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LTA News

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that LTA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui and Semiahmoo who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land.

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I am hoping you all had a restful spring break and are now re-energized to continue the important work happening in our schools.

I'm writing to extend an invitation to all members for the upcoming Special General Meeting on April 16, 2025, at James Hill Elementary starting at 4:00PM. This SGM will have only specific items to be discussed. Please look for the poster with details for this important SGM! Furthermore, nominations for the LTA Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 school year will commence on Wednesday, April 17. An Elections Bulletin will be sent out weekly with the list of positions with descriptions, a current list of nominated candidates' names for positions, and contact information on how they can put their name forward. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on May 7, 2025.

Have a great month ahead!

In Solidarity
Taylor Fauteux

Over Spring Break 28 teachers from Langley attended the BC Teachers Federation (BCTF) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Vancouver, representing the Langley Teachers' Association (LTA). This meeting brings educators from across the province to come together, collaborate, and advocate for vital issues impacting the future of public education. This was an opportunity to raise our voices and work towards positive change in areas such as classroom conditions, diversity, support for students, teacher workload, non-discrimination, and structures of the BCTF.

At the heart of the discussion was the need to protect and strengthen public education in British Columbia. Members passionately advocated for increased school funding to preserve classroom conditions in schools across the province. Delegates voted to lobby the provincial government to eliminate funding to private schools and address the existing protocols within the FSA in BC. Delegates voted to support motions which address smaller class sizes, improved access to teaching resources, violence in the classroom, and more specialized teachers and support staff to ensure that students receive the necessary attention and support they deserve. The motion to leave the Canadian Teacher's Federation was defeated. In addition, members received updates on the ad campaign for bargaining, Pension, SIP, and finances. Please note that our BCTF fees will remain the same for next year.

At this year's AGM, we also elected Carole Gordon as the new President, Robin Tosczak as the First Vice-President, and Winona Waldron as the Second Vice-President. Additionally, five Members at Large were elected to the BCTF Executive Committee, for a two-year term. Clint Johnston, our current President, will also serve on the Executive Committee, as Past-President until June 2026. We look forward to seeing what our newly elected Executive will accomplish in the upcoming year.

Thank you to all the delegates from Langley who dedicated four days of their Spring Break to attend the BCTF AGM and represent the LTA, giving voice to the concerns and needs of teachers across our local.



LTA Calendar

April 7	Staff Rep Meeting, 4pm Hybrid
April 10	Joint Pro D Committee
April 13	LTA Movie Day
April 15	Executive Cmt, 4pm Hybrid
April 16	Special General Meeting, 4pm
April 29	Executive Cmt, 4pm Hybrid
May 5	Staff Rep Meeting, 4pm Hybrid
May 7	LTA Annual General Meeting, 4pm
May 8	Joint Pro D Committee



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April 28 is the National Day of Mourning for workers killed and injured on the job. On that day in Canada, we remember all those who have died or have been seriously hurt while working. These tragic deaths and injuries happen to people who are mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers. They happen to friends and family members. They happen to both the very mature and young.

The group of people most likely to be injured on the job are like many of our students: young people, young workers, eager to do a good job, possibly less experienced, and possibly less aware of the risks of work. Many of our students in our schools have part-time jobs and perhaps are soon moving on to full-time. We hope that by observing the Day of Mourning, you all will remain conscious of your own safety at school while educating our students about their rights to workplace safety. We want to encourage our students to insist that their employers will establish and follow workplace safety training, programs, and procedures, and always exercise their right to refuse unsafe work.

In 2023, there were 175 work-related deaths in BC. Of those, 3 were young workers aged between 15 and 24 years old. We at the BCTF encourage you to take some time out of the week leading up to April 28, 2025, to engage with your students about the Day of Mourning. It's important to reinforce in them that when they enter the workforce, they have the same rights as any worker in BC.

Please visit the **Day of Mourning BC Schools Project** at domschools.ca and the **BC Day of Mourning** website at dayofmourning.bc.ca to access resources, statistics, and educational videos to use in your classrooms.

Make Monday, April 28, 2025, a safety-themed day of awareness called “Hi-Vis Day,” where staff and students wear safety gear or bright-coloured clothing to promote workplace safety.

On Monday, April 28, 2025, please join us and all workers in BC and across Canada with a moment of silent reflection, honouring those who left for work one day and tragically never came home.

Things to do in Vancouver April 2025

During and throughout the month of April, teachers in Vancouver can enjoy a wide range of activities to unwind and recharge. The city offers a mix of outdoor adventures, cultural experiences, and relaxation options.

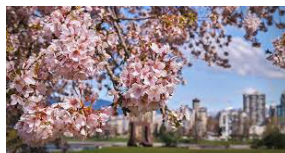
For those who love nature, Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival 2025 - March 26 to April 28 - The festival is one of the city's most beloved yearly events.

Vancouver's vibrant arts scene also offers plenty to enjoy, including exhibitions at the Vancouver Art Gallery or a performance at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

For a more laid-back experience, Kitsilano Winter Farmers' Market takes place every Sunday until April 27th - West 10th Ave and Trafalgar St, Vancouver.

With mild weather, it's a perfect time to soak in the city's beauty while also taking a well-deserved break.

For more ideas on events and activities happening around Vancouver this March, have a look at the following website: [Daily Hive Vancouver Events March 2025](#).



Ways for Teachers to Access PSA Memberships

There are many ways for teachers to access a Professional Specialist Association (PSA) membership:

1. Purchase a PSA membership directly from the BCTF.

The easiest way to handle this is to have the member purchase their PSA membership directly from the BCTF Shopify store, and then reimburse the member for the purchase, if your Pro-D language supports this.

2. Participate in a PSA conference.

Most PSAs hold their conference on the October PSA day, but they may hold additional conferences later in the year or hold their main conference at an alternate time. Links to PSA websites and conference registration sites can be found at www.PSAday.ca.

3. Participate in a Local Induction Ceremony.

The BCTF provides a free PSA membership to each new inductee who attends a Local Induction Ceremony. Previously, these were done via paper form. The process has been streamlined, however. Now, locals collect the first name, last name, and email address of the inductee. The Local President and Vice-President have access to an upload process for the file containing that information that will then automatically email each member on the list with a code that they use at the BCTF Shopify store to sign up for a free PSA membership. Inquiries regarding the process can be sent to ternst@bctf.ca.

4. Upload a resource to TeachBC.

The first time a member uploads a resource to TeachBC, they are prompted to contact the BCTF for a PSA membership as a thank you. When they email the Federation, they are provided with a coupon code for the BCTF Shopify store for a free PSA membership.

Questions?

Please feel free to reach out to Jennie Slack, the Assistant Director responsible for liaising with the PSAs. You can reach her at psa-coordinator@bctf.ca.

FAQ Section for the LTA

Where can I find information about the new Joint Pro-D Funding?



You can find information about Joint Pro-D on the LTA website. The Policies and Procedures can be found here: https://langleyteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/24_25-Policy-Procedures-Guide-240918-2.pdf

What are the application deadlines for Joint Pro-D?

Below is the list of application due dates (when you need to have your application in) and the Joint Pro-D Committee meeting dates to discuss the applications. Please make sure to refer to these dates when submitting your Joint Pro-D forms. Make sure to send in your JPD Application to prod@langleyteachers.com.

April 10, 2025 (Meeting)	April 8, 2025 (Application due date)
May 8, 2025 (Meeting)	May 6, 2025 (Application due date)
June 12, 2025 (Meeting)	June 10, 2025 (Application due date)