



# Bargaining Bulletin #1



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**Our current Collective Agreement expires June 30, 2019 and provincial bargaining has been underway since January.**

## **The provincial bargaining team needs our help.**

BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) has made proposals that would undo all that was gained through our court win on class size and composition and non-enrolling ratios. Teachers are encouraged to sign into the BCTF Members' Portal to review the proposed language, but to remember that the specifics of these proposals are confidential and are not to be shared publicly or with non-BCTF members.

### **Getting a good deal by the end of June requires a collective effort.**

We encourage members to contact their NDP MLA or the Premier (if you don't have an NDP

MLA) to ask government to turn their mind to proposals at the provincial bargaining table. Email your MLA directly and ask them if they are aware of the concessions put forward by BCPSEA or use the BCTF's form letter emailed to you by the BCTF.

The BCTF bargaining campaign slogan is **"Our kids and their teachers: WORTH INVESTING IN"**. You can see the advertisement on the [Facebook page](#), and we encourage you to share it on your own Facebook page.

### **Local Table**

Vancouver Teachers' Federation (VSTA and VESTA) are meeting regularly with representatives from the VSB to bargain local proposals. Items discussed at the local table are indicated as Appendix II items of the Public Education Labour Relations Act (PELRA). Generally Appendix II items are known as non-cost items.

Despite the recent tension at the provincial table, we are pleased to share the productive and positive tone of our local negotiations. Earlier this week we were able to sign off on improvements to our Post and Fill Language. An update on local and provincial bargaining table will be provided at our **VSTA AGM on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM Tupper Auditorium**. Further to bargaining updates and other business, elections for our In-House Table Officers and Executive Committee will take place. We hope to see you there!