

# NOTEBOOK

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## TEACHER RETIREES CELEBRATED AT NVTA RETIREMENT TEA

### *Congratulations to the NVTA Grad Class of 2017!*

Teachers, family, and friends came together at the NVTA Retirement Tea on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Seymour Golf & Country Club to celebrate the careers of this year's teacher retirees.

Speakers and presenters toasted and congratulated the teachers for their many years of service to the students of North Vancouver's public schools.

Thank you to those who helped organize this event: Carolyn Pena (NVTA Second Vice President and Retirement Tea Committee Chairperson), Robin Deleurme (NVTA First Vice President), and Beth Triggs (NVTA Office Manager), and to those who gave of their time to create the perfect day, including, speaker Norm Nichols (Sutherland), North Shore Retired Teachers' Association President, Jill Williams, Argyle student photographer, Michaela De Ciantis-Wong and Handsworth student musicians Nikki Coxson, Lucas Dubovik, Lucas Jadue, Ross MacLellan, Alex Marr and Will Stephen.

Thank you to the Seymour Golf & Country Club for providing the beautiful venue and food, and North Van Florists for brightening up the event with flowers.

*We are grateful for the many contributions made by our retiring colleagues, and wish them good health and much happiness in their retirement.*

## Message from the President

### *Robbing Peter to Pay Paul*

At the Board Standing Committee on the Budget in March, I stood before the assembled officials, trustees, teachers, and parents, and warned of the dangers of using our restored language as an excuse not to properly fund all areas of the K-12 system. I stressed that the Provincial government had made clear that the restored language was to be fully funded. There should be no cuts to services that were already in place, services that indeed need enhancement rather than diminishment. "We should not rob Peter to pay Paul," I said.

Three months later my worst fears are coming true. The government has failed to properly fund our restored language. Our District has failed to ensure that services to students will not be lost. In numerous areas, September 2017 may indeed be worse than September 2016. The current plan is for a 25 percent reduction in counseling services at the Elementary level. LST is being cut. SLPs, Hearing Resource Teachers, and school psychologists are seeing a reduction in their FTE. Kindergarten teachers are now being told that there will not be additional temporary Kindergarten Supervision for the school start up this fall. The District claims that with the restored language regarding class size and composition and the additional EA time for schools, the needs should not be as significant. As we all know, designations do not often happen at the K level so the needs will continue to be significant. On top of all this, there continues to be many classrooms that are in violation of the restored language. Best efforts must continue. More portables should be ordered. Closed schools need to be reopened.

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## NVTA SUMMER OFFICE INFO

The NVTA office closes for summer break on Friday, July 7, 2017. Although the NVTA Table Officers will check email occasionally through the summer, emergency situations may require you to phone the BCTF at 604.871.2283.

The office will re-open for the new school year on Monday, August 28, 2017.

*Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!*

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## REMINDER: TTOC Experience Credit Transfer for Part-time Teachers

There are two opportunities in the year for members to transfer their experience as TTOCs across to their contract experience within the same district. This applies to part time teachers that also TTOC in the district. It also applies to TTOCs that have had a temporary contract. You can do this in June and November.

Here are the particulars:

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1. Transfer of experience is **only** from TTOC silo to contract silo.
2. Transfer can only be made in whole months (17 days of TTOC experience).
3. Transfer is for the entire amount in a TTOC bank with the exception of any days left over from whole month calculations (1-16 days).
4. One month TTOC credit will count as one month in the contract silo when transferred.
5. Transfer must be applied for before **June 30** to take effect August 31, and before **November 15** to take effect December 31.
6. Use Form A to apply in June and Form B to apply in November. These forms can be found on the NVSD Portal under District > Forms > Department: Payroll

Please contact the NVTA if you have any questions.

## NEWS FROM NVTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### PRO D FUNDING CHANGE

New forms to request PD funds will soon be available on [nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca) and through your PD contact. There is only one form now to request PD funds and TTOC coverage for PD events. TTOC coverage must be requested three weeks prior to the event.

Requests for PD funds for the 2017/18 school year will not be accepted until September. Forms can be submitted before an event to check fund availability; cheques will not be issued until after the event.

More information about the changes is available on [nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca).

## Message from the President

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At the NVTA level, we will continue to speak out strongly for the proper funding of our restored language. We are meeting with local MLAs and will continue to advocate to trustees and school district officials. This past Friday we took out a full page ad in the *North Shore News* expressing our concerns. The first action item arising from the Employee Engagement survey should be a District that listens to the front line, the employees who deliver the services to our students. We call upon the North Vancouver School Board to carefully re-examine its budget to ensure that there are no cuts to services for students. We call upon the North Vancouver School Board to demand that the ministry provide the necessary funds that will ensure all services provided in 2016-17 are funded for the 2017-18 school year in addition to the proper funding of all aspects of our restored language.

We must pay not only for Peter, and Paul, but also Grace and Amir, Dylan and Erin, Rodriguez and Sherry. Our Districts' mandate is to deliver the best possible education to all of our students.

## NVTA CALENDAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2017

### AUGUST

- 22-25 BCTF Summer Conference (Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops)
- 28 NVTA Office reopens
- 30 NVTA Executive Planning Session

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labour Day
- 5 Schools reopen
- 20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 27 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)  
- adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget & Fee 2017-18

### OCTOBER

- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 9 Thanksgiving
- 18 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 20 Professional Development Day

### NOVEMBER

- 6 NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday
- 15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

### DECEMBER

- 8 NVTA Christmas Party (Location TBD)
- 13 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)