



STA Connection February 3-7, 2020

BCTF Job Action Plan

An email was sent out to all BCTF members yesterday clarifying information post Winter Representative Assembly, where a multi-phased contingency plan was approved. The BCTF is still 100% committed to the current mediation process. The plan will not be put forth to the members for a vote unless mediation concludes and the BCTF Executive Committee feels there is a need. Specific details about the plan will be posted on the member portal this week. Please see your email for more details.

How Do I Login to MyBCTF?

The BCTF Member Portal, named [MyBCTF.ca](https://mybctf.ca), is a secure area of the BCTF website for members only. In the portal, you will find bargaining updates, registration for events, PSA information, and other confidential documents for members.

If you are logging in for the first time, click the “Sign Up Now” button to register. You will need your BCTF member ID, which is located on your BCTF Member Card. If you can’t find your member ID, you can call the BCTF at (604) 871-2119 weekdays between 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and a BCTF staff person will help retrieve your Member ID. If you have your Member ID but keep getting an error screen, you can call the BCTF or email portal@bctf.ca for support. If you have forgotten your password, you can click on the “Forgot your password” link, and they will send you a password reset link through your email.



- February 6 - Awards Committee
- February 6 - Finance Committee
- February 7 - Bright Futures for Surrey Youth
- February 10 - BCTF AGM Rookie Delegate Training
- February 10 - Environmental Justice Committee
- February 11 - Executive Committee
- February 12 - Indigenous Education Committee
- February 12 - Health and Safety Committee
- February 12 - Surrey School Board Meeting 7 pm @ DEC
- February 13 - [Job Share Meeting](#) 3:30 pm @ Eaglequest Golf
- February 13 - Labour Affairs Committee
- February 13-15 - BCTF Women's Institute
- February 18 - [IST: Roles and Responsibilities Workshop](#)
- February 19 - Special General Meeting @ Bombay Banquet Hall
- February 20 - BCTF AGM Delegate Training 3:30 pm @ Eaglequest Golf
- February 21 - [Focus Day](#) @ North Surrey Secondary
- February 26 - BCTF AGM Delegate Training 8:30 am @ Eaglequest Golf
- Feb 27 - Labour Affairs Committee Film Night
- February 29 - Cross Border Conference 12 pm @ Kwantlen Park Secondary

Want a Bargaining Update at your School?

We are working hard at the STA to provide up-to-date information about bargaining. We organized two information sessions after school in November, and we have been visiting many schools at lunch hour to discuss it all! We have visited 80 schools so far!

Reps: if your staff would like a visit from a table officer, please contact our Rep Support staff person, Stacy Johnson at repsupport@surreyteachers.org to arrange.

Remember, twice per year we provide up to \$80 per elementary school, Learning Centre, Adult Education centre and other smaller worksites, up to \$100 for schools with a registration of over 700 students, and up to \$120 per secondary school for refreshments at school union meetings, with a recommendation that school staffs also use those meetings in part to create group initiatives such as letters to government and/or social media action.

TTOCs, We Need your Personal Contact Information

Since we are in bargaining, we may need to contact you outside of the employer systems of email, courier and phones. To ensure that you have the information you need about any confidential union updates, we are asking you to please provide us contact information. The information will be kept privately and securely by the STA, and only used for the purpose of confidential union communications.

The form is at this link: <http://bit.ly/TTOCPersInfo>

Call-Out for More AGM Alternates!

Are you interested in attending the BCTF AGM (March 14-17), but did not manage to get your name in last month? We will be electing more AGM alternate delegates at our Special General Meeting on February 19 at Bombay Banquet Hall. Although it is not guaranteed that you will be able to attend the AGM, we will provide training, and it is common for many alternates to end up attending as delegates. If you are

interested, please send your name (no write-up necessary) to reception@surreyteachers.org by **February 17**, or you can run from the floor at the meeting.

Is Your Staff Room Bulletin Board Spruced Up?



