



RTA Newsletter

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A Message from the Old Guy in the Office

Only a few days left until Spring Break! I hope you all find time to relax, recharge and enjoy yourselves during your time away from school, because of course we all know how busy things are in the last few months of the year. There have been a lot of issues for teachers to deal with this year; new curriculum, new reporting orders and the return of our class size and composition language have added to our already full plates, and I thank you all for the professional manner in which you all continue to approach your jobs and work to ensure that our students are afforded every chance for success. Have a great spring break everyone!

From the Collective Agreement **Class Size and Composition - It's Back!**

Yes, as a result of the ratification vote last week this language is back in our collective agreement and will be in place at the beginning of the next school year. A clean, updated copy of this language can be found on the RTA website here

<http://www.revelstoketeachers.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SD-19-Schedule-A.pdf>

The RTA will be working extensively with the district over the next few months to ensure that the processes and committees referenced in this language are in place next September, and that both sides are clear in their understanding of the application of the language. Also, I will be arranging school visits after spring break to present this language to teachers and answer as best I can any questions you may have.

TTOCs and Prep Time

Our collective agreement Article D.30 states that

“A Teacher-Teaching-On-Call is hired to perform the duties of a teacher absent on a day to day basis. When the absent teacher has not provided specific duties to be undertaken during unassigned instructional time, the administrator may assign the Teacher-Teaching-On-Call to other duties.”

If you have a prep on a day when a TTOC is working in your classroom the RTA has always advised that, when possible, you leave work for that TTOC to do during that prep time (ie. marking of assignments done that day, photocopying/prepping for upcoming lessons etc.). Another option, if there is not work for the TTOC in your classroom, could be for you to arrange to have that TTOC help out during the prep time in another classroom. If the TTOC is not left work to be completed during the prep time they may be re-assigned by the school administrator to other duties.

BCTF AGM

The BCTF AGM is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, March 18 – 21, and Barry Rourke, Jennifer Wolney and I will be attending as your delegates. Reports and Resolutions booklets are in each staff room, and I encourage you to flip through them and send me any feedback you may have to. If you are in Vancouver over these dates and find yourself at loose ends downtown I encourage you to drop in and visit us at table 17, it would be great to see you.

RTA Website Challenge

Here's another challenge to motivate you to check out the information on the RTA website. Email me the correct answer to the following question by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 15th and I will draw a name from the correct answers on Thursday morning. Someone will win some sweet recess/morning break snacks delivered by Bob on a day of their choice.. Find the answer somewhere on <http://www.revelstoketeachers.ca> The question is, **“On what date were the new guidelines introduced for transferring TTOC experience?”** Email your answer to rtapresident19@gmail.com for a chance to win the prize. If the prize is won by a TTOC they can pick the school and the day of delivery. If you have any suggestions as to any other useful links or info that could be accessed on the website, please let me know.