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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

BetterEducate

As the June days roll along, we start to transition our thinking from coordinating year-end activities and checklists and look farther down the road to tweaking the systems that we hope will ease our Fall 2019 start-up. A huge component of this process is interaction with our many professional cohorts: have you given thought to different ways that you can seek feedback, share resources and connect with colleagues?

Your BCPVPA membership provides you with access to a powerful networking platform that supports the diverse needs of new-to-the-role leaders, veteran educators and everyone in between. More than 1800 of our members are part of **BetterEducate**, some engaging daily and others still dipping their toes in the water. One of the great things about this platform is that you can manage your participation, and when you're ready to learn more you can take that next step.

The platform is perfect for sharing resources like Worksafe BC information, emergency preparedness documents and start-up checklists, information that can help newer colleagues to build their capacity, connect with new colleagues and strengthen our sense of community.

BetterEducate can also play a role in your staff meetings, or Chapter gatherings. At recent BCPVPA events, some of you have experienced the power of using one of the newer features, a BackBEat Channel. This tool is a quick, effective and visual way to seek community or staff feedback, to gauge perspectives and to determine needs. Themes in the responses develop naturally as responses are entered, through a colourful burgeoning word cloud tagged with direct links to relevant resources.

Using a feature such as the BackBEat Channel is a conversation-starter in more ways than one. In responding to a question or contributing to a discussion, colleagues experience an immediacy of thoughts and opinions even amongst teams that are geographically separated, and you as the leader can gain an understanding of your key issues with the opportunity to bounce ideas and follow-up in real time.

You've heard me say it before – and this may be the last time for this school year, but certainly not the 'last time'; dive in, and embrace the technology that will smooth your path, inform your practice and ultimately provide you with a deeper and richer connection to your colleagues and your teams. It's literally right at your finger tips.



Take Care,
David

David's Highlights

- *June 3 – Board of Directors Teleconference*
- *June 4 – Meeting re: Focus Group on Principals' Health & Wellbeing Research Project*
- *June 5 – Advisory Committee for Enhancing Student Learning*
- *June 6 – P/VP Wellbeing Research Focus Group with Dr. Fei Wang*
- *June 7 – Minister's and The First Nations Education Steering Committee Announcement*

On the Horizon

- *June 10 – Meeting with the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education*
- *June 11 – Sector Advisory Council Meeting, Victoria*
- *June 11 – Leadership Development Working Group Meeting, Victoria*
- *June 13 – Violence in Education Working Group Meeting*
- *June 13 – Meeting with Andrea Sinclair, President BCCPAC*
- *June 14 – MHiS Leadership Team Meeting*

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This Week's Highlight



BCPVPA President-Elect Announced

Darren Danyluk (SD6, Rocky Mountain)

BCPVPA members cast their ballots for a President-Elect between June 4 – 6, and the successful candidate is **Darren Danyluk** (SD6, Rocky Mountain).

Darren begins a one-year term as President-Elect 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).

We thank both Darren Danyluk and Brian Leonard for their great campaigns.

BCPVPA Updates

Election for 5 Directors

Voting takes place *Tue June 18 – Thu June 20*

Joanne Beddoes (SD8, Kootenay Lake)

Susan Clough (SD36, Surrey) – *current Director*

Carmen Eberle (SD35, Langley)

Bev Forster (SD54, Bulkley Valley)

Read Jorgensen (SD61, Victoria)

Jann Schmidt (SD8, Kootenay Lake)

Jonathan Weresch (SD39, Vancouver)

Sally Zryd (SD73, Kamloops-Thompson) – *current Director*

Questions about the election process?

Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/elections, or contact sandra@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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Short Course II – Moved to July 2020

The intent of Short Course II is to provide a rich, collaborative learning experience for mid-career Principals and Vice-Principals. The 2018-2019 cohort has now

concluded and, as demonstrated by the final sharing of reflections and projects, the experience was impactful for the participants.

So that we can best offer the richness of the Summer Summit and follow-up throughout the year, we will schedule the next Short Course II for **July 2020** and the program will then take place every two years.

We are excited to come together again with the Planning Committee, facilitators and participants in July 2020, and we hope that many others will join in this individually-focused collaborative learning opportunity. Watch for details next Fall.

