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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Looking Back, Looking Forward

What were you doing thirty years ago? Many of you were still in school yourselves, navigating primary or secondary school, teacher education or another early path. Or, maybe you were already working in the classroom, building the skills, knowledge and connections that shaped the leader you are today.

More than 30 years ago, the B.C. Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association transitioned from a Provincial Specialist Association (PSA) of the BC Teachers' Federation to a non-profit professional association. During that time, more than 40 dedicated educators have served as President, and countless exceptional Directors have helped guide our organization.

We rounded out our 30th year last week with a small gathering of long-time friends and current partners, and it was a perfect moment to both glance back at where we've been and to look ahead at this year and beyond. The goals and

objectives of our **Strategic Plan** are being realized as we continue to focus on attaining fairness in contract provisions and total compensation through negotiation representation; on supporting the leadership capacity and efficacy of our members through professional development opportunities; and on strengthening engagement with our members, the sector, government and the public. Our **2017-2018 Annual Report** provides an overview of the advocacy and development activities that touched hundreds of our members each month.

With nearly six months as President in my rear-view mirror, I can't believe how quickly time is passing and how much I still hope to achieve! As part of my focus on supporting the well-being of our members, we will have a full implementation of the **BCPVPA Early Intervention Program** through humanworks by this Fall, and I continue to purposefully collaborate with others in our sector to establish and support health and wellness initiatives. I am hoping to see many of our members at the Ministry of Education's 2nd annual School Community Mental Health Conference – Leading Mentally Healthy Schools in BC – February 4th and 5th in Vancouver.

I have also been excited to see the growth of our members' interaction on both the **BetterEducate** platform and through social media as you've shared opinions, resources and support, and showcased the unique activities in your schools and the bonds you're forging with your teams and students.

Much of my work as President involves building relationships on behalf of the association and ensuring that the BCPVPA is a respected and valued voice in public education. Part of that continuing journey is relating the stories of our members and unveiling the work that we do in schools and communities to support student achievement. *What's your favourite story?* I'd love to share it.

Take Care,
David

David's Highlights

- *January 14 - Work Intensification and Wellbeing Meeting*

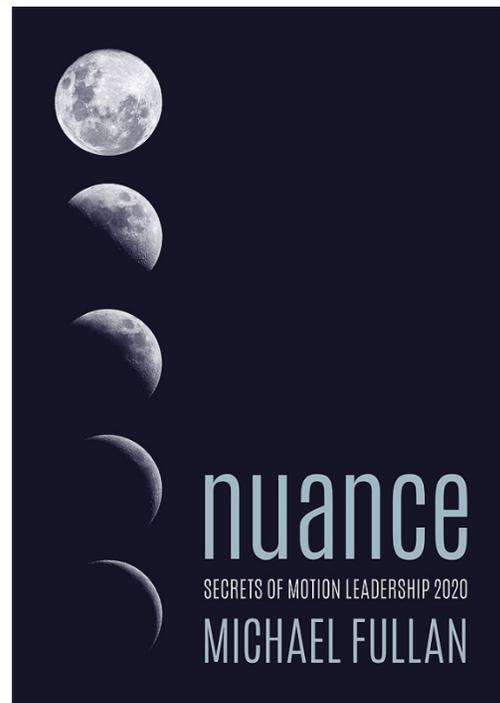
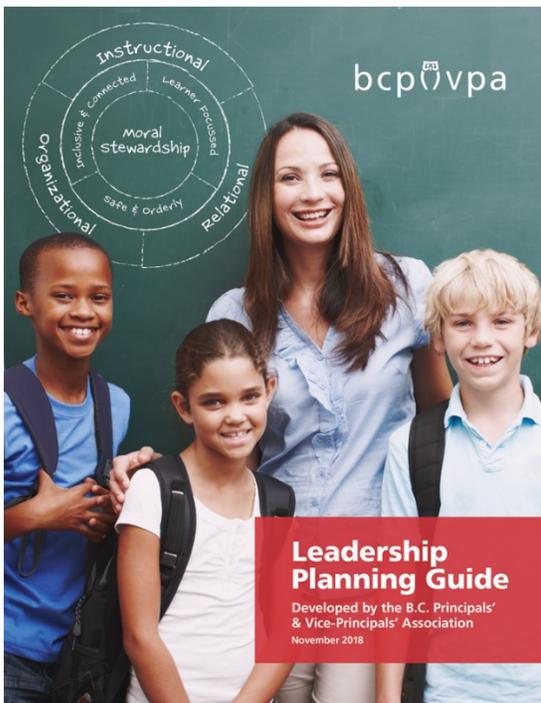
- *January 15 - Literacy 12 Assessment Working Group*
- *January 16 - Social Emotional Learning and R.U.L.E.R.*
- *January 17 - Ocean Wise Education Research*
- *January 18 - BCPVPA Office IT Review – Mike Burton, Superior Inc.*

