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Upcoming BCTF Membership Survey

Dear Colleagues,

Next week, the BCTF will be launching its third annual BCTF Membership Survey. Designed by the BCTF Research Department, this survey aims to build a representative picture of teachers’ lived experiences across the province during the current school year.

This survey is part of a larger longitudinal study tracking members’ experiences and perspectives over time. A similar survey was conducted last year, and you can [read the results of last year’s report online](#). We will also be conducting additional annual membership surveys in the years to come. The findings of these surveys are used by the BCTF to advocate for improved working and learning conditions.

The survey will be sent to a sample of randomly selected members from across the province. This approach allows us to efficiently gather statistically representative data for the overall BCTF membership without surveying every single BCTF member. If you are selected to participate in the survey, you will receive an email on February 10, 2025, with a unique link to complete the survey. Selected members will also receive an automated voice message from the BCTF about the survey.

The survey will be open until **February 28, 2025**.

Survey results will only be reported in aggregate form. No individuals will be identified or have their individual data made public.

Please email [Dr. Brendan Watts](mailto:Dr.Brendan.Watts), BCTF Senior Research Analyst, if you have any questions.

In solidarity,

Clint Johnston
President

Ministry K–12 Literacy Supports Survey

As part of the provincial K–12 Literacy Supports initiative, the Ministry of Education and Child Care, in collaboration with BCcampus, is seeking input from K–12 teachers and educational support staff on online resource needs related to student literacy development via a brief [online survey](#). The survey will be open from **January 31 to February 14, 2025**. Survey responses are anonymous and are not intended to assess educator competencies or determine broader programming related to literacy development. Any questions or concerns regarding the content of the survey or the K–12 Literacy Supports initiative can be submitted to the Inclusive Education Team at literacy.supports@gov.bc.ca.

New Ministry Informal Learning Updates Reporting Guide

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has released a new [Informal Learning Updates Reporting Guide](#) to help support the [K–12 Student Reporting Policy](#). As part of the Student Reporting Policy, parents should receive at least two Informal Learning Updates during the school year. This guide provides additional clarification about the content and format of Informal Learning Updates and answers several frequently asked questions. Additional K–12 Student Reporting resources are also available on the [information for educators and school leaders webpage](#).

BCTF Assistance Society directors

There are six director vacancies for one-year term positions on the BCTF Assistance Society. The Society provides aid in the form of loans, grants, or subsidies to current and former active members of the BCTF and their dependents. For more information, visit the [online posting](#).

Ministry of Education and Child Care’s Digital Resources for K–12 Literacy Supports focus group

The BCTF is seeking 24 members to participate as BCTF representatives in the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s focus group for their Digital Resources for K–12