



STA Connection December 9-13, 2019



BC Teachers joining in a rally Nov 23rd in Victoria outside the NDP convention

#RedforBCED “Burma Shaves” this week!

“Burma Shaves” are an action where people hold signs that spell out messages. We have prepared signs with messages to be held by groups of teachers to help the public understand our distress at not having a signed contract yet, at the continuing underfunding of education, and at the teacher shortage. Let’s get our message out in public to bring awareness - by doing this we can put pressure on the government to address our concerns!

We need teachers to show up to these planned actions in the coming days. We will do 3 locations per day. Please take a look and show up in numbers at a location near your school or on your commute home. Talk to your colleagues and encourage each other!

- **Wednesday December 11 - 3-4 pm in all locations:**

1. King George Boulevard in front of Queen Elizabeth,
2. 152nd near Johnston Heights,
3. 72nd in front of Princess Margaret

- **Friday, December 13, 3-4 pm in all locations:**

1. 108 & 148 near Guildford Park Sec.,
2. 64th and 144 near Sullivan Heights Sec.,
3. Fraser Highway and 160th.

- **Monday, December 16 - 3-4 pm in all locations:**

1. 160th in front of North Surrey,
2. King George Boulevard by 34th Ave. in White Rock, (park at the back of the parking lot behind Grace Point church
3. 84th Ave. in front of Enver Creek

Wear red shirts, toques, scarves, mittens, umbrellas, etc, all are good! Bring any STA or BCTF flags you may have!

We will bring signs to each location and the flags we have. At each location members of the STA Exec will be there, ready to speak with media. Let's earn some media by showing up! People accuse teachers of jumping straight to a strike, but we want to put pressure on NOW so that we can get a deal without a strike. Thanks to all you wonderful Surrey teachers for acting together to show our spirit! We shall feel the support of the public from their honks!



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| • December 10: Executive Committee | • December 16: Burma Shaves |
| • December 11: Surrey School Board Meeting 7 pm @ DEC | • December 17: Members of Colour Committee |
| • December 11: Burma Shaves | • December 18: STARA Meeting @ Eaglequest |
| • December 13: Burma Shaves | • December 21: Winter Break Begins |
| • December 16: Health & Safety Committee | |

Final STARA of 2019!



The final STARA Meeting of 2019 will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at Eaglequest Golf Centre starting at 4:00 pm. As a thank you to our reps for all the hard work they do, there will be a social event and dinner following the meeting.

Presentation Materials Available!

Some members have expressed an interest in presenting to their PACs about the current state of teacher bargaining and the prevalence model. Also, some staff reps at schools that have not yet received a school visit from a member of the Executive Committee have requested a presentation that they can share with their staffs at an in-committee STA meeting. We have prepared presentations for both of these audiences, along with supporting materials. Staff reps who wish to obtain such materials should provide a personal email to sta@surreyteachers.org, and we will provide them.

Do you want to go to the BCTF AGM this year?



STA delegates to 2019 BCTF AGM

The BCTF Annual General Meeting will take place from **March 14-17, 2020** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver.

Each year over 750 delegates from around the province attend the BCTF AGM. It is a great opportunity to see how the BCTF operates, to hear new perspectives on important issues, meet colleagues from other parts of the province, and to have a voice in the decisions made by the union. Surrey can send up to 60 delegates. Under the STA's Policies and Procedures, the 10 members of the Resolutions Committee will automatically be delegates, therefore we will need to elect **50 delegates** plus alternates. Hotel accommodations and expenses are covered by the BCTF. Childcare arrangements are also available.

Delegates will be elected at the **Special General Meeting on January 22** at the **Bombay Banquet Hall**. Elected delegates and alternates are expected to attend all training sessions leading up to the AGM. Sessions are as follows:

- February 10 – Rookie AGM Delegates training (8:30 am to 3:30 pm at STA).
- February 20 – AGM Delegates training (3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Eaglequest).
- February 26 – AGM Delegates training (8:30 am to 2:45 pm at Eaglequest).
- March 7 – AGM Delegates training (3:30 am to 6:00 pm at Eaglequest).

If you are interested in becoming a delegate and can commit to the preparation meetings, please email your name and a brief statement to sta@surreyteachers.org by **Friday, January 10**. Remember, your chances of being elected as a delegate are much better if you have a written statement! It is also possible to nominate yourself from the floor at the meeting. If you have any questions about the BCTF AGM, or the process of becoming a delegate, please contact Jatinder Bir at 2vp@surreyteachers.org.

