

STA CONNECTION

Action Items

1. Call for Resolutions
2. Register for Pro-D Rep Training
3. Register for Staff Rep Training
4. World Teachers' Day Celebration
5. School Visits

1. BCTF AGM 2023 Call for Resolutions

Submit your idea(s) by September 29 using our [resolution form](#) to the STA office at courier #000, or fax: 604-594-5176, Attention: Resolutions Committee. You can also send ideas by email to Gavin Hainsworth at 2vp@surreyteachers.org.

2. Register for Pro-D Rep Training

We have scheduled training for experienced reps on September 28, 29, and October 3 and 6. [Register now](#)

Important note: Pro-D Funds will only be released to your school once you have attended a Pro-D Rep Training session.



3. Register for Staff Rep Training

New Staff Reps: "Role and Function of the Staff Rep" workshop on **October 4, 5, or November 2**. [Register now](#)

All Staff Reps: "Having Conversations" workshop on **October 18, 19, or 20**. Please watch for registration information closer to the date since it is a first come first serve event.



4. World Teachers' Day Celebration

RSVP to attend our celebration for World Teachers' Day at ONE of the following locations: The Taphouse Guildford, Dublin Crossing Irish Pub, and S+L South Surrey Kitchen & Bar. [Register here](#)



5. School Visits

We'd like to visit your school! Complete the [School Visit Form](#) to let us know which date you would prefer. We are available for lunch or after school visits.

Truth and Reconciliation

Events to support activities around September 30

- [Intergenerational March for Orange Shirt Day](#) – the [UBC](#) Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre Canada holds an educational march on campus on September 30th between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm.
- [Building Local Relationships Workshop](#) – in partnership with the Indigenous Perspectives Society, the BC Non-Profit Housing Association hosts an educational webinar from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on September 20th.
- [Semiahmoo Reconciliation Day Events](#)
- We Stand with You Through Truth and Reconciliation – PLEA Community Services has put together this event in support with the local indigenous people, the Katzie First Nations, and local community partners to support and bring awareness to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2022, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park (11930 224 Street, Maple Ridge, BC)
- [Surrey Urban Leadership Council](#) – Skookum Surrey – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- [Remembering the Children](#)

Resources to support activities around September 30

- [Beyond September 30: Doing the Work](#)
- [Connecting - Resilience - Indigenous Truth & Reconciliation Gr 5-7 Workbook](#)

Collective Agreement Notes

Report on Meetings with the District

1. On *Thursday, September 15*, Table Officers met with Human Resources. Among topics that were discussed were: Remedy and the FSAs.
2. On *Thursday, September 22*, Table Officers met with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and Director of HR. We brought forward your concerns about class size/composition, best efforts regarding class organization, remedy, Student Support Services, and the Racial Equity Plan. The employer brought forward information about Student Family Assistance Fund, updated enrolment and staffing, and updates on reporting order.

More information about these meetings will be shared out at STARAs throughout the school year. **Upcoming STARA dates are October 19, February 15, April 19, and June 14.**

Health and Safety

Ventilation

If members are experiencing respiratory issues they find connected with a workspace, they should ask for the air quality in the space to be assessed using the [Indoor Air Quality Complaint Investigation Protocol](#).

When the form is completed to send, send a copy (you may find taking a picture with your phone to attach to an email to be best if you don't have access to a scanner) to your principal, your school health and safety rep to bring to your school's health and safety committee, and Gavin Slade-Kerr at hs@surreyteachers.org. [Read more](#)



Refusal of Unsafe Work

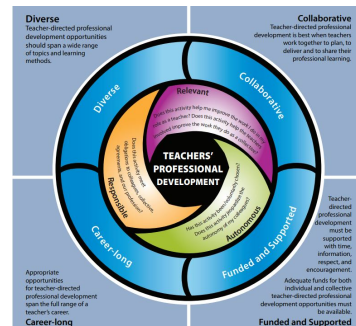
There has been an amendment to the right to refuse unsafe work legislation. The new section requires an employer to provide written notice of a work refusal while the employer is still working through the steps to resolve the work refusal. Written notice must be provided to any worker assigned or permitted to do the work that is the subject of the work refusal. When there is a joint health and safety committee or worker health and safety representative at the workplace, they must also be given notice in writing. [Read more](#)

Professional Development

September 26th Professional Development Day

Reminder that Monday, September 26 is our first Professional Development Day for the 2022-2023 school year. For some schools, this may be an admin directed day (they are entitled to one full day per school year). In that case, they are responsible for planning the day and you must attend in person.

