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Report from Henning Drive

FRASER HEALTH COVID TOWN HALL AND MEETING REQUEST

Fraser Health held a virtual Q & A town hall on Monday, October 19th. The purpose of the session was to provide answers to questions that are coming from teachers and parents. The BTA created a FAQ document based on this meeting that you can access [here](#).

In addition, the local metro presidents under Fraser Health are requesting a meeting with them to better understand Fraser Health's professional decisions as they relate to COVID management in schools. From this meeting, we hope to improve the effectiveness of the Fraser Health COVID strategy in the K-12 system.

COVID LEAVE

The BTA continues to push the District for a COVID leave for teachers who are not sick but are required to isolate due to recommendations from health authorities. At the moment, teachers are required to use sick days when there is a recommendation to self isolate and the agreement we are pushing for would allow teachers to work remotely and not have to access their sick banks. If you are asked to self isolate by health authorities and you are not sick, please contact the BTA as we are currently advocating for situations like this on a case by case basis.

CALL FOR BCTF AGM RESOLUTIONS

This is the Call for BCTF AGM Resolutions to be submitted to the BTA Office. The deadline to get those resolutions emailed into the BTA Office is **November 2, 2020**. Please see the document [here](#) for more information on submitting resolutions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **GM / RA**
November 10 4pm
Zoom

BTA Office

Hours: 8 am—4:30 pm

604-294-8141

bta3@bctf.ca

www.burnabyteachers.com

CALL FOR VIRTUAL PRESENTERS

We are looking for people interested in presenting at the District Professional Day on Friday, February 26th, 2021. The success of our day depends on the willingness of colleagues to share with colleagues. Please consider collaborating in this way. Fill out the online form here <https://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/district-prod> The deadline to apply is **November 15, 2020**.

CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION SURVEYS

This year, we are asking members to fill out the class size and composition forms using surveymonkey. Here are the steps:

1. Fill out the appropriate online survey by **Friday October 23rd (extended)**. If you are unsure of whether your class is in violation, see the [Fact Sheet](#) or contact your Staff Rep.
2. If your class is not in violation, there is nothing to follow up on. Please add any additional comments on the survey around workload as we will be reviewing all comments. If your class comes into violation at a later time of the year, contact your Staff Rep.
3. If your class is presently in violation, contact your Staff Rep. You will attend a meeting with your principal and Staff Rep to determine the form of remedy. Your Staff Rep should have the meeting template form. If you do not have a Staff Rep, contact the BTA office and we will send a meeting template form to you.
4. The Staff Rep will send the meeting form back to the BTA office for all classes that are in violation.

Elementary Enrolling: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ElemEnrollCandC>

Elementary Non-enrolling: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ElemNonEnrollCandC>

Secondary Enrolling: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SecEnrollCandC>

Secondary Non-enrolling: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SecNonEnrollCandC>

To see what designations you have in your class, open your class attendance. Click the "Reports" drop down menu and select "Quick Report". A window will pop up and you will choose "Saved Report" and from the list of saved reports: "SD41 - Homeroom Roster - 10 Column with Designation". Click the "Finish" button and it will produce a class list with designations.

FACE SHIELDS

We have received a number of face shields from the BCTF. If you want a shield, please contact the BTA Office and we will send it to you through the school mail. Also, if you have received a face shield and the head band part does not work correctly, please contact the BTA Office and we can send you the correct parts that attach together.

#BTAVOTES

Once again, the BTA is having a contest to encourage you to get out and vote. We will be giving away \$50 gift certificates as prizes to some lucky participants. All you have to do is take a picture of yourself at a poll (or next to a mailbox) to show that you voted and post it to social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) with the **#BTAVotes** hashtag. Remember that it is now too late to mail in your ballots and the last day to vote is Saturday, October 24th.

REMEDY

The BTA and District have renewed their agreement on leftover remedy from the 2019-2020 school year. If you have leftover remedy from 2019-2020, you will be able to use this time for the purpose of additional preparation time or as access to professional learning opportunities. The District is still gathering names and calculating the time owed to each individual. Once this is done, they will be contacting you by email.

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EI AND INCOME SUPPORT BENEFITS: INFORMATION FOR TOC'S

The Government of Canada is implementing new EI & Income Support Programs effective September 27, 2020 that run until September 25, 2021 which you may be eligible for. The new income support benefits open October 12, 2020 and provide compensation retroactive to September 27, 2020. For a full list of eligibility criteria and other questions related to the programs, please consult the source documents. The information below has been provided by the BCTF.

Benefit	Eligibility Criteria	Duration	Amount	Source
EI Regular Benefits*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> You have been without work for at least 7 consecutive days in the last 52 weeks Did not voluntarily quit your job 120 insured hours (equivalent of 9.2 days of teaching) If you received the CERB, the 52-week period to accumulate insured hours will be extended Ready, willing and capable of working each day Actively looking for work 	At least 26 weeks	At least \$500 per week before taxes up to \$573 a week	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-regular-benefit.html
EI Sickness Benefit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to work for medical reasons Regular weekly earnings from work have decreased by more than 40% for at least one week 120 insured hours If you received CERB, the 52-week period to accumulate insured hours will be extended The need to get a medical certificate showing that you're unable to work for medical reasons has been temporarily waived 	Up to 15 weeks	At least \$500 per week before taxes up to \$573 a week	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei/ei-sickness/qualify.html
Canada Recovery Benefit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> You were not working for reasons related to COVID-19 or you had a 50% reduction in your average weekly income compared to the previous year due to COVID-19 Not eligible for EI benefits or in receipt of another benefit such as WCB or short-term disability (SIP) Did not voluntarily quit your job unless it was reasonable to do so You are seeking work and have not turned down reasonable work opportunities during your benefit period 	Up to 26 weeks	\$500 per week before taxes	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-benefit/crb-who-apply.html
Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week because you must care for a child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care** Not eligible for EI benefits or in receipt of another benefit such as WCB or short-term disability (SIP) 	Up to 26 weeks	\$500 per week before taxes	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-caregiving-benefit.html
Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit***	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to work at least 50% of your scheduled work week because you're sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts you at greater risk of getting COVID-19 Not eligible for EI benefits or in receipt of another benefit such as WCB or short-term disability (SIP) 	Up to 2 weeks	\$500 per week before taxes	https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-sickness-benefit.html

*If you received the CERB through Service Canada: In most cases, you do not need to apply for EI benefits. After you receive your last CERB payment, continue completing job reports. We'll automatically review your file and your ROE, then start a claim for EI regular benefits if you qualify. If you don't qualify, you'll be notified by mail. If you received the CERB through the Canada Revenue Agency: You can apply after the end of your last CERB eligibility period through Service Canada.

**This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or because they're sick, self-isolating, or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19.

***If you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus after possible exposure in the work environment, please file a claim for compensation with WorkSafeBC (WCB) by calling Teleclaim service: 1-888-WORKERS