

# NOTEBOOK

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## North Vancouver School District Mentorship Program

This program provides opportunities for all teachers to get involved and learn with your colleagues.

Are you looking to engage with others? Are you an experienced teacher? Are you a new teacher? Have you recently changed grades? Do you have lots of great ideas that you want to share? We have the program for you. The North Vancouver School District Mentorship Program is a joint program between the District and the NVTA and it will soon start accepting applications for the current school year. We are looking for both mentors and protégés to join.

Mentorship provides a voluntary opportunity for teachers to enhance their practice in a safe, confidential and learning-focused relationship. This is accomplished with an experienced colleague in a completely non-evaluative, non-remedial process based on trust of all those involved. The process will empower all participants in their own professional growth through constructive feedback and build leadership capacity within schools and across the District.

An email, with the details and application forms, will soon be sent to all teachers.

If you have further questions or would like more details please contact Charlene Wilson ([charlene@nvta.ca](mailto:charlene@nvta.ca)) at the NVTA Office.

## PRO D CONFERENCE 2021 WORKSHOP CALL-OUT

If you are interested in presenting a virtual workshop at the NVTA District-wide Professional Development Conference on Friday, February 26, 2021, please contact Pro D Chairperson, Tammy Daley, at the NVTA office (604.988.3224) or by email at [tammy@nvta.ca](mailto:tammy@nvta.ca).

Alternately, please download the Workshop Booking Form from [nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca), fill it out and email it to [tammy@nvta.ca](mailto:tammy@nvta.ca) or fax 604.980.8092.

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2020**

## COVID-19 COMMITTEE CALLOUT

The NVTA is looking to form two committees (a secondary and an elementary) that will meet multiple times during January, February, and March of 2021 in order to discuss and plan for issues that have arisen due to COVID-19. The committees would also keep an eye to next year and how we would like start up to proceed if there continues to be COVID-19 restrictions. We are looking for up to eight NVTA members to be on each committee. To apply, please download an application form from the NVTA website ([nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca)) on the Committees page.

## MEETING REMINDER

NVTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 4:00 pm on Zoom. A meeting link will be emailed to all CSRs a week prior to the meeting.

**Please note:**  
**All in-person retirement workshops have been cancelled. The following are your online options...**

## **MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PENSION**

Are you establishing your career or several years away from retirement? Learn how the decisions you make throughout your career can affect your pension when you retire.

The Teachers' Pension Plan is offering online courses and webinars to help answer employees' pension questions. *Making the Most of Your Pension* can help you learn more about –

- Buying service for approved leaves,
- Purchasing service for a time when you worked for your current employer but didn't make pension contributions,
- Transferring service from other plans,
- How the decisions you make in your career can affect your pension,
- The effect of live events on your pension,
- and using our online tools to plan for your future.

To receive helpful information and to register for upcoming webinars, please follow this link: <https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/making-the-most-of-your-pension>

## **APPROACHING RETIREMENT**

Are you planning for or within five years of retirement? Understand the important decisions you need to make about your pension.

This two-hour workshop will help you learn more about your pension. The decisions you make about your pension as retirement approaches are important, and planning for retirement now can make your transition easier. The *Approaching Retirement* workshop covers a wide range of topics, including –

- Choosing your best pension option,
- Life stages and retirement,
- The retirement application process,
- and returning to work after you have started collecting a pension.

When you register, you will receive a confirmation email that includes helpful information for participating in the webinar.

Please follow this link for more information: <https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/approaching-retirement?inheritRedirect=true>

## **COMING SOON TO A FACE NEAR YOU**

The NVTA has received BCTF face masks which have been sent to CSRs via the milkrun. There is one mask per staff member at your school. The NVTA also has a number of Face Shields available to classroom teachers on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like a Face Shield, or require more masks, please email NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs, at [beth@nvta.ca](mailto:beth@nvta.ca).