

Closing date is December 14, 2018

bit.ly/2Qe2qOr

NEW

SD 71, Comox Valley

District Vice-Principal/Associate Principal - International Education

Ongoing

bit.ly/2AQ6v0D

SD 40, New Westminster

Elementary Principal

Closing date is December 10, 2018

bit.ly/2ONVaYa

Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal

Position will remain open until filled

bit.ly/2z3kYWj

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ACTION ITEMS

FOR ACTION, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – DEADLINE DECEMBER 11, 2018 – January 2019 Online Assessment & Exam Register: Schools are reminded that the [January 2019 Online Assessment and Exam Register](#) on the School Secure Web closes on December 11, 2018 at midnight. After this date, the online register will be available for viewing only.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – DEADLINE JANUARY 14, 2019 – Register for Online Webinar Series on Grades 10-12 Classroom Assessment: Districts and schools are invited to participate in a [three-part interactive webinar series](#) on January 17, February 13 and April 11, 2019 on

aligning Grades 10-12 classroom assessment practices with the redesigned curriculum. Districts and schools are encouraged to organize educators to attend the live-stream together in local groups. Please email [Heather Brown](#) for webinar access details by January 14, 2019.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Natural Gas Pipeline Update: Natural gas supply in B.C. continues to be constrained following a pipeline rupture near Prince George on October 9, 2018. Thank you for your efforts to reduce natural gas use during this situation. FortisBC is asking for continued conservation measures as we approach colder weather and is working to restore regular operations as soon as possible. Please read the [natural gas supply update](#) for more information.

FOR INFO, INCLUSIVE EDUCATION DISTRICT PRINCIPALS/COORDINATORS, TEACHERS & EDUCATION ASSISTANTS – Inclusive Education Video Series – Episode 2 Now Available: The next video from author and inclusive education thought leader Shelley Moore is now available on the Ministry's [Inclusive Education video series web page](#). *Episode 2: Don't Should on Me: Growth Mindset for Educators* challenges the belief that all students should be alike, and instead reinforces the fact that students should be exactly who they are, learning at their own rate and in their own way.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & FRENCH COORDINATORS – Update on Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP) Funding: With support from the Government of Canada, the Ministry provides [additional funding to school districts offering French education programs](#). Negotiations for the next OLEP are in progress and B.C. will only receive federal funds once these negotiations are completed. In the meantime, the Ministry has committed to provide districts with 50 percent of their annual OLEP allocation. Payment will be made on November 30, 2018, and will help ensure districts can continue delivering initiatives funded through OLEP without interruption. Please contact [Linda Beddouche](#) if you have any questions.

FOR INFO, BOARDS OF EDUCATION – Notification of Certificate Cancellations: Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Teachers Act*, employers are being notified that teaching certificates were cancelled on November 1, 2018, because certificate holders did not pay the 2018-2019 annual practice fee by October 31, 2018. For details, please visit the [Employers' Area](#) on the Teacher Regulation Branch website. If you have any questions after reviewing the notice, please contact Alexandra Gillis, Director of Certification, at 604 660-6060 or 1 800 555-3684.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Notification of Certificate Suspension: Pursuant to Section 55 of the *Teachers Act*, boards of education have been notified that Craig Andrew Thomson's certificate was suspended for four months (May 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018, and September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018). Thomson agreed to conditions on his certificate and to complete a course. For details, please visit the Teacher Regulation Branch's [Discipline Outcomes web page](#).

FOR INFO, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & SCHOOL DISTRICT NETWORK AND SECURITY LEADS – K-12 Next Generation Network: Enhanced Cybersecurity Services Project Update: Work to upgrade 1500+ school district website firewalls by 2020 continues. Details on the school district transition schedule, regional

communication sessions and upcoming webinars can be found in the [Enhanced Cybersecurity Services Project \(ECS\) Update](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – 2019/20 School Calendars: The Ministry plans to distribute school calendar forms and completion instructions to superintendents in January 2019, leaving enough time for development of draft calendars and consultation with parents and employee representatives. Please watch for the forms and instructions early in the new year.

FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – January 2019 Provincial Exam Oral Component Administration: The oral component of the Français Langue-Seconde Immersion (FRAL 12) and Français Langue Première (FRALP 12) January 2019 provincial exams will be available electronically from December 3-14, 2018 and January 7-18, 2019, from 8 am to 4 pm daily. Please see the [January 2019 Provincial Exam Oral Component Administration attachment](#) for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2019 – Summer Program to Learn French in Quebec: The Explore program is a five-week intensive French language program for Grades 11-12 students with any skill level in French. The program covers tuition fees for the course, instructional materials, meals and accommodation. Students can also receive four French elective credits to put towards their Dogwood Diploma. Those interested in this opportunity must apply on the [Explore website](#) by February 15, 2019. Please contact [Marc Labelle](#) if you have any questions.

FOR TEACHERS & COUNSELLORS – 2019 #BCTECH Summit Youth Innovation Day: The Government of British Columbia and Innovate BC will be hosting Youth Innovation Day at the #BCTECH Summit in Vancouver, B.C. on March 12, 2019. The full-day event will offer secondary students in Grades 10-12 across the province an opportunity to explore the wide range of education, training and career opportunities in B.C.'s growing tech sector. Details on this exciting event, including how to register your students, can be found in the

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