



BURNABY TEACHERS'  
ASSOCIATION

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# Report from Henning Drive

## ELEMENTARY NIS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

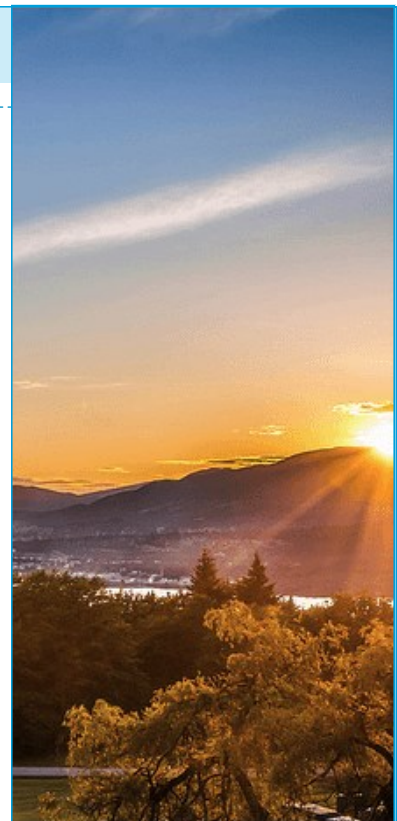
By now all elementary schools have their NIS schedules complete and up and running. Every 1.0 elementary teacher should be receiving their 110 minutes of NIS per week. In some cases a portion of the NIS time is being pooled and provided under a slightly different timeline. **If you are in a school where your NIS is being provided on an alternate schedule and you haven't yet called please contact the BTA office.** If you have not been receiving your full amount of NIS or your schedule is still being worked out please be sure to do the following:

**Keep track of missed NIS.** The link included here is to the agreement between the BBE and the BTA regarding missed NIS and the repayment of it. Note that it is both the teacher and the administrators' responsibility to keep track of missed NIS.

[https://www.burnabyteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/19.Jan\\_8-Communication-RE.-Missed-NIS.Prep-Time-Updated-from-Previous-Year-1.pdf](https://www.burnabyteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/19.Jan_8-Communication-RE.-Missed-NIS.Prep-Time-Updated-from-Previous-Year-1.pdf)

Contact the BTA office. We would like to know which schools are struggling to create their schedules and some of the factors that are at play.

Please remember there is a contractual obligation to provide NIS. There have been some situations where teachers have been asked to team teach, or to have their NIS placed into bigger chunks which they would receive on a monthly basis. We have also received calls regarding changing of bells and lunch schedules. In all of these examples there are contractual and passed practice pieces that effect whether this is okay. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your staff rep or call the BTA office.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GM / RA**  
October 15 4pm  
Burnaby Central

## BTA Office

**Hours: 8 am—4:30 pm**

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## FEDERAL ELECTION

With the Federal Election coming up, the BTA Political Action/Public Relations (PA/PR) committee wants to know what issues matter the most to you. This will help us focus our special Report From Henning Drive election issue on issues that matter to you. Please fill out the short survey below. We will close it on Tuesday, October 1st at noon.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVGWNWV>

## CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION

As class organizations are being finalized in schools, we would like to remind you that our class size and composition requirements based on our restored language is still in effect. Your staff rep should be handing you a form to fill out starting the week of the 24th of September. Please return this form to your staff rep no later than October 1st. If your class is in violation, please contact your staff rep who will assist you with working out the principal the details of the remedy chosen. Your staff rep will also have the form to bring to that meeting with the administration. If you do not have a staff rep, please contact the BTA office if you have any questions about classes in violation.

The BTA is also monitoring class sizes and composition numbers as well as district ratios. The district is required to make best efforts to respect these ratios and as of now, it appears that there will be very few cases where classes are in violation. For more information, check out our fact sheet [here](#) on restored language.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is Orange Shirt Day, a day to remember the injustices suffered by over 150,000 First Nations children at residential schools across Canada. Please don an orange shirts to demonstrate your support for the day and your commitment to education for reconciliation.

Please see <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/> for more information regarding Orange Shirt Day.

Please see [here](#) for background information, and suggestions for ways to celebrate the day and provide suggested activities.

TeachBC also has Orange Shirt Activities [here](#).

## CALLING ALL STAFF REPS

The BTA is hosting a Staff Rep Training session on October 8, 2019 from 8:45am until 3:00pm at Burnaby Mountain. The day will consist of a workshop on Managing Conflict and an Information Session. Please contact the BTA Office if you would like to attend. If you are a teacher from a school without a Staff Rep that is interested in attending please contact the BTA Office.

## CALLING ALL PRO-D COMMITTEE CONTACTS AND/OR CHAIRPERSONS!

The BTA is hosting a full day of collaboration and learning on understanding our role as Pro D chairs. We will be sharing resources and discussing what Pro-D looks like in our schools. There will also be an opportunity to meet the staff development team and to discuss how we can support indigenous education through professional development. Please join us for a day of learning, sharing, and meeting new people!

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