

# NOTEBOOK

Issue #6 November 20, 2018



## A MESSAGE FROM THE NVTA PRESIDENT: Time Running Out on Pro Rep Referendum

If you have not yet mailed in your ballot on the BC Referendum on whether to keep our current First Past the Post system or to move to a Proportional Representation system, I strongly urge you to do so. Less than 20 percent of the ballots have been mailed in so far. The ballots need to be received by 4:30 pm on November 30. If you haven't received a voting package, you have until midnight on November 23 to request another one. You can do so by visiting [elections.bc.ca/ovr](http://elections.bc.ca/ovr) or by calling 1-800-661-8683.

If you are unsure of the various options, the Elections BC website have several videos that clearly explain each system. Regardless of how you vote, it is important that you do vote, or you really have no right to complain once the results have been tabulated. This is an incredible exercise in democracy and I am excited to be able to express my voice on this very important issue. If you are hesitant about voting yes, remember that if voters choose a change to a proportional representation option, there will be a second referendum two elections from now. This second referendum will determine whether BC voters want to remain with Pro Rep or return to First Past the Post. That truly is a money back guarantee in case voters experience buyer's remorse. New Zealand went through a similar process and during their follow-up second referendum voted to continue with Proportional Representation rather than return to First Past the Post. If you are unsure of which of the three options to choose, you can simply vote yes on the first question. However, if you want to explore the three options there are many videos online beyond the Elections BC website that also do a very good job of explaining each of the proposed systems.

I have voted and I voted yes.

*Martin Stuible*

## You are invited to the North Vancouver Teachers' Association Christmas Party!

When: Friday, December 7, 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Two Lions Pub, 2601 Westview Drive

Please join the NVTA Executive for delicious hot and cold appetizers, door prizes and good times!  
No Host bar with Happy Hour drink specials. Make a cash donation to the North Shore Harvest Project and earn an entry into the coveted NVTA Turkey Raffle!

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*Believe it, or not...*

**FIRST CALL FOR DELEGATES  
TO THE BCTF AGM  
March 16 – 20, 2019  
Victoria, BC**

**The North Vancouver Teachers' Association's BCTF AGM delegation will be elected at the NVTA General Meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.**

The NVTA can elect delegates who, along with the three NVTA Local Representatives, will comprise our delegation.

Please consider putting your name forward as a candidate. Contact the NVTA President, Martin Stuible ([martin@nvta.ca](mailto:martin@nvta.ca)) or NVTA First Vice President, Robin Deleurme ([robin@nvta.ca](mailto:robin@nvta.ca)) at the NVTA office for more information.

**NVTA PRO D CONFERENCE  
"ILLUMINATE"  
Friday, February 15, 2019**

The district-wide NVTA Professional Development Conference, *Illuminate*, will take place on Friday, February 15, 2019 at Carson Graham Secondary School. The conference committee is working hard to bring members an informative day with a wide array of interesting workshops.

We look forward to welcoming Conference Keynote Speaker, Dr. Andrew Miki, a practicing clinical psychologist and the founder of Starling Minds (<https://www.starlingminds.com>).

Registration on Booking Central for both the Keynote Address and the wide variety of workshops on offer will open after Christmas break.

*Stay tuned for further details!*

**NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS  
CALENDAR 2018-2019**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

21 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

**DECEMBER 2018**

7 NVTA Christmas Party (Two Lions Pub)

19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

**DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**JANUARY 2019**

7 Schools reopen

16 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

30 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)  
- elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting

**FEBRUARY 2019**

15 District-wide Professional Development Conference

18 Family Day

20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

**MARCH 2019**

13 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

16-19 103<sup>rd</sup> BCTF Annual General Meeting (Location TBA)

**MARCH 16 – MARCH 31 SPRING BREAK**

**APRIL 2019**

1 Schools reopen

17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)  
- followed by NVTA All-Candidates Meeting

19-22 Easter Long Weekend

29 National Day of Mourning

**MAY 2019**

6 District-wide Professional Development Day

8 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social (elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2019-20)

15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

20 Victoria Day

**JUNE 2019**

10 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)

19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

27 Last day of school

28 Administration Day