NEW

2019 BCPVPA Member Survey

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the 2019 Member Survey! We will provide survey results once they are available.

We're pleased to announce the winners of the three \$200 Indigo cards:

Bo Boxall, SD67 Okanagan Skaha

Berni Linfitt, SD73 Kamloops/Thompson

Hugh Alexander, SD23 Central Okanagan

Congratulations, and thanks again to everyone who completed the survey.

Registration is open for Connecting Leaders 2019

Cultivating a Climate of Leadership

Join us October 24 – 26 at the beautiful Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre for three days of connection, learning and discovery.

Our keynote speakers:

[Peter DeWitt](#)

Collaborative Leadership: 6 Influences That Matter Most

[Gabrielle Scrimshaw](#)

Reconciliation in Education: The Role Educational Leadership Plays in Transforming Canada

[Dr. John Chenoweth](#)

Finding Qwemqwamt: Re-storying Education For Indigenous People

There will be an amazing array of thought-provoking Breakout sessions, along with unparalleled opportunities for connecting with your colleagues.

[Register](#)

Leading the Way: Women in Leadership Luncheon

Saturday September 21 at Capilano Golf and Country Club

Guest speakers: Judge Joanne Challenger, Dianne Turner

Music by [Justine Lynn](#)

[Registration](#)

[Information](#)

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

UBC

Registration 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](#)

[Information](#)

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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, 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](#)

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](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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.

BetterEducate

Who do you know on BetterEducate?

We currently have nearly 1800 BCPVPA members who are active on Better Educate: [find out more about the platform](#) and consider signing up as a BCPVPA member.

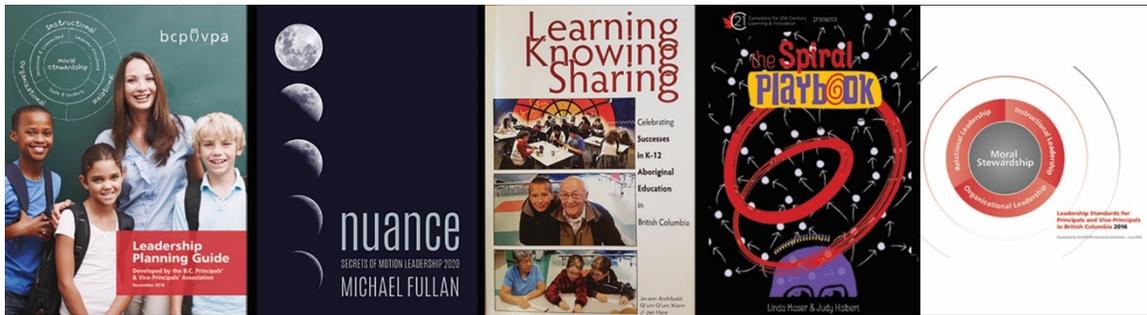
[Visit the site](#), click on the BCPVPA members icon and sign up for your free membership with the promo code **Bcpvpa123**.

BCPVPA Webinar Series

The webinars from our series to date are available at bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars.

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 BCPVPA events.

BC Student Voice

Read the Spring 2019 [BC Student Voice newsletter](#)

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

Emergency Preparedness Survey

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with education partner associations, has established an Emergency Preparedness Working Group to share and update existing resources and practices. To support this work, a short survey has been developed to understand current practices, trends, and gaps and to get input for areas of focus for the working group.

Participation is voluntary, and data will be aggregated for anonymity, but we strongly encourage you take the time to complete this 15-20 minute survey. This information is vital for understanding our sector's readiness to respond to emergency situations, and will be used to inform areas of focus for the working group, including updates to the Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities.

School Level Emergency Preparedness Survey:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/securityloginauto.asp?id=7>

You cannot save and come back to the survey once you begin, so please review this PDF version of the survey before you begin:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20190531/epsurveyschools.pdf>

If you have questions about the survey or experience technical difficulties, please contact Jordan Sandwith, the Ministry Business Continuity Advisor, at Jordan.Sandwith@gov.bc.ca The deadline to complete the survey is **Friday, June 28 at 4:00 PST.**

NEW

Tell Power Smart for Schools what you think

Before heading off for summer, the [Power Smart for Schools](#) team would like to check in to make sure their education materials are meeting your needs. This is your chance to let them know what to keep doing, what's due for a change and what new resources you'd like to see in the future.

