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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Spring Break

What is your ideal Spring Break? A ski trip or sun vacation with the family? Local staycation adventures, spending time with your kids, dogs, cats, friends? Whatever your version of 'perfect' might be, I hope that you will be able to live it over the coming break. It's a milestone in the latter half of the school year and time to take some deep breaths and recharge. The coming months will be rewarding but busy, and you'll be ready. I look forward to being back with you in April, and hearing about your best Spring Break moments.

Take Care,
David

David's Highlights

- *March 12 - Superintendent Patricia Gartland [SEL] Meeting*
- *March 12 - FranklinCovey 'Leader in Me' Meeting*
- *March 12 - Technology Infrastructure Meeting*
- *March 13 - Sector Advisory Council Meeting*
- *March 13 - Leadership Development Working Group Meeting*
- *March 14 - MHIS Leadership Team Meeting*

Coming Up

- *Happy Spring Break!*

LISTEN:

President David DeRosa with CBC On the Coast's Margaret Gallagher on cellphone use in schools - bit.ly/Mar12CBCOTC (at 1:08:40)

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This Week's Highlight

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Nominations Open April 1

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bcpvpa.bc.ca/elections

Nominations for President-Elect and 5 Directors Open April 1

BCPVPA members will elect a President-Elect and five Directors in June 2019 elections, with the successful candidates taking their roles July 1. The newly-elected members will join existing members of the Board who are completing their terms in June 2020.

Nomination forms will be available on the [BCPVPA website](#) on **April 1**, and nominations close **April 30**.

Candidates for the position of President-Elect will speak at Chapter Council on Friday May 3, and candidates for the position of Director will speak at Chapter Council on Saturday May 4. Candidate statements will be issued to BCPVPA members on or before May 9, and will also be available from this site.

Election for President-Elect: voting will be open Tuesday June 4 - Thursday June 6. To be successful, a candidate for President-Elect must receive 50% of the votes cast plus one, and additional rounds of balloting will be held as required the week of June 10. A candidate who is not successful as President-Elect may choose to stand for election as a Director.

The President-Elect begins a one-year term on July 1, followed by a two-year term as President and a one-year term as Past President (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023).

Election for 5 Directors: voting will be open Tuesday June 18 - Thursday June 20. The open Director positions will be filled by the corresponding number of candidates who receive the highest number of votes on a single ballot.

Directors begin their two-year terms on July 1.

Check the [BCPVPA website](#) for additional information as it becomes available. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact sandra@bcpvpa.bc.ca. If you have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of the President-Elect or Directors, please contact kreimer@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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BCPVPA Updates

NEW

BCPVPA and the Ministry of Education: March 2019 Webinar Mini-Series

Thanks to everyone who attended these two webinars!

BC Training and Education Savings Program (BCTESP) Grant

Recorded Thursday March 7

[Watch the Webinar](#)

Student Information Systems

Recorded Thursday March 14

This recording will be available soon: check bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars

NEW

Selection of Facilitator for BCPVPA Leadership Program to BC Offshore School Leaders

The BCPVPA is delighted to welcome Peter Johnson (SD36 Surrey) to the role of Facilitator, to work with our current second-year Facilitators Andrea McComb (SD43 Coquitlam) and Denise Johnson (formerly SD39 Vancouver, Retired) in the Leadership Program for BC Offshore Schools. This program includes coaching and webinar sessions, and is intended to build capacity, develop contextual skills, and foster networks of leadership, support, and collaboration for BC Offshore School Leaders.

Thank you to everyone who applied for the role, we had many great candidates and we really appreciate your support of this program.

Funding Review Working Groups

We would like to share with you the names of the BCPVPA representatives on the K12 Public Education Funding Model Implementation Working Groups:

Online Education

Karen Flello – School District #63 Saanich

Inclusive Education

Deena Buckley – Surrey School District #36

Financial Management

Scott Sieben – Central Okanagan Public Schools #23

Adult and Continuing Education

Larry Mattin – Cowichan Valley School District #79

Mike McGlenen – School District #43 (Coquitlam)

LEAP Opportunity

Are you a Vice-Principal of a Middle School in BC?

