



LTA News

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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.

Dear Colleagues,

On January 29, 2026, Alex Hope Elementary, Lynn Fripps Elementary, and Blacklock Elementary served as powerful backdrops for a collective display of unity. Participating in the province wide call to action by the BCTF Executive Committee, Langley Teachers' Association members at these schools organized "Walk-Ins" to demonstrate their unwavering support for the Provincial Bargaining Team. The collective objective was to send a clear message to the government: that better classroom conditions and fair supports for students are non-negotiable. This day of solidarity highlights the vital role our school communities play in the broader advocacy for the BC Government to recognize the increasing complexity of modern classrooms and the essential work performed by every BCTF member. We are encouraging members at sites to continue organizing "Walk-Ins" to support our provincial negotiating team working towards a fair deal for teachers and students. Please connect with the LTA Office if you need any support.



Sincerely,
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Wendy Cook: The "Why" of getting Involved.

In the 1980's before we -the BCTF- became a union there was activism by the federation to insure equity for all teachers in the public system. It was tough getting a teaching position in schools, they were few and far between, so we TTOC'ed, took terms and then somehow the administration noticed you and you were hired. The only problem was if they knew someone else, your position was not secure. It had nothing to do with how hard you worked with all students. Yes, the adage "It's not what you know, but who you know" was a reality. This is when people like

Ken Novakowski, Annette O'Conner and John Salmon stepped in, to name only a few. They questioned the system and were not afraid to stand up. They believed in advocating for members, so we all worked in a professional and equitable manner. We marched together in Cloverdale and Victoria so teachers in the public system would have a voice. The strength of all teachers together is what inspired me to get involved and become an advocate.

This is the "why" for me, the reason I continue to be part of the LTA executive ...presently I am a local rep for Langley. The LTA Local Reps, there are 3 of us, attend the 3 BCTF Rep Assemblies a year, to make sure Langley teacher's voices are heard. I am also the BCTF rep on the New West and District Labour Council where we have an opportunity to work with other Unions throughout our region, so we have a better understanding of workers and their rights. Within the NWDLC I chair the Community and Social Action Committee getting involved in various events.

I remain involved in the ECT/TTOC, Prod, Ed leave, Working and Learning Conditions, Ed change, Social Justice/ Aboriginal Ed, Political Action, Growth Plan and Grievance Committees. There are so many ways we can involve ourselves in LTA committees, so that our voices can be heard, so if you have a chance put your name forward.

Although I retired in 2019, I job share two days a week, Mondays at DWP and Tuesdays at Yorkson, facilitate workshops for the BCTF, TTOC (once in a while) and work as a Faculty Mentor for UFV. My coaching is only one day a week now for Special Olympics Club Fit, but it was time to slow down.

In my spare time I like to walk, read, meet up with friends and stay involved in the Langley Human Dignity Coalition with other community members.

Langley Teachers' Association's over

100 year

Celebration

Please Join Us in Celebrating A
Special Milestone!

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

USW 2009 UNION HALL
9292 200th Street, Langley

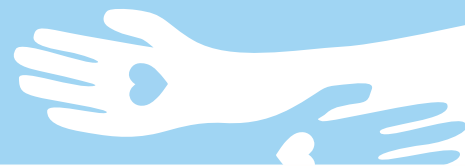
3:30pm - 7:30pm

RSVP BY JANUARY 24, 2026
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Happy Family Day

Celebrate all families



Family Day is on February 16 and is an opportunity to recognize the importance of time spend with family, loved ones, and community. Teachers and education workers know firsthand how strong families and community play a key roles in student success.

Interested in Becoming a Mentor?

We post lots of events, teacher tips, UDL strategies and more!

We are looking for Mentors in the following areas:

1. Kindergarten (REMSS family of schools)
2. Resource (Middle - LSS family of schools)
3. Science/Chem 10 (REMSS family of schools)
4. General secondary - Gr 9/10/12 (REMSS family of schools)
5. Math/Science 9 (LSS family of schools)

Please email teachermentorship@sd35.bc.ca if you're interested in becoming a Mentor in any of these areas or for other upcoming Mentees.

New to the District or a New Role? If you're a newer teacher looking for mentorship, please fill out the Mentee Information Sheet on the LTA website. Once completed, please email it to teachermentorship@sd35.bc.ca to join our program!

NEW!* Follow us on our UDL/Mentorship Instagram!
@sd35mentorshipmoments

LTA Calendar

February 4	New Teacher Induction
February 5	Joint Pro-D Cmte Mtg
February 6	LTA's over 100 years Celebration, USW Hall @ 3:30pm
February 10	Executive Committee Mtg @ 4pm, LTA office
February 16	Family Day Stat - LTA office closed