This short survey only takes about 10 minutes and one lucky teacher will win a \$50 Indigo gift card. [Take the survey](#)

Foundry Campaign

[Foundry](#) is rolling out a new [provincial awareness campaign](#) aimed at shifting mental health attitudes, specifically among males aged 12-17. Research finds that this population is less likely to engage in mental health discussions and is more reluctant to seek help. The campaign is designed to help shift these perceptions and support young males in recognizing and seeking help when they need it. The campaign is

being rolled-out through targeted social media advertising and the distribution of posters in secondary schools across BC. The content of each has undergone extensive review by both youth and school and health professionals. The campaign is being coordinated by Foundry, in partnership with BC Children's Hospital.

If you have any questions about the campaign or the materials, please contact Michelle Cianfrone at Michelle.Cianfrone@cw.bc.ca. *Foundry offers young people ages 12-24 health and wellness resources, services and supports through a provincial network of integrated service centres and online at foundrybc.ca.*

UBC TELP 2019-2020

The UBC Transformative Educational Leadership Program (TELP) 2019-2020 Program is a blended multi-access program with an October opening weekend and a series of weekend retreats and online interactions throughout the year, concluding with an on-campus event in July 2020. Register by July 10.

[Information](#)

[Registration](#)

UBC - SOGI Summer Institutes

August 16 -19, 2021

These two-day SOGI intensives in Vancouver, Kelowna and Nelson are designed for district leads, teachers, counsellors and administrators who work in K-12 and want to make their schools and classrooms more SOGI inclusive. All three will feature amazing guest speakers and local experts for educators to connect with. Costs include ready-to-use materials and resources. Register soon, as the course has sold out the past two years:

UBC Faculty of Education – Vancouver: *now full!*

UBC Okanagan – Kelowna: [confirm available space](#)

UBC Faculty of Education - Nelson: [registration](#)

UBC Faculty of Education: Summer Institutes

Every summer, the UBC Faculty of Education offers short, intensive courses in a variety of topic areas: *the institutes are filling up quickly as the deadlines to register are approaching!*

These summer institutes are developed based on the needs addressed by both program alumni and school advisors, changes in the education landscape, and the expertise of our faculty members.

[Find out more](#)

Johnson Insurance – Scholarship Program 2019

Johnson Insurance is proud to offer [50 scholarships](#), valued at \$1000 each, to students completing high school in 2019 and starting post-secondary education in the Fall. [Find out more.](#)

BCRPVPA Scholarships

The BC Retired PVPA annually awards up to five \$1000 scholarships to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and who will proceed to an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. Students can apply to BC Retired PVPA Scholarships even if they have applied for a scholarship with the BCPVPA. Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30.

[Find out more](#)

BCRPVPA Book Sale

The BC Retired PVPA runs a used-book sale during the Short Course at UBC in July. The money raised supports the BCRPVPA Scholarship Fund. Education and Leadership books that have been published recently (2010 onwards) and are in good condition are welcome. Also in demand are field-related 'classic' books (ones that you believe everyone in a leadership position should read).

Books can be dropped off at the BCPVPA office during June. Please label your donations: BCRPVPA USED BOOK SALE

BCRPVPA Membership Opportunities

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](#) for benefits offered to retired members, such as affinity, health & travel insurance, prestige coverage, pensions & other topics of interest, and 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!