Coming Up

- *January 21 - BCPVPA Office IT Review - Brad Richardson, Level 4*
- *January 22 - Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) Meeting*
- *January 22 - SD38 Richmond Chapter Visit*
- *January 23 - BCPVPA UBC Short Course I - Planning Committee Meeting*
- *January 24 - SD39 Vancouver Chapter Visit*
- *January 24-26 - CAC Meeting/Contract Seminar*

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This Week's Highlight



The BCPVPA is excited to announce two new publications:

The BCPVPA Leadership Planning Guide (*formerly the Start Smart Planning Guide*) has been updated and reissued to reflect current practices and responsibilities, and covers Student Information, Students & Culture, Indigenous Education, Parents & the Public, Legal and Professional Growth & Development Resources.

Pick up your own copy of the Leadership Planning Guide for **\$50**, available from the BCPVPA office and at upcoming events including Issues Forum and Chapter Council. An e-copy will soon be posted to our website for your online reference.

Nuance by Michael Fullan – *how do leaders become clearer as complexity increases?* We are thrilled to be part of this joint publication with Corwin Press and the Ontario Principals' Council as author, speaker and educational consultant Michael Fullan examines the three habits of nuance and the hidden habits of leaders who deliver lasting change.

Pick up your own copy of Nuance for **\$30**, available from the BCPVPA office and at upcoming events including Issues Forum and Chapter Council.

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BCPVPA Updates

NEW

Nominations Open: 2019 BCPVPA Partnership Awards

Our school communities thrive and grow in part due to the support of individuals and groups who demonstrate their strong and enduring belief in public education. Every year, the BCPVPA invites our members to recognize these valuable supporters. [Submit your nomination online](#) before Monday April 1!

NEW

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 BCPVPA Issues Forum

We're delighted to confirm that [Allan Mallory](#) will be taking us to new heights in human performance and leadership as our keynote speaker at the upcoming BCPVPA Issues Forum. Allan combines his many years of innovative leadership and project management experience with captivating mountaineering and adventure stories that will leave you breathless (and inspired!)

We will be announcing additional speakers and the registration launch very soon: thanks for your patience!

The 2019 BCPVPA Issues Forum is Friday February 22, 8:30am - 3:00pm at the Pacific Gateway Hotel in Richmond.

NEW

Request for Student Artwork Submissions

Does your school include a budding Bateman or an up-and-coming Carr? We want to help introduce their talent to the world by showcasing a piece of their art in BCPVPA's Adminfo: two pieces of art will be selected, with one featured in the March issue and one featured in the June issue. [Submit online.](#)

NEW: reserve your spot!

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 will be opening very soon:

please email amor@bcpvpa.bc.ca to reserve your spot in Short Course I: you will be notified as soon as the registration link is posted!

NEW: reserve your spot!

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.

Registration will be opening very soon:

please email amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca to reserve your spot in Short Course II: you will be notified as soon as the registration link is posted!

NEW: Registration Open!

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

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

NEW: Registration Open!

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

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Better Educate: Train the Trainer Opportunity

The BCPVPA is taking applications from current BCPVPA members to serve as BetterEducate trainers around the province. Trainers will be selected from various regions around the province, and a training session will be held February 15-16 at the BCPVPA office. **[Find out more.](#)**

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](#).

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 28, 2019.

REMINDER: 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**.

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Member & Partner News

NEW

2019 Day of Mourning: BC Schools Project

The Day of Mourning is an opportunity to inform young workers of our commitment to creating safer workplaces for everyone and to reflect on those we've lost. In 2019, the Day of Mourning will be observed on **Friday April 26**: watch for information and links for more information in an upcoming edition of eNews.

NEW

WildPlay Element Parks

WildPlay is a unique experience for all students where they will be challenged by tightropes, cargo nets, rope swings, log bridges, and ziplines! We have multiple locations in BC, including Maple Ridge, Victoria, Nanaimo, and Kelowna and offer special student and group rates. For more information contact us at WildPlay.com or 855-595-2251

NEW

Elementary Math Leadership Institute led by Marian Small

Saturday February 23, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, 7600 Halifax Street

Registration \$250

Breakfast, lunch, light refreshments

Learn the benefits of building creative and critical thinking in the math classroom and much more.

sydney.roberts@rubiconpublishing.com

2nd Annual Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

Nominations are now open for this opportunity to recognize the contributions of public, independent and First Nations school system teachers, principals, vice-principals, administrators and support staff who go above and beyond to make life better for K-12 students in B.C.