We have new STA bulletin board headers which have been passed out to reps at rep training in October and January, and to a few schools during lunch visits. There are approximately 30 schools that still don't have one, so if your school has not received one, please ask us, and/or check with your STA rep. Every school should have a designated bulletin board for union news, and we and the BCTF are often sending posters and information to post, so we wanted to inspire you to organize this space. Check out the nice board at Hjorth Road!

Job Share: All the Information You Need

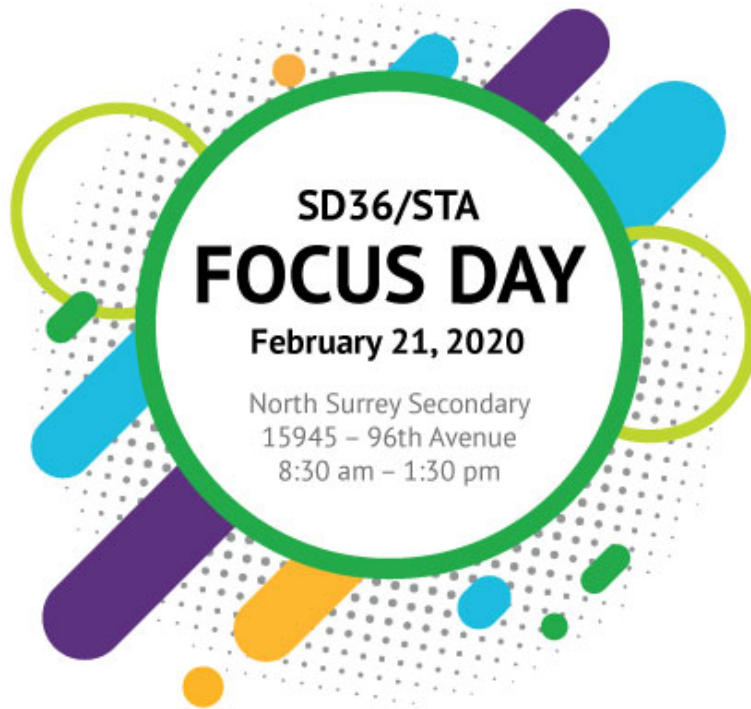


Join your colleagues on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** at Eaglequest to connect with potential job share partners and learn about your rights when it comes to job shares. The STA will facilitate this information session and answer any questions you may have. In addition to taking you through the application process, you will learn about possible denials and what options you have available to you. Bring your questions! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Babies welcome! [Register](#) now!

THIS WEEK: Bright Beginnings Foundation Gala Dinner

Courtesy of the Anti-Poverty Committee, tickets are available for the Bright Beginnings Banquet on February 7th. If you are interested in attending, send your name and contact information to Helen Kelsey at etmanski_h@surreyschools.ca. A draw will be held for selection of the ticket disbursement. Selected recipients will be notified.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT SURREYFOCUSDAY.CA



TEACHING TO DIVERSITY: INCLUSION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

