

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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PD ASSISTANCE FORMS

DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

If you are planning to apply for PD Assistance those yellow forms are due at the CTA Office before 4:30 on Friday, October 11, 2024.

There is NO DIGITAL OPTION!

Yellow form reminders:

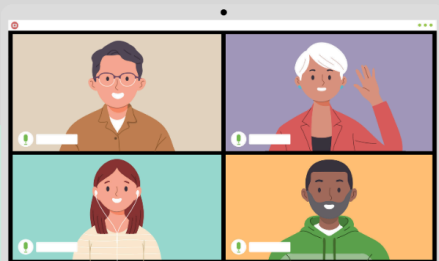
- **THREE** signatures are needed (unless you are a TTOC)
- **Program details are necessary**, submitting ONLY a receipt may not provide enough info for approval

• **PRINT CLEARLY SO WE CAN READ YOUR INFORMATION**

• Your Site PD Rep is **NOT** responsible for delivering forms!

• **It is too late for the school mailbag**

Attending a virtual PD event on October 25?
If so, you need to be at an SD43 site!



Provincial PSA Day

October 25, 2024
Friday

Join the Professional Specialist Associations for their Annual Fall Conferences on the October 25, 2024 Pro-D Day. An amazing day (or more!) of Professional Development organized and delivered by teachers, for teachers. There's something for everyone at www.psaday.ca/

Teachers teaching teachers

Classroom resources

Community

Pro-D

Skills development

SUPPORT

www.psaday.ca

BCTF
Kids Matter
Teachers Care



Validation

Confidence

Please complete this brief Failure to Fill Tracking Form each time prep or service time is lost or recovered.

If you have any questions on filling out the form please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971

President's Message

We are winding down to the Provincial Election on October 19th. This may well be a very consequential election for all members of the CTA and the BCTF. Some of the rhetoric on the subject of education out there is at the very least, misinformed. We certainly have stories to tell about our experiences with provincial governments of every political affiliation. We should tell them to all who'll listen and make education a vote-determining issue. I think it's essential that everyone make a decision on what will produce the most positive impact on their lives, working and otherwise, and then get to the polls and vote. A decision is best when it's a mandate for further action. There is still room for voluntary activities with candidates, contact any one of them to offer help. You don't need to volunteer in your own riding, you can volunteer anywhere. Advance voting opens this week from October 10th - 13th and 15th -16th. I personally love advance voting. No crowds, easy-peasy but some do love the excitement of a polling day.

In Solidarity - Ken

BCTF Zone Meeting

Ten CTA members attended the BCTF Zone Meeting this past Friday and Saturday to get updates, collaborate with colleagues, and plan ahead for possible areas of advocacy for this year. The discussion varied from Election information to local bargaining prep and included topics of equity and inclusion throughout. Brenda Celesta and Mariah Franzmann (BCTF Executive Committee Members-at-Large) provided updates about the upcoming provincial election, ongoing lobbying work around the reporting workload, and the continuing ministry Language Modernization project focused on better reflecting the ideals of inclusive language. The CTA members in attendance will continue their work to learn more options to support members, whether that is grants, shifts in communication approaches, or new resources. Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on their weekend!

Joint Health and Safety Member Training

District Occupational Health and Safety has scheduled the following in-house training sessions.

Occupational First Aid Level 1 Training

(for designated school first aid attendants needing credentials or with expiring credentials)

Wednesday, October 16 - B104

Tuesday, November 12 - B103

Wednesday, November 20 - B104

New Joint Health and Safety Member training

Tuesday, October 15 - B103

Wednesday, October 23 - B104

Tuesday, November 19 - B103

Thursday, November 21 - B103

All sessions will run from 8am to 4pm at the Education Learning Centre - 1080 Winslow Avenue.

Email JHSC@sd43.bc.ca if you are a designated first aid attendant with expiring or in need of credentials, or a new school JHSC member that needs training.



CTA Executive Committee Vacancies

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member at Large

Members interested in running for this position should submit a [CV form](#) to [Corbey](#) at the CTA Office

DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGN TEAM

The CTA is looking for 4 reps for the District Middle School Design Team. The Ministry of Education has approved the District to move forward with the design of the seismic replacement for Montgomery Middle.

This Design Team will collaborate with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide valuable feedback on the design of new middle schools in School District #43. The commitment involves approximately 2-3 meetings per month from 3:30 – 5:30 pm over a period of about 3-4 months during fall 2024 and early 2025. Additionally, there will be documents and drawings to review between meetings. Experience at middle school is ideal.

If you are interested in this Design Team please fill out a CV and submit it to Corbey (corbeyhj@cta43.org) at the CTA Office before 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Appointments will be made at the October 16, 2024 CTA Executive Committee meeting.