Are you a Principal involved in On-Line Learning in BC?

Do you have an interest in learning from colleagues across the planet?

If the answer is yes, then consider the possibility of participating in LEAP – a 2-week peer shadowing program with New South Wales either this July/August, or next summer, with their return to BC this Fall. The specific request for 2 partners has been made from NSW for a Middle School VP and a DL Principal.

Many BCPVPA members have participated in this program and 5 more will do so this July. If you are interested in participating in this deep learning opportunity, please see the [LEAP website](#) or email amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Nominations Are Open: 2019 BCPVPA Partnership Awards

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 1

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 who make such a difference in our work: it's an exceptional way to say thank you.

[Submit your nomination online](#)

Meet some of the [past recipients](#) of the BCPVPA Partnership Award, inspirational groups and individuals who have shared their time, energy and expertise to support schools.

BCPVPA Short Course II Facilitators

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15

We welcome applications from current BCPVPA members to serve as 2019 facilitators for Short Course II – **July 3-6, 2019**. 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](#)

BCPVPA Student Scholarships: Applications Open

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. Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/student-scholarships to find out more.

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

UBC

Register is open for this five-day program for new and nearly-new Principals & Vice-Principals, framed by the *Leadership Standards* and providing a foundation for the applicable skills and knowledge through experiential reflection.

Space is limited

[Register](#)

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

Short Course II: Igniting Mid-Career Leaders – * NEW DATE * - July 3-6, 2019

UBC Okanagan

In conjunction with UBCO

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!

[Metro Vancouver Dates Confirmed](#)

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, BCPVPA office:

LCL Level 1 – Day 1: Monday, August 26, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 2: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 3: Monday, November 4, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 4: Wednesday, February 12, 2020

LCL Level 1 – Day 5: Monday, April 27, 2020

2019/2020 cohorts in Salmon Arm:

LCL Level 1 – Day 1: Friday, October 18, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 2: Saturday, October 19, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 3: Friday, November 15, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 4: Friday, February 7, 2020

LCL Level 1 – Day 5: Monday, April 20, 2020

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@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

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Connecting Leaders 2019 – Save the Date

Cultivating a Climate of Leadership

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](#)

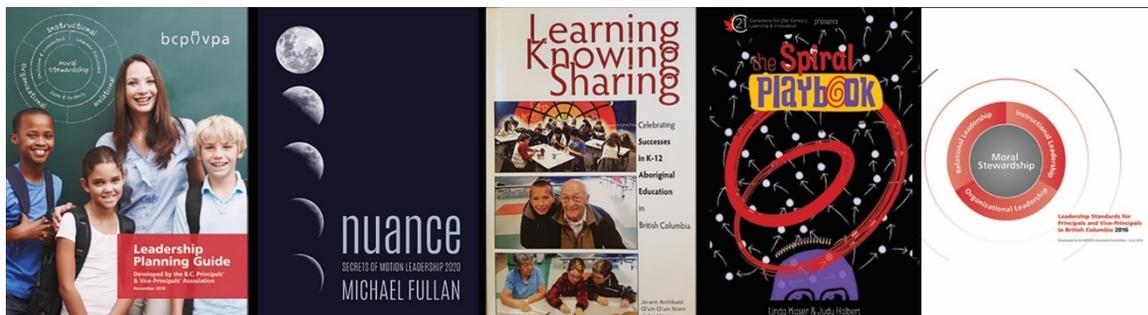
BetterEducate

We currently have more than 1600 BCPVPA members who are active on Better Educate: [find out more about the platform](#) and 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 Publications

Have you visited our updated [publications](#) link?



Find out about the revised **BCPVPA Leadership Planning Guide** (*formerly the Start Smart Planning Guide*) – you can pick up your own spiral-bound copy for **\$50**, and a version is now available for your [online reference](#). You can also find out more about **Nuance by Michael Fullan**, a joint publication with Corwin Press and the Ontario Principals' Council. Pick up Nuance for **\$30**, available from the BCPVPA office and at upcoming events including Issues Forum and Chapter Council.