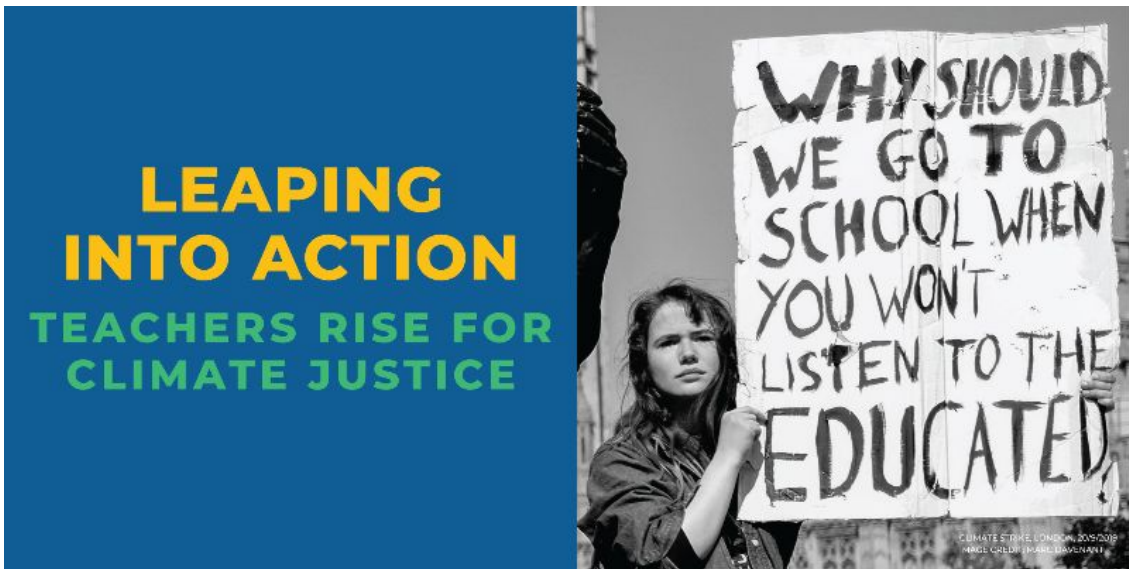
Keynote Speaker: Dr. J. Katz

Dr. Katz received her PhD in 2008 from the University of British Columbia in inclusive education. She is the author of "Teaching to Diversity: The Three Block Model of Universal Design for Learning," "Resource Teachers: A Changing Role in the Three-Block Model of UDL," and "Ensouling Our Schools: A Universally Designed Framework for Mental health, Well-Being, and Reconciliation." Dr. Katz taught in diverse classrooms from K-12 in Winnipeg and Vancouver for 16 years, including both special education classrooms and inclusive classrooms, in addition to working as a resource teacher, guidance counsellor, and consultant. Her work as an advocate of inclusive education has become known internationally. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education at UBC.



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Cross Border Conference Feb 29, 2020!



We have seen remarkable leadership from teenagers on Climate Justice in the last few months, worldwide. Teachers have a role to play in supporting these activists, and in taking steps in our own practice to support all our students who are growing up in a changing climate. Your STA International Solidarity Committee is hosting the 3rd annual Cross Border Conference, which takes place in Surrey but invites Washington and Oregon teachers, plus all other BC teachers, to come here to confer! Please consider attending, encourage your colleagues to do so, and bring your student teachers along! This is a unique opportunity to collaborate with some American colleagues, and we have some amazing workshops lined up. It is only \$50, which could be claimed through your Pro D funds. This year we are at Kwantlen Park Secondary, noon to 7:30 pm, Saturday, February 29th.

We promise you a delightful day. Registration is now open! www.crossborderconference.com



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STA CONVENTION MAY 1, 2020

Keynote Speaker: Ryan McMahon Digital Media Maker & Community Activator

Ryan McMahon is an Anishinaabe comedian, writer, media maker and community activist from Couchiching First Nation in Treaty 3 Territory. As the founder & CEO of Makoons Media Group, Ryan brings indigenous stories to light through conversations, research & investigation. He provides audiences with an in-depth, challenging analysis of the indigenous experience & the reconciliation movement. Ryan inspires audiences to play their part in building a more equitable country.

staconvention.ca



Wuhan Coronavirus

- The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) has more information on its website about [coronavirus](#).
- The BCCDC recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure are the same as fighting colds and flu:
 - Wash your hands frequently (it's the single most effective way of reducing infection spread)
 - Practice other good hygiene habits: don't touch your face/eyes/mouth with your hands, and cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough (ideally with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow)

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched workspace surfaces
- Maintain good general health (eat a balanced diet, get enough sleep, exercise in moderation)
- Stay home if you're sick
- Contact [8-1-1](tel:8-1-1) ([HealthLink BC](#)) or your health care provider for questions about your personal health situation

For more information on the coronavirus please visit:

