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BCPVPA Advisory Committee Opportunities

Aboriginal Leadership • Budget • Contract

CONTRACT Advisory (CAC): There is an opening in the METRO zone on the **Contract Advisory Committee** which includes **Surrey, Delta, Richmond, Vancouver/Elementary, Vancouver/Secondary, Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Sea to Sky, and Le Conseil scolaire francophone**. The Contract Advisory Committee is established to advise the BCPVPA Board of Directors on matters related to contract negotiations, total compensation and support for members in their employment relationships with school districts, and to serve in a liaison role to ensure that BCPVPA economic security policy and programs reflect member needs and perspectives. The successful candidate will be part of a committee comprised of representatives from the seven BCPSEA geographic zones, two BCPVPA Board Members, and the President. Committee members are appointed for two-year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms. The Committee meets twice or three times per year in Vancouver. The successful candidate will be invited to attend the upcoming meeting, October 28-29, in Vancouver. Applications are due by 3 pm, Oct 7. **APPLY:** <http://bit.ly/18AMAIR>

ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP Advisory: Two members are required for the five-member **Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Committee**, which is dedicated to increasing the number of Aboriginal leaders in the K-12 system and developing the capacity of all members to better serve the needs of Aboriginal learners. The committee offers advice to the Board of Directors on matters related to Aboriginal education, membership, and leadership. Applications are due by 5 pm, October 14. **APPLY:** <http://bit.ly/18AMAIR>

BUDGET Advisory: There are three openings for two-year terms on the **Budget Advisory Committee**. This committee meets early in 2017 (date to be determined) to review the first draft of the upcoming budget and provides advice and feedback to the Board. If an additional meeting is required, it is by conference call. Applications are due by 5 pm, October 14. **APPLY:** <http://bit.ly/2cGpEck>

Leadership Opportunities

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Vancouver invites applications for elementary principals. “In this critical leadership position, you will work alongside the district management team in aligning school goals with district direction ... spearhead sustainable initiatives to improve student achievement and create a safe and caring school culture. Fostering an environment of instructional excellence based on research and best practices will be high on your list of priorities.” Applications should be received by 9 am, Oct 3. <http://bit.ly/1orihGA>

Burnaby is seeking secondary principals and vice-principals with a “track record of success and experience working in an urban, culturally diverse community,” in anticipation of future vacancies. Applications are due by 4 pm, Oct 10. <http://bit.ly/1UeN59Q>



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Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows invites applications for Vice-Principals in anticipation of vacancies this year and during the 2017/18 school year. Applications are due by 12 noon, Oct 14. <http://bit.ly/2dqgfdW>

North Vancouver invites applications for Director of Instruction for Learning Services. Application deadline is 4 pm, Oct 17. <http://bit.ly/2d7JvPd>

North Vancouver invites applications for anticipated openings as Principal and Vice-Principal. Applicants must demonstrate, "Exceptional organizational and leadership experience, and commitment to working as a vital member of an educational leadership team in a challenging environment." Applications are due by 4 pm, Oct 17. <http://bit.ly/2cTk42u>

Central Okanagan invites applications for VPs at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels, plus dual track English/French immersion. Apply by 4 pm, Oct 21. <http://bit.ly/2cp8ShU>

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Program**



The Return-It School Program provides free recycling resources and support for all BC schools, while helping to educate students about the importance of recycling. There are two ways your school can participate. Sign up as a Certified Return-It School and get access to free educational resources, displays, presentations and beverage container collections bins. Alternately, you can sign up in the Return-It School Contest, competing against other schools across BC. You'll receive all the recycling resources you'll need to start collecting containers, with a chance to win bonus cash prizes. And regardless of how your school participates, you'll get to keep all the deposit refunds from the containers you collect. Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/1v1y53t>

Some upcoming events

Last Day for Early Bird Registration (September 30) for the annual conference of the Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers' Association. The conference, Oct 21-22 in Delta, features Adrienne Gear, Diana Cruchley and more than 50 speakers and 80 workshops. <http://www.pita.ca/fall-conference.html>

Learning Forward's 2016 annual conference will be held in Vancouver, December 3 to 7. Innovative practitioners will present in more than 350 concurrent sessions on topics including social emotional learning; developing or shifting mindsets; visible learning; teacher leadership; quality feedback; presentation and facilitation skills; program evaluation; Aboriginal education; and more. Among the presenters are Tom Guskey and Joellen Killion; Tom Hierck; Marcia Tate; Jim Knight; Anthony Muhammad; and Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert. <http://bit.ly/2bGHLg6>

The **2017 Canadian Evaluation Society Annual Conference** will be held in Vancouver, April 30 to May 3. The theme of the conference, Facing Forward: Innovation, Action and Reflection, is designed to inspire evaluators to delve into the latest methods and approaches. Proposals for presentations and workshops are being accepted at <http://c2017.evaluationcanada.ca/proposal-submission/> until Nov 1. Conference registration will open early in 2017.

Planning Ahead

the Association's guide to upcoming professional learning events is published in the 1st issue of the month



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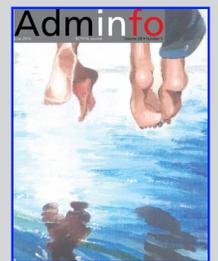
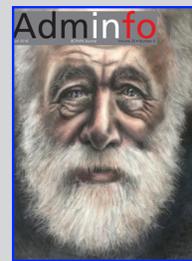
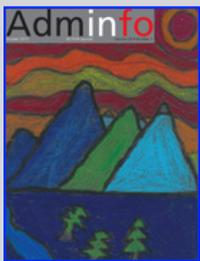
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Completed articles, queries or questions are welcome: email rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca



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Forward a photograph of the original artwork by Friday, October 21 to rwilliams@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Requesting your feedback on proposed CPP changes

“For working Canadians and their families, the changes will have a meaningful effect on their retirement income once they stop working and begin collecting CPP.”



