



Professional Development: Did You Know?

Professional Development Days

- **School based:** 3 days are organized by the school-based Professional Development committee, and 1 day is organized by your administrative team. This schedule can also be found at: [file:///03lss/03%20Teachers\\$/E17270/Profile/Desktop/2018-2019-PRO-D-ONE-PAGER%20DISTRICT%20DATES.pdf](file:///03lss/03%20Teachers$/E17270/Profile/Desktop/2018-2019-PRO-D-ONE-PAGER%20DISTRICT%20DATES.pdf)
- **Provincial: October 19th, 2018** – organized by Provincial Specialist Associations (PSA) and other organizations. If you are looking for a PSA event to attend, please check the BCTF website: <http://bctf.ca/PSAwebsites.aspx> . If you are interested in joining a PSA, please see the website to work and learn with colleagues across the province.
- **District: Friday, February 22nd, 2018** *[to be held at Burnaby North]* – organized by the BTA Pro-D Committee and the Joint (BTA and administrators) Professional Development Committee.

Curriculum Implementation Day: Monday, January 28, 2019 – various opportunities will likely be offered around the district, possibly at your school, and/or you can create your own.

Professional Growth Plan: Teachers are expected to write a professional growth plan which is self-directed. This can be done in small groups or individually. The plan is due November 1st to your administrator. This program is a contractual responsibility (C.30), developed in the late 1990s as a result of a collaborative process with the BTA, Burnaby School District, and the BPVPA. For more information on the plan, please see: <https://portal.sd41.bc.ca/human-resources/resources/professional-growth-plan> or your Professional Growth Committee. As part of the Professional Growth program, every year each teacher may take 1 **Professional Growth Day** (leave), to work on their Pro-Growth Plan. This may be a single full day, or 2 half days.

Collaborative Time: In **some** schools, this time is offered for teachers to self-direct collaborative learning groups.

District Groups: Some professional development opportunities and learning communities can be found on the Burnaby School District Website's Learning Portal - <https://learn.sd41.bc.ca/> . People can choose to join groups focused on their interest area within the District or attend workshops that are offered on the district staff development calendar: <https://learn.sd41.bc.ca/index.php/events-calendar>

Detached Duty: A funding program that was established by the Board for the purpose of promoting the professional development of the teaching staff of the School District. If you wish to apply to go to a professional development event/ workshop that requires funding, please see the attached document on how to apply or check out the BTA website at: <https://www.burnabyteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Detached-Duty-Brochure.pdf>

Attachments to this document: A List of Professional Development Days in Burnaby, Detached Duty Brochure

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