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[BC Ministry of Health](#)

[Health Canada](#)

Grade 7 Girls' Leadership Conference

The STA Status of Women Committee is once again planning our annual Grade 7 Girls' Conference. We would like to ask if you are able to work with us, to give the girls a fun and inspiring day, or if you know of anyone (does not have to be a teacher) who would give a fun and interactive workshop. The conference will be taking place on Monday, May 25, 2020 at Princess Margaret Secondary, located at 12870 – 72 Ave, Surrey. The day will begin at 8:30 am and end by 2:30 pm. Presenters will present 3 sessions, about 1 hour and 15 minutes each.

If you are interested in presenting, please complete the form at bit.ly/stagirls2020. If you know of someone who would be a great fit, you can send your suggestion to Angela Marcakis at marcakis_a@surreyschools.ca. Thank you so much for supporting this inspiring event!

#RedforBCED - On Wednesdays, We Wear Red!



Pictured are teachers from Princess Margaret Secondary wearing their #RedforBCED!

Surrey teachers, please send us photos and videos of your staff wearing their red, holding walk-ins, Burma Shaves, and any other acts of solidarity. Let us know if we can help support you in any way. We need a fair

deal that includes better working and learning conditions and fair salaries!

Please post your pictures on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the hashtag #RedforBCED



Surrey Primary Teachers' Association

Salmon Sharing Session

(This could be of particular interest to Grade 2 teachers as it fits in with the Big Ideas in the Grade 2 Science curriculum.)

Facilitator: Jennifer Harder

Friday, February 21st, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Room 202 (upstairs), Hazelgrove Elementary
7057 191st Street, Surrey

If you are teaching about the importance of salmon and/or their life cycle in your classroom, this is a sharing session that might be of interest to you. Ideas will be shared related to the salmon life cycle, raising salmonids in your classroom, resources that are available, literature, tech links, and related artwork. Make a piece of some salmon art to take back to your classroom. Bring along any ideas or samples that you've been using in your classroom to share with others.

Surrey Primary Teachers' Association

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This is a sharing session.
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Snacks, refreshments, and door prizes are included in this session.
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Just a reminder that SPTA workshops are scent-free events.

SURREY PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Register at:

www.spta36.weebly.com

When registering, go under the "workshop" menu and select the salmon sharing session.

SPTA Members: Free
Non-members: \$10



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 Marilyn Ricketts-Lindsay to Kyla Boieeie:

“Shout out to Kyla Boieeie IST at Don Christian. Your dedication, advocacy and commitment to our most vulnerable students with special needs, are appreciated and valued by many of your colleagues.”

Thank you Marilyn, you and Kyla 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!

SURREY EDUCATOR'S THURSDAY LEAGUE



**COME TRY
CURLING!**
**ALL LEVELS
WELCOME**

Who: Current or Retired Surrey Teachers,
Principals, EA's, CUPE STAFF, and
Partners.

What: Mixed Curling

When: Feb 6 –March 12, 2020

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Where: Peace Arch Curling Club
1475 Anderson St, White Rock

Fees: \$60 per person

Register: <https://peacearch.curling.io/en/admin/leagues>

All you need is a clean pair of running shoes we will supply the brooms and sliders

For more information:

Visit: www.peacearchcurling.com

Email: manager@peacearchcurling.com



75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau

The BCSSTA and the Ministry of Education encourages schools to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau (January 27th) by watching a powerful new video about one of its survivors. Told by

Buying or Refinancing a Home?

You may have faced some challenges in the past getting approved for a mortgage if you were not in a full-time contract. Good news! Recently, they have been approving non-full-time teachers! EMC Mortgages is part of our

his son, "Leo's Journey: In My Father's Words" is Leo Lowy's account of his experience at Auschwitz during World War II. Please visit the Leo's Journey website to watch this video (recommended for a Secondary audience).

BCTF Advantage Program, and can help you get great rates on your mortgage.