If September 26 is not an admin day at your school, here are some guidelines to help you make the most of your professional development for the day.



BCTF Teacher Inquiry Project

Teacher inquiry has become a well-established model of self-directed professional development throughout the province, and the BCTF is pleased to offer teachers the opportunity to be part of one of 18 joint local/district inquiry projects.

Please submit project applications to the STA Office, attention Erin Coleman, by Tuesday, September 27th. Applications are due to the BCTF by October 7, and we need time to secure funding. For more information and project applications, please visit the [BCTF Professional Development Page](#).

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Erin Coleman at pd@surreyteachers.org

Announcements

Call for Nominations for Member-at-Large and TTOC & Early Career Rep

Due to two new vacancies on the STA Executive Committee, there will be elections for the roles of Member-at-Large and Representative of TTOC & Early Career at a SGM preceding the October 19 STARA. Candidate statements should be submitted to Stamata reception@surreyteachers.org by 8:30am on **Thursday, September 29**.

September 30

The **Surrey Teachers' Association Office will be closed on September 30** in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Municipal Election 2022: Get To Know Surrey's Candidates for School Trustee

The STA will be hosting a *Virtual Education Town Hall* on October 6, 2022, at 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We are requesting that each Surrey municipal trustee party send up to two candidates running for school trustee to discuss issues and concerns relating to public education with local teachers.

Advanced Voting: October 5, 8, 9 and 12

Election Day: October 15

Election Website: <https://www.surrey.ca/2022-municipal-election>

Staff Committee Chair Training on October 18 at 3:45pm

There will be an in-person training for Staff Committee Chairs on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:45pm – 5:45pm. More details will be forthcoming. Until then, here is the [Staff Committee handbook](#).

Teachers' pension news! Your Teachers' Employer Newsletter

The [October Employer Newsletter](#) has all the Teachers' pension news you need to know. Learn about this month's news:

- Group policy validation
- New employer website
- Employer Council
- Contact confirmation form

Office Chairs Available

We have used office chairs available for pick up if any member is interested. Please see the attached PDF for a closer look. Pick up will be on a first come first serve basis. Drop by the STA office on Thursday, September 29 between 3pm to 5pm.



Give Peace a Chance Festival

Global Peace Alliance invites all to the Bell Centre of Performing Arts, in Surrey on Saturday, October 1st at 11:00 am for their yearly "Give Peace a Chance" festival commemorating the United Nations International Day of Peace. The keynote is Kachina Melinda Bige, from Lutselk'e Dené First Nation and the Indigenous Chair at Kwantlen University. [Get your tickets](#) for just a \$5 donation; children, students and seniors are free. For more information about the event, visit their [program details](#).



Upcoming Events

STA Events

September 27

Executive Committee Meeting

September 28

[Pro-D Rep Training](#)

Awards Committee Meeting

September 29

[Pro-D Rep Training](#)

Tentative Candidates Townhall Meeting

September 30

Orange Shirt Day

National Truth & Reconciliation Day

October 3

Ad Hoc Environmental Justice Committee Meeting

Pro-D Committee Meeting

October 5

[World Teachers' Day Celebration](#)

October 6

Tentative Candidates Townhall Meeting

October 11

Resolutions Committee Full Day Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting

Other Important Dates

September 26-30

[Truth and Reconciliation Week](#)

October

Learning Disability Awareness Month

[Women's History Month](#)

October 1

[International Day of Older Persons](#)

[End Racism. Build Peace Multicultural Festival](#)

October 2

[International Day of Non-Violence](#)

October 3

[World Habitat Day](#)

October 3-9

[National Family Week](#)

October 4

[Sisters in Spirit Day](#)

October 5

[World Teachers' Day | UNESCO](#)

For more, visit [United Nations International awareness dates](#)

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that STA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the q'w'a:ḥł'əḥ (Kwantlen), q̓ičəy̓ (Katzie), qiqéyt (Qayqayt) and səmi'ɑ:mu: (Semiahmoo) who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land. As educators, we are committed to actions aimed at healing the broken relationship between settlers and Indigenous peoples.