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Careers

[NEW](#)

SD 71, Comox Valley

Assistant Superintendent

Closing date is June 18, 2019

bit.ly/2HW8iWU

[NEW](#)

SD 23, Central Okanagan

Vice-Principal, Indigenous Education

Closing date is June 21, 2019

bit.ly/2WcapJU

[NEW](#)

SD 73, Kamloops Thompson

School Psychologist

Closing date is June 12, 2019

bit.ly/2EL6WwI

[NEW](#)

SD 60, Peace River North

Vice-Principal

Closing date is June 11, 2019

bit.ly/2QQdnD1

Request for Expression of Interest for Secondment with the Ministry of Education

The Ministry is seeking an experienced Vice-Principal/Principal to work as a Curriculum & Resource Development Lead to support the ongoing operation, development and continuous improvement of a number of services designed to support educators. [Read more here](#)

Closing date is June 12, 2019

SD 35, Langley

Vice-Principal

Closing date is June 10, 2019

bit.ly/2I5x2L7

SD 67, Okanagan Skaha

Vice-Principal

Closing date is June 10, 2019

bit.ly/2Ww7r7l

SD 41, Burnaby

Director of Instruction

Closing date is June 17, 2019

bit.ly/2Wda7re

SD 75, Mission

Assistant Superintendent

Closing date is June 10, 2019

bit.ly/2YabByV

Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal and Education Lead

Ongoing

bit.ly/2z3kYWj

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The Deputy Minister's Bulletin

June 14 - [Updated Three-Year Enrolment Estimates](#)

June 20 - [Early Learning: Transfer Under Agreement](#)

FOR ACTION ITEMS

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – DUE JUNE 7 – Updating School Information

Changes: Districts are required to update the Ministry on [School Information Changes](#) for the 2019/20 School Year by June 7.

FOR ACTION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS – DUE JUNE 10 – Management

Representation Letter: The Office of the Comptroller General requires districts to provide a [Management Representation Letter](#) effective June 7, 2019 in relation to the Summary Financial Statements as at March 31, 2019. Please email a PDF of the signed letter dated June 7, 2019 to EDUC.GRESDRreporting@gov.bc.ca by June 10, 2019.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION LEADERS –

DUE JUNE 14 – International Student Homestay Survey Reminder: To help maintain the strong reputation of the K-12 International Student Homestay program and a consistent supply of quality homestay hosts, you are invited to [complete this brief K-12 International Students Homestay Guidelines Survey](#) by June 14.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS & SECRETARY-TREASURERS – DUE JUNE 28,

4PM PST – Emergency Preparedness Survey: To support the work of a system-wide Emergency Preparedness Working Group, you are encouraged to complete this short [school district-level emergency preparedness survey](#). A second, school-level survey has also been created; please use the share button below to distribute this second survey to the school principals within your district to complete.

FOR ACTION, SCHOOL COUNSELLORS – DUE JULY 12 – Student Post-Secondary

Institution (PSI) Selections on the Student Transcripts Website: Grade 12 students are encouraged to [make their PSI selections and submit their transcript submissions](#) before July 12.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – Opportunity to Participate in Assessment Development Teams: The Ministry is seeking experienced educators interested in [participating in the development of provincial assessments](#).

FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS – BC Tripartite Education Agreement (BCTEA) First Nations Student Transportation Fund: In early March the Ministry announced that decisions regarding the [Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plans](#) would be communicated to school districts and First Nations by May 31, 2019. Please be advised the timeline for decisions has been delayed as additional information is still needed from some school districts and First Nations. Thank you for your support of this BCTEA initiative to ensure that First Nation Students living on-reserve get to and from BC Public Schools.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, DIRECTORS OF INSTRUCTION & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – International Baccalaureate Course Requirements: The Ministry can confirm that all [International Baccalaureate courses](#) will continue to meet the redesigned Grade 11 and 12 curriculum requirements for the 2019/20 school year.

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

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS & COUNSELLORS – 2018/2019 Provincial Scholarships Program: Each year the Ministry awards [BC Achievement Scholarships](#) to the top 8,000 graduates in the province. Vouchers are mailed out in September 2019, but departing graduates can also check their award status by logging into their [Student Transcripts Service account](#) in October.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS – Immunizations/Measles Catch-up Program: Please see [attached update](#) from the Ministry of Health relating to the immunization catch-up program and information on the ability of a student to provide their own consent to immunization.

NEWS RELEASES

CAREERS SUMMIT – [Careers summit will help students better prepare for the future](#)

NEW SCHOOL/CHILD CARE SPACES FOR LANGLEY – [New school, child care spaces coming for Willoughby families](#)

SCHOOL EXPANSION FOR VERNON – [More classrooms on the way for Vernon students at BX Elementary](#)

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