

The Advocate

In consensus atque unitate stat potentia

"There is strength in unity"

A Monthly Newsletter

June 2018

President's Message

"I didn't realize it was the last day of school" said no teacher ever!

As I have travelled around to schools in the last month it is clear when I walk into the staff room that it is June. The look of stress and lack of sleep was on many of the faces that greeted me. I know that look. It was the almost the end of another school year look. With summer holidays about to begin, I thought it was time for one last message from the ADTA.

The big discussion item lately has been the topic of staffing, job postings and the need to post into a position this year as there were no lay-off notices issued. Watch for postings in the summer and make sure to apply for whatever positions interest you. Another part of the overall staffing conversations that should be occurring in schools is assignment within the school. As vacancies come available in the school, staff within the school should be able to request these new positions and be considered before the posting goes out to other district personnel.

The other big discussion item has been remedy. If you were one of the people that opted for Option #4 Pro-D, the money can be accessed through the ADTA office using the Remedy Pro-D forms available through your staff rep or at the ADTA office. Remedy discussions continue with the district to tidy up some loose ends and further updates will be sent out as I receive them.

This year has been an incredibly busy one with tremendous challenges. The restored language has helped make some changes in some areas, but we continue to struggle with the full implementation of all articles that were restored.

On a final note I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer holiday. Please take some time in the near future and recharge your batteries. See you in September.

In Solidarity,

Jennifer Brooks, ADTA President



BCTF Advantage Travel

Check out travel deals using the BCTF Advantage Program

<https://www.bctf.ca/advantage/travel.aspx>



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2018/2019 ADTA BURSARY WINNERS

The ADTA congratulates the following students for winning the ADTA Bursary Award.

Aman Arora
Abbotsford Traditional Secondary

Ben Ellis
W.J. Mouat Secondary

Sydney Fetterly
Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Elana Huget
W.J. Mouat Secondary

Shaili Kealy
Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Laura Park
Langley Secondary School

SUMMER OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be aware that the ADTA will be closed for the summer as of Friday, June 29th.

Emails and voicemail will be checked periodically until July 13th.

Timely issues of concern should be directed to the BCTF, they can be reached toll free at 1-800-663-9163.

Regular office hours will begin August 27th (8:00am-4:00pm).

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