



# NDTA News

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## President's Message

Welcome back to all NDTA members and a special welcome to new teachers and teachers new to school district 8. As many of you know, Debbie Sabourin has taken a medical leave and I have assumed the role of president in her absence. I want to take a moment to acknowledge her ongoing service and commitment to the NDTA. Debbie has been a strong advocate for public education and for our membership and has served in a variety of roles. She is also a good friend and I wish her a speedy recovery.

I am excited to face the challenges of my new role as NDTA president and look forward to visiting the schools to meet and chat with all of you. I have included a tentative schedule in this newsletter for when I will drop by your school. During my visit, I will provide you with the most current update on provincial bargaining and the mediation process, so please try to make yourself available.

You can also find bargaining updates in the member portal on the BCTF website. These updates are more accurate than what you are likely to hear on the news.

Just a reminder that every school should have at least one staff rep to communicate issues between the school and the union as well as between the union and their school. Some schools choose to split the role between teachers or to do it on a rotating basis. If you choose to take on this leadership role in your school, training will be provided. Staff reps are important advocates for their colleagues and the role will be especially important this year as we are still in the midst of bargaining. Please discuss with your staff and consider how you will address this role.

~Carla

## We've Moved

We have a new office! After 20 years above the post office, we have relocated to suite #102 in the Community First Health Co-op building at 518 Lake Street. The office is located on the first floor at the back of the building. We don't yet have signage, so if you can't find it, send us a text and we will meet you at the front door.

In choosing this location, we considered members with mobility challenges. The building has a ramp at the front and the back door leads directly onto the first floor outside our office.

NDTA Executive meetings will be held in the Meeting Room in the same building. We are almost settled in and look forward to welcoming you to our new location.



## NDTA Executive Vacancies

Due to a variety of reasons, a number of positions on the NDTA executive which we thought were filled are now vacant. We are looking for teachers to fill the following positions.

- 1.Vice President
- 2.Local Representative
- 3.Bargaining Chair
- 4.Social Justice Chair
- 5.Public Relations Chair

If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like to know what the position entails, please contact Carla Wilson at lp07@bctf.ca

## NDTA Website

Some members have noticed that the NDTA website is presently down. We are aware of the problem and in the process of getting it fixed. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact: (250) 354-9693 Email: lp07@bctf.ca if you need any information that you would normally access on the website.

## School Visits

- Hume/DESK Sept. 9
- South Nelson Sept 11
- Blewett Elem. Sept 12
- Brent Kennedy Sept 12
- Mount Sentinel Sept 12
- LVR/DESK Sept 13
- Trafalgar Sept 13
- Redfish Sept 16
- Salmo Secondary Sept 17
- Salmo Ele Sept 17
- Rosemont Sept 18
- Wildflower Sept 19

- Winlaw Ele Sept 23
- WE Graham Sept 24

These are tentative days. Please be aware that there may be emergencies that take priority.

The meetings will happen during lunch. Please organize a classroom in your school where we can meet and let the admin of your school know that I will be visiting. If the day that has been chosen for your school will not work for your staff, please contact the NDTA