[Read the news release](#)

[Visit the nominations page](#)

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](#)

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

SD 74, Gold Trail

Principal

SK'il' Mountain Community School

Closing date is January 30, 2019

bit.ly/2D1siVD

SD 83, North Okanagan-Shuswap

Principal Pool

Closing date is February 4, 2019

bit.ly/2ABuLEE

SD 71, Comox Valley

District Vice-Principal/Associate Principal - International Education

Ongoing

bit.ly/2AQ6v0D

Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal and Education Lead

Position will remain open until filled

bit.ly/2z3kYWj

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The Deputy Minister's Bulletin

NEW

FOR ACTION

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – February 2019 All Superintendents Meeting: [Registration details](#) are now available for the February 21 All Superintendents Meeting in Richmond. An agenda will be provided in advance of the meeting once the details are finalized.

FOR ACTION, BOARD CHAIRS, SUPERINTENDENTS & SECRETARY-TREASURERS – February 2019 Partner Liaison Meeting: [Registration details](#) are now available for the February 22 Partner Liaison Meeting in Richmond. This meeting is for board chairs, superintendents and secretary-treasurers only; an agenda will be provided in advance of the meeting once the details are finalized.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS & SECRETARY-TREASURERS – New First Nation Student Transportation Initiative: In a follow-up to messages sent in October and December, the Ministry, First Nations Education Steering Committee and Indigenous Services Canada plan to send [new materials to guide boards of education and First Nations in developing a Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan](#).

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS & SECRETARY-TREASURERS – Ministry Reporting Website: The Ministry has streamlined or removed over 300 reporting requirements for school districts since 2017; in late January the Ministry will be launching a new website to further streamline reporting. Please review the [reporting website instructions](#) to prepare school district staff on how to access this new site.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – Reminder to Register for Online Webinar Series on Grade 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. Please email heather.brown@gov.bc.ca by January 14 for webinar access details.

FOR ACTION, SECRETARY TREASURERS – DUE FEBRUARY 15 – Enrolment Estimate Collection: School districts are required to enter their enrolment estimates for the 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 school years on this [spreadsheet](#) and submit it to the Ministry before February 15. Further information and instructions are provided in this [Enrolment Estimates for 2019/20 document](#). Please contact [Michael Lebrun](#) if you have any questions.

FOR ACTION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGERS – VFA Capital Planning Software Training Sessions: The Ministry has arranged a series of [two-day training sessions](#) to help school district staff effectively access and utilize facility condition assessment data in the VFA capital planning software database. Please contact Hilary.Parry@gov.bc.ca by January 23, 2019 to register.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – 2019-20 School Calendar Submissions: The [2019-20 school calendar materials and instructions](#) are now available.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – 2019 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education: The second annual [Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education](#) is now open for nominations. See the news release below for additional details.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & SUPPORT STAFF – School/District Contact Information Updates: Please verify that the information for your district is accurate on the [BC K-12 School and District Contact Information website](#). Please submit an update if changes are required.

FOR ACTION, PRINCIPALS – DUE AUGUST 14, 2019 – BC Training & Education Savings Grant Deadlines for Students: Eligible BC children ages six through nine qualify for a \$1,200 grant when they sign up for a [Registered Education Savings Plan \(RESP\)](#). No additional contribution is required. For children born in 2006, the deadline is August 14, 2019 and for children born in 2010, they have until the day before their 9th birthday.

FOR INFORMATION

FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – January 2019 Provincial Assessment and Exam Information: [Printed materials](#) for the January 2019 Numeracy Assessment and Language Arts 12 exams session have been shipped to schools. Please read the [January 2019 Provincial Assessments and Exams \(BC and Yukon Schools\) document](#) for important information to help prepare for these assessments and exams.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Change to Provincial Fees Order: The Provincial Fees Order has been amended. Starting in January 2019, the Ministry will no longer issue refunds when requests are made to reread a provincial examination paper. The amended [Provincial Fees Order](#) will be available online as of January 14, 2019.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & COUNSELLORS – Provincial Scholarship Program: Applications for the BC Excellence and Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships are due February 15, 2019. Information on these and other scholarships are available on the [Provincial Scholarships Program Information for Students web page](#). Please contact scholarships@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – Family Literacy Week 2019: Family Literacy Week is taking place in B.C. this year from January 20-27. More information, including free family literary resources and a list of family literary events across the province, is available on the [Decoda Literacy Solution's Family Literacy Week web page](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Public Consultations on Cannabis Production and Sales: Schools and staff are invited to provide feedback on [Health Canada's public consultation](#) regarding draft regulations governing the production and sale of edible cannabis products, cannabis extracts and cannabis topicals. The public consultation will be open until February 20, 2019.

OPPORTUNITIES

TO SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – Steam Horizon Awards: The [Ingenium Foundation](#) is offering prizes of \$25,000 each for five Canadian youth towards a post-secondary education in a science, technology, engineering, arts or math (STEAM) program. Applications are due January 16.

NEWS RELEASES

PREMIER'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION – [Premier launches second annual awards to recognize excellence in education](#)

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