Reminder

If you have a new address, school or role, or if you have a question for our team, please use our online [contact forms](#)

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Member & Partner News

NEW

New Scholarships for Future Game Designers & Programmers

Victor Lucas is a producer and writer, known mainly for the show Electric Playground. Victor Lucas is awarding 2 full-tuition Vancouver Film School scholarships: one to an applicant for VFS' Game Design Program and one to an applicant for VFS' Programming for Games, Web and Mobile Program.

Applications close April 14, 2019. [Find out more](#) and share with your networks.

NEW

Learning Forward BC Spring Network Dinner

Tuesday April 9, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Learning Forward BC invites cross-role educational teams to engage in an evening sharing our district's work on mental health.

Alumni Hall @ Chilliwack Secondary School

[Information & Registration](#)

NEW

Water Week and World Water Day

Water Week is a celebration of water. It takes place in the third week of March each year and coincides with World Water Day on March 22.

Since water plays such a big role in providing clean energy, Power Smart for Schools has created special activities to help build an understanding of the important role water plays in powering the province of B.C. These free Water Week activities provide a link to the core competencies of the curriculum. The activities engage students in sharing information, working with others and presenting information. They challenge students to consider their role in the world around them and how to make a difference.

For a limited time (*and while quantities last*), you can request a free classroom set of materials for your students to make their own cut and fold origami orca.

[Find out more](#)

ACE 2019

Adult Centred Education Conference

May 16 & 17, Coquitlam BC

A conference intended for anyone who considers themselves an Adult Educator, who teaches, instructs, professes, educates or otherwise engages adult learners.

Keynote: Linden MacIntyre

aceconference.net

4th Annual BCEdAccess Conference

Advocacy: Equitable Access to Education

Friday, March 29th 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, March 30th 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Civic Hotel, Surrey

Featuring keynotes by Annie Kidder of People for Education in Ontario, and Shelley Moore, well-known inclusion teacher, researcher and storyteller.

Certificates are provided for the workshops and could be used for professional development requests

School leadership very welcome!

[Speaker and workshop information](#)

[Tickets](#)

2nd Annual Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31

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.

[See the video](#)

[Read the news release](#)

[Visit the nominations page](#)

DETAILS CONFIRMED

Trauma Informed Process & Practice

With Dr. Linda O'Neill

Associate Professor

MEd. Regional Coordinator, UNBC.

Counsellor & Certified Trauma Specialist

Tuesday April 16, 5:30 – 8 pm

An evening to discuss supporting children, youth and families in compassionate learning communities.

Trauma informed practice is a systems approach designed to better support the increasingly complex students we serve. Children and their families who have experienced adverse events in their lives such as divorce, abuse, neglect, and exposures to violence require unique approaches and interventions.

This is your opportunity to engage in the topic of advancing compassionate learning communities.

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Avenue

PDK UBC

[Tickets](#)

Learning Forward BC Spring Network Dinner

The Pedagogy of Play: *Playful Approaches to Leading a Culture of Play*

Thursday, April 4, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Inglewood Learning Centre

Join the West Vancouver District Early Learning team for an interactive, research-based learning experience from multiple perspectives: classroom teachers, district specialists, early childhood educators, principals/ vice-principals and child/youth workers.

[Find out more & register](#)

2019 Day of Mourning: BC Schools Project



The Day of Mourning school materials are [now available](#): find out more and register your school. The Day of Mourning (DOM) for workers killed or injured on the job, began in Canada and is now observed around the world every year on April 28. As April 28, 2019 falls on a Sunday, BC schools will be honouring the National Day of Mourning on Friday, April 26, 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

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Careers

NEW

SD 93, Conseil scolaire francophone

Superintendent

Closing date is April 28 2019

bit.ly/2J7nJht

SD 40, New Westminster

Principal

Closing date is April 1, 2019

bit.ly/2EqhbFp

SD 40, New Westminster

Vice-Principal

Closing date is April 1, 2019

bit.ly/2XrmoW3

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Below are the links to the reports the Ministry requires from school districts in the

next few weeks. These and all other required reports can found on the [School District Reporting site](#). Please note that a BCeID is needed, and must be authorized by the Ministry, in order to access the reporting site – see this [attachment](#) for instructions.

