

VESTA WEEKLY

TOPICS WORTH TALKING ABOUT! PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

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Pacific Blue Cross AGM

The PBC elections are underway right now, and every member of the plan has the right to vote. The vote closes on June 14th. You should have already received an email as a member of the plan, and from the BCTF.

There are four candidates running for three positions. We'd like to draw your attention to the three incumbents who are all union members. Having representation of the board who have a union perspective is vital.

The following candidates for positions on the Board of Directors of PBC.

- Brendan Dick: retired Hospital Employees' Union HEU (PBC Board Chair)
- Joe Elworthy: retired Unifor (Audit, Risk, and Investment Committee member)
- Jim Iker: BCTF (PBC Foundation Chair, Audit, Risk and Governance Committee)

Brendan, Jim & Joe support ensuring that PBC remains true to its founding principles of a Not-For Profit Health Benefits service provider, with community and labour friendly support, connections, and relationships.

- that PBC continues to be a responsible employer, providing for a safe respectful workplace that encourages diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- that PBC's continues to remain the #1 health benefit provider in British Columbia.
- that the Board you helped elect in 2017 continues to put forth a progressive agenda



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Their Individual Profiles can be viewed at <https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/2021agm>

You can only vote on-line. There is no voting on the day of the AGM**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS**

Voting Begins June 4, 2021

Voting Ends June 14, 2021, at 4:30 pm PT

Link to the Portal https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/2021agm#bod_noms

You will need both your Policy Number and ID number to register and vote.

Your policy number and ID can be found on your Pacific Blue Cross card - VSB teacher policy is 20039 and your employee number is your ID.

BCTF Bargaining Training

There are still spots available for VESTA Members to attend the BCTF Bargaining Training and to learn about the Split of Issues (Provincial and Local Bargaining) and Getting Ready for Local Bargaining. VESTA has approved funding for 25 members to be released for the half day to attend each of these sessions and they take place on the afternoons of June 16 and 23.

Petition for Truth and Reconciliation Inservice

As you already know, the bodies of 215 murdered Indigenous youth and children were revealed at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc. As settlers we have to dig deep and ask ourselves, what role has education played in the genocide of Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island? It is only when we confront and accept the truth, that we can move forward in Reconciliation.

The Anti Oppression Educators Collective has issued an open letter calling on the Ministry of Education to implement two days next school year for mandatory in service to read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

It is integral for settlers in the education system to read, learn and reckon. The demand in the petition is not on our Indigenous colleagues, for far too long they have carried the burden of settler education and the trauma and continual oppression of colonization.

You can read the open letters on www.aoec.ca, and sign the [petition](#). Please amplify by having a conversation in your school communities and by sharing this petition in your network.

TTOC Employment Insurance Seminar

Please don't wait to register for the June 23rd Webinar on Employment Insurance. Goals of the workshop are to provide TTOCs with resources and information to enable them to successfully apply for EI benefits, including effective, error-free applications, and maximizing and extending benefits.

Email lori@vesta.ca to RSVP – space is limited!



Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association

**Employment Insurance Webinar
Navigating the EI Claim Process for TTOCs
June 9th and June 23rd from 4 - 6 pm**

MAXIMUM 15 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION
PLEASE REGISTER ASAP

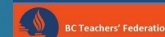
Seats reserved based on the first 15 email registrations.
To register and attend and to receive your meeting link
email: lori@vesta.ca
with your full name and session date

This BCTF workshop will provide teachers teaching on call with the resources and information to enable them to successfully apply for EI benefits.



Employment Insurance Seminar

Navigating the EI Claim Process for Teachers Teaching on Call



- Make effective, error-free applications
- Maximize your benefits and extend those benefits throughout the school year including Spring and Winter breaks

General Meeting June 15 – Reminder!

Reminder that VESTA Members have the opportunity to discuss and debate the objectives we will recommend for both provincial and local bargaining tables. Please make your advice known to your Staff Rep in order that our objectives reflect the desire of the membership. **All VESTA members are welcome to attend any VESTA meeting, and all VESTA members can vote at all General Meetings.**

The Executive Committee is bringing a series of recommendations for both tables. The Provincial objectives are forwarded to the BCTF for inclusion in the BCTF Bargaining Conference in October, and the local objectives will be taken forward to a future VTF General Meeting, likely to be held in the fall, where we will further discuss matters with our VSTA colleagues, who share our Collective Agreement and with whom we negotiate locally.

YOUR ZOOM LINK

Topic: VESTA: Newly Scheduled General Meeting followed by the Staff Rep Assembly
Time: Tuesday, June 15th from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89077663662>
Meeting ID: 890 7766 3662
Passcode: 668050
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Dates to Remember

Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting

June 10th, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96358678760>

Meeting ID: 963 5867 8760

Passcode: 376474

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Newly Scheduled General Meeting & Staff Rep Assembly

June 15th, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89077663662>

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Meeting ID: 890 7766 3662

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TTOC

Committee Meeting

June 17th, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91948907868>

Meeting ID: 919 4890 7868

Passcode: 090189

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WLC/Bargaining Committee Meeting

June 17th, 2021 @ 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92813331233>

Meeting ID: 928 1333 1233

Passcode: 768115

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