BCTF New Teachers' Conference - Extended Deadline!



REGISTER NOW

bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

Renowed Keynote: Saylesh Wesley
 a teacher, a public speaker, a strong caring voice

The STA will be covering registration fees, mileage and parking for new teachers in Surrey to attend the [BCTF New Teachers' Conference](#) on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Richmond. If you'd like to be considered, please email reception@surreyteachers.org by 4:00 pm on December 9th. We have received and approved 19 participants so far; we have funds for 23 more! If we receive more names than we have spots, we will be selecting attendees by a random draw.

The conference will feature Saylesh Wesley as keynote speaker, a panel of teachers, a wide range of workshop topics, and a resource fair displaying teaching material and more. Most of all, this event is an opportunity to network with teachers coming from all over the province and make some new lifelong friendships. The registration fee includes a welcoming reception in the evening before the conference as well as breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

The conference is specifically designed to serve teachers who have been teaching for five years or less; it is also open to teachers who have come back to the classroom after a leave or who changed district and/or workload. Student teachers are encouraged to attend.

Booking a TTOC? Don't forget this step!

Select the subjects and levels that you require coverage for during your absence in priority order. The first Subject and Level should be your greatest FTE subject area.

	Subject	Level
1.	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Elem - Classroom (T) ▼</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Elementary (K-7) (T) ▼</div>
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Enter a message for your replacement then click Next.

Message:

Grade 5 classroom
 Lesson plans on the desk
 Fire drill after lunch
 Prep last block

Next

When you are logging an absence, there is a “message” box that allows you to write some notes for the TTOC to read. TTOCs find this box extremely helpful, as when they are viewing the dispatch board, all

they see is a vague description, such as “Elementary (K-7)”. That does not give TTOCs very much information, so please consider adding a bit more in the message box as this may increase the likelihood of a TTOC picking up the job and is really appreciated! Thank you to Kelly MacDosen for submitting this tip!

Nominations Open for Prestigious BCTF Awards

Nominations are now open for the Federation's most coveted awards. The winners are invited to the Annual General Meeting to be honoured by colleagues from across the province.

- The [Bob Rosen Social Justice Award](#) is granted to a member or honorary associate member who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution in working for systemic change on issues of social justice. **Applications are due by January 31, 2020.**
 - The [Stewart Schon Award](#) is granted to a member or honorary associate member who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the health and safety of BCTF members. **Applications are due by January 31, 2020.**
 - The [G.A. Fergusson Award](#) is granted annually to a BCTF member (or former member) who has made an outstanding contribution to public education. **Applications are due by February 10, 2020.**
 - Nominations are also open for [Honorary Life Memberships](#). **Applications are due by February 10, 2020.**
 - There are also many [other award opportunities](#) available on the BCTF website
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Angel Tree 2019

Hosted by Surrey Women's Centre

Provide wishes for a woman and/or her child/children!

We take 3 wishes (\$25 value each) from each woman and child, we then provide those wishes to sponsors.

The sponsor purchases the gifts, wraps them, and returns them to the Centre.

Our Christmas Elves ensure the women and children get the gifts before Christmas!

*Contact giving@surrey womenscentre.ca
or
604-589-1869 ext. 225 for more info*



We are so proud to be Surrey Teachers and we know there are amazing things happening around the

district that we would love to hear about. In the spirit of acts of kindness, we would love for our members to send us a “shout out” about a colleague who inspires you and who you think deserves recognition, whether it is for their kindness, a great resource they shared recently, or an awesome lesson they teach.

This week’s shout out is from Elsome Tsui to Patricia Jansen:

“Here’s a big shout out to Patricia Jansen at David Brankin! Thanks to this amazing and energetic retired teacher for filling in our open LST position this term. You have shown so much dedication towards this short term position, learning all the new things that come with the role (especially all the online and technological sides of things). The Team has been lucky to have you! Thank you.”

Thank you Elsome, you and Patricia are now entered into our monthly draw for a \$25 Indigo! gift certificate. Please submit your “shout outs” to Angela via communications@surreyteachers.org to spread the kindness around our local and for your chance to win a gift card too!