Mar. 18 - [Early Learning: Transfer Under Agreement \(includes StrongStart BC Programs & Ready Set Learn\)](#)

Mar. 30 - [Water Quality Testing Report](#)

Mar. 31 - [Student Demographic Data \(10-12\)](#)

Mar. 31 - [School Calendars](#)

Mar. 31 - [Student Course Completion Data \(Grades 10-12\) March](#)

Mar. 31 - [Submission of Historical Marks Updates](#)

FOR ACTION ITEMS

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – Approaching Deadline for Action Plan

Templates: On January 15, 2019 school districts received an Early Action Initiative (EAI) grant letter, along with instructions, a link, and a district-specific password to access the [EAI Mental Health Action Plan Template](#). Please note the completed Action Plan templates are due back to the Ministry on March 15. If you have any questions regarding the template, please contact [Danielle Carter-Sullivan](#).

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – Share your District’s Story in *Learn*:

Have an initiative or program in your district that you're especially proud of and that you'd like to share with others? Drop us a line at educ.learn@gov.bc.ca for a chance to

appear in a future feature article of our *Learn* newsletter that is distributed monthly to 70,000+ BC certificate holders.

FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, SECRETARY-TREASURERS & BOARD CHAIRS –

Funding Model Implementation Update: The four working groups (Inclusive Education, Adult and Continuing Education, Online Learning, and Financial Management) began meeting the week of March 4 to discuss the recommendations for a new funding model, with an overarching focus on equity of educational opportunity for all students in the province. The working groups will provide advice on how to move forward on the key themes raised in the report and will provide a report to the Minister of Education in the fall 2019.

FOR INFO, SECRETARY-TREASURERS, SCHOOL DISTRICT NETWORK & SECURITY

LEADS – K-12 Next Generation Network: Enhanced Cybersecurity Services (ECS)

Update: Please read the [Enhanced Cybersecurity Services Update](#) for important information on ECS Services, information on District Transition Schedule, Regional Communication Sessions, and upcoming webinars.

FOR INFO, SECRETARY-TREASURERS – Successorship Language:

To avoid any negative impacts, government is encouraging ministries and the broader public sector (including school districts) to consider [successorship language](#) in their contracts, where services are predominantly provided by unionized staff, including building cleaning, security or bus transportation services.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Collaboration with the Human Early Learning Partnership: The ministry has engaged the [Human Early Learning Partnership](#) (HELP) to support the implementation of our Early Action Initiatives for mental health in schools. Between February and May 2019, HELP will be connecting with districts to begin aligning systems leadership research and practice, the science of mental health promotion and well-being in education toward a comprehensive and collaborative approach to mental health.

FOR INFO, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – January 2019 Language Arts 12 Provincial Exam Results: The [January 2019 Language Arts 12 Provincial Examination Results](#) have been posted to the School Secure Web.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Notification of Certificate Cancellation: Pursuant to section 55 of the *Teachers Act*, boards of education have been notified that a teacher's certificate of qualification was cancelled. The teacher agrees that he will not apply for, and the Director of Certification will not issue, a certificate of qualification, an independent school teaching certificate, or a letter of permission for five years. An anonymized summary of the outcome has been published to protect the identity of the student. For details, please visit the [Teacher Regulation Branch's Discipline Outcomes web page](#).

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Recent Discipline Outcome: Discipline outcomes are posted on the [Teacher Regulation Branch's Discipline Outcomes web page](#) to enhance the transparency of the processes and decisions made with respect to

complaints and reports about educators. Recently, an outcome was posted regarding Duc-Hung Tran.

OPPORTUNITIES

FOR PRINCIPALS & TEACHERS – March 22 World Water Day: As Canadians take part in water-themed events and activities on March 22, BC Hydro's Power Smart for Schools has created special activities to help students build an understanding of the important role water plays in powering our province. For more information on how to engage students in supporting global and local water issues, please visit [Power Smart for Schools Water Week March 17-23](#).

NEWS RELEASES

SCHOOL DISTRICT UPGRADES – [Safer, more efficient schools for B.C. students](#)

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