Fall Well Teacher Groups

The Well Teacher Groups provide educators the time and space to work with their colleagues and a trained wellness facilitator to work on their wellness. This new program was developed by Wade Repta, author of The Well Teacher.

GROUP 1

Presenter(s): Lara Williams and Kaleigh Hunter
Dates: Tuesdays, October 15–November 19, 2024
Location: Virtual/online Time: 4:30–6:30 p.m.

GROUP 2

Presenter(s): Lara Williams and Kaleigh Hunter
Dates: Wednesdays, October 16–November 20, 2024
Location: Virtual/online Time: 4:30–6:30 p.m.

GROUP 3

Presenter(s): Christy de Bulnes
Dates: Wednesdays, October 16–November 20, 2024
Location: Virtual/online Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

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GROUP 4

Presenter(s): Seann Atley and John Kim
Dates: Tuesdays, October 15–November 26, 2024
Location: Virtual/online Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.

GROUP 5

Presenter(s): Terisha Weber
Dates: Thursdays, October 24–December 5, 2024
Location: Virtual/online Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Register online <https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/wellness/attend-a-well-teacher-group---a-free-wellness-workshop-designed-for-teachers>

Where to vote?



Advance Voting

You don't need a special reason to vote at advance voting – it's an option for all eligible voters.

Advance voting will be held
October 10-13 and 15-16 | 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Closed Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving

Not all advance voting places are open every day of the advance voting period. Make sure to check your Where to Vote card or visit wheretovote.elections.bc.ca to find advance voting places and the dates they are open.

Voters can vote at any advance voting place in the province, and all advance voting places are wheelchair accessible.

Final Voting Day

Open Saturday, October 19 | 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters have an assigned voting place on Final Voting Day, but you can vote at another voting place if it's more convenient to you. Find your assigned voting place on your Where to Vote card or visit wheretovote.elections.bc.ca

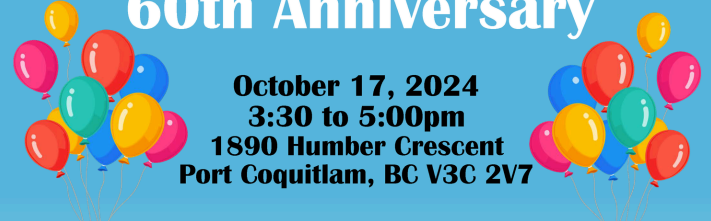
Veterans' Week

NOVEMBER 5-11, 2024

VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.VETERANS.GC.CA/EN/
REMEMBRANCE/CLASSROOM/
FOR RESOURCES AND LESSON
PLANS TO SUPPORT YOUR
TEACHING.](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/classroom/for-resources-and-lesson-plans-to-support-your-teaching)



Mary Hill Elementary's 60th Anniversary



**October 17, 2024
3:30 to 5:00pm
1890 Humber Crescent
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2V7**

We are pleased to invite all former staff, students, and families from the Mary Hill Elementary community to join us and celebrate this milestone event.

Please RSVP via email: maryhill@sd43.bc.ca



TERRY FOX SECONDARY



**CELEBRATING TFS
25TH
YEAR**

**JOIN US ON
November 15, 2024
5PM - 9PM**

1260 Riverwood Gate, Port Coquitlam

ONCE A RAVEN, ALWAYS A RAVEN



**TTC
BOARD GAME
Social**



**Thursday,
October 17
4-6 PM**



**RSVP:
corbeyhj@cta43.org**

@ CTA Office #208 - 2502 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

PD Power

PSA Day – October 25th, 2024

This year's Provincial Specialist Associations PD Day is fast approaching. A reminder that the yellow forms for PD Assistance must be submitted into the CTA office, with all the necessary program details (fee, date, and location), no later than 4:30pm on October 11th. If you have not already signed up, please check out the [PSA Day website](#) and explore the variety of associations and their conference details.

What is an LSA?

→ A local specialist association is a group of teachers interested in promotion and advocacy of PD in a specialist area

Want to create one?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED:

- 3 CTA members to be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer
- A provincial specialist association with the same specialist area
- A representative on the CTA LSA Council
- Sponsor one workshop on the CTA PD Day
- Have 3 meetings a year

For more information and an application, visit coquitlamteachers.ca > Professional Development > LSA Information

Applications are due October 30, 2024 to be eligible for funding



OCTOBER 17 IS RECOGNIZED AS THE
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF
POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms

For everyone, for good!



LEARNING NEVER ENDS

Join the CTA PD Committee to help advocate and shape our year of professional learning! Visit the site below for details and to apply.

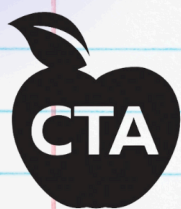
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JOINACTACOMMITTEE](https://tinyurl.com/joinactacommittee)



LENDING LIBRARY

For information about the CTA Lending Library, email lendinglibrary@cta43.org

CTA New Teacher Induction & Mentoring Social



save

the

date



November 21, 4:00 PM
Cactus Club @
Coquitlam Centre

More info will follow, including RSVP details, closer to the event



TTOCs & New Teachers

We are very much looking forward to seeing some of our TTOC Colleagues next **Thursday, October 17 at 4:00 PM at the CTA Office** (#208 – 2502 St. Johns Street, Port Moody) for good conversation and board game fun! We will have some snacks and non-alcoholic beverages along with a variety of quick to learn board games. If you'd like to join us to meet colleagues, chat with a few members of the CTA Executive Committee, and enjoy a game or two, please RSVP to Corbey as soon as possible! (corbeyhj@cta43.org) You're welcome to drop in whenever you're able – we will be here from 4:00 – 6:00 PM!



FLI ATTENDANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR BIPOC TEACHERS

The BCTF Federation Leadership Institute (FLI) will take place this year from November 21–23, 2024.

This three-day event is a training opportunity for local officers.

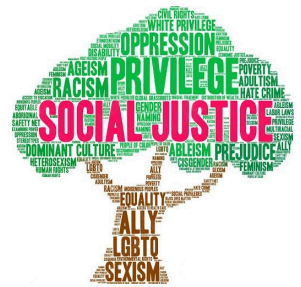
The schedule includes a mixture of short courses (90-minutes) and longer courses (half-day and whole-day sessions) that will focus on the work of local union leadership in supporting members and upholding the collective agreement. Topics include protecting member rights effectively, benefits, legal issues, communication skills, health and wellness, social justice, mentorship, educational policy, and assisting members with workplace challenges.

The BCTF invites BIPOC members who would not otherwise attend FLI to apply to attend the institute at BCTF expense.

Deadline to apply: Friday October 11, 2024 For more information visit: <https://www.bctf.ca/news-and-opportunities/news-details/2024/09/23/additional-delegates-to-the-federation-leadership-institute>

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



CASJ's first meeting of the year will be **October 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM at Creekside Coffee Factory** (103 - 3000 Lougheed Hwy, Coquitlam). All CTA members are welcome to join us for some discussion around current social justice topics, planning for the year ahead, and discussion of our first book club book of this school year – Yellow Face by RF Kuang. If you'd like to join us, please send Meggan a quick email (mcrawford@cta43.org or call the CTA office) so we know how many people to expect!



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN

CAMPAGNE MOOSE HIDE

Indigenous-led movement taking a stand to end gender-based violence



Our next BIPOC educators' committee is Wednesday November 20, 2024 at Millside Centre at 4pm.

You don't have to be a committee member to attend. We hope to see you there! The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. Find more information about what we do [here](#). BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meeting or joining the committee. To join us or ask any questions you might have, contact Ryan Cho at bipoceducators@cta43.org

Get Ready for the October 19th provincial election

Register to vote or update your voter information today

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



**New Westminster
and District
Labour Council**

4 CTA Representatives



School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 2 CTA Reps
Student Achievement Advisory - 1 Middle Rep
District Student Wellness & Safety - 1 CTA Rep
District Indigenous Ed Advisory - Currently Full
District French Advisory - 1 CTA Rep
District Technology Advisory - Currently Full
District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full
District Anti-Racism Committee - Currently Full
District Public Speaking - 2 Elementary Reps,
1 Middle Rep

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

The CTA is seeking 6 CTA members to form a working group to inform the CTA Executive Committee's work on engaging the district on the matter of adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy. If you have any questions about the working group, please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President. Please submit a CV form to the CTA office.



Negotiations Committee

Our Collective Agreement is up for re-negotiation in 2025, and a new Negotiations Committee is required.

As per CTA Policy 7.a the committee still has the following spots available:

- One (1) Member who identifies as Black
- One (1) Member who identifies as Indigenous

Members-at-large shall be elected to serve until a new Collective Agreement has been ratified by both parties. If you are interested in running for one of these positions please submit a CV to Corbey at the CTA Office.

If you have any questions please contact Meggan Crawford, Lead Negotiator or call 604-936-9971



Standing Committees

CTA Adult Educators

- 1 High School Completion Rep
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

- 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email Ryan Cho.

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Middle Rep, 1 Elementary Rep,
- 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ Rep, 1 LSA Rep
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 8 Members-at-Large,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 3 Middle Reps, 1 Member-at-Large rep ,
- 2 Elementary Reps, 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous, 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (corbeyhj@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

Contact Us:

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971



Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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Ronak Pahlevanlu, Labour Relations

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Ryan McMahon, PD Chair

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1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

HomeWeb.ca

CTA Website Access

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

If you need to reset your password, please contact Kelly Stewart



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CTA Administration

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Kelly Stewart, Admin. Assistant

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Corbey Heyes-Jones, Admin. Assistant

CTA PD Day, Committees, CTA Lending Library

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