The BC government is asking citizens to provide feedback on changes to the Canada Pension Plan. At their June meeting, Canada’s finance ministers reached an agreement-in-principle on a modest, gradual enhancement to the Canada Pension Plan. Once approved, the enhancement would start in 2019 and be phased-in over seven years until 2025. For working Canadians and their families, the changes will have a meaningful effect on their retirement income once they stop working and begin collecting CPP. Feedback received will be presented to the Minister of Finance for consideration as he works with Canada’s finance ministers on a modest, gradual enhancement to the Canada Pension Plan.

Find out more about the changes and how to provide your feedback: <http://bit.ly/2cljMNk>



Changes?
Address, position, or school
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President Kevin Reimer on funded compensation & a trip to Burnaby

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Earlier this week, we received a copy of a letter that was sent from BC School Trustees' Association President, Teresa Rezansoff to Finance Minister Mike de Jong. The letter (download a copy <http://bit.ly/2cH1OIG>) asks the Finance Minister to give consideration to fully funding compensation increases for principals and vice-principals. We work closely with the BCSTA and we appreciate their supportive stance on the importance of investing in school leadership.

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting the Burnaby School District. My tour was led by Chapter President **David Mushens** (@DavidMushens), a Vice-Principal at Burnaby Central (Principal **Parm Hari** and Vice-Principal **Denise Davis**). The newly rebuilt Burnaby Central is a remarkable facility that is energy-efficient due to its LEED specifications and offers students a comprehensive slate of courses and programming.

I had the opportunity to visit University Highland Elementary and Principal **Lori Driussi** (@LoriDriussi). Her school has taken on a school-wide inquiry approach to learning with the Learning in Depth model at the center of their work. Lakeview Elementary Principal **Bruce Cornell** (@bruinsrule27) took me on a tour of this well-established school that offers a great deal of community programming for parents and families.

My final stop before meeting the members of the Burnaby Chapter was to Byrne Creek Secondary. I met Principal **David Starr** who, along with **David Mushens** and Principal **Faizel Rawji** (@rawji_f) of Surrey, co-authored *An Insider's Guide to K-12 Education* (<http://bit.ly/2dlWBGT>), a comprehensive, user-friendly guide to help parents better understand the complexities of education in BC. This book is published by Pacific Educational Press, a division of UBC Press.

Byrne Creek has a growing robotics and trades program and provides much needed support for recent immigrant students. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the students, mostly Syrian, who seemed happy and appreciative of the opportunities and support that the school offers. It was this experience with ref-

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Short, timely updates

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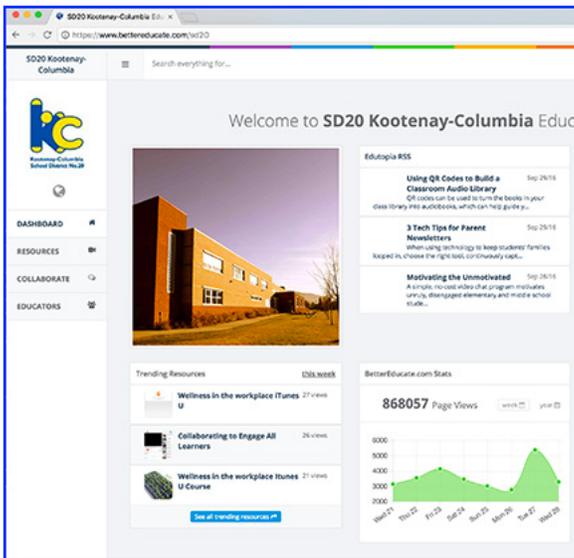
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ugee students that prompted **David Starr** to write the book, *From Bombs to Books* (<http://amzn.to/2dsrD0r>).

Last week, I also visited the Boundary School District and Principal **Shawn Lockhart**. Shawn, Principal of both Christina Lake Elementary School and Big White Elementary School, had a 200+ km commute between schools. In addition, Shawn has a number of district technology responsibilities. Many of you may know that the Boundary School District is on a four-day work week and the district can point to reduced sick time and increased job satisfaction without any decline in student achievement. We visited Christina Lake Elementary that is undergoing a major face-lift that will be completed in the coming weeks. In addition, Principal **Bob Chapman** of Dr. D.A. Perley Elementary welcomed us to his school. With a large low-incidence population, the school has opened a sensory room that has benefited many students. My final visit was to Grand Forks Secondary to meet with Principal **Scott Stewart**. We visited Scott's technology class where his students were involved in

robotics and coding. With the school board office close to the school, Superintendent Kevin Argue ([@kargue18](https://twitter.com/kargue18)) was in the class meeting with students and assisting them with their learning. That evening, under the gazebo at Shawn's house, I met with the Chapter members to talk about current issues for the BCPVPA and to answer questions.

In addition to the work that Shawn does as a school leader, he and BCPVPA Director **David DeRosa** have developed a website for teachers and school leaders. With the implementation of the new curriculum, they were looking to create an online forum and resource repository for professionals to share and engage in dialogue. I encourage you to check out <http://bettereducate.com/> to see the work they have done to support student learning and each other. If you are interested in creating an account on this site, contact Shawn directly at shawn.lockhart@sd51.bc.ca



Have a great weekend, Kevin

\$10,000 scholarships for students in their final year of high school deadline is October 25



The Horatio Alger Association of Canada provides \$650,000 annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students in their final year of high school with financial need (family income less than \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic

record. For information and to apply visit <http://bit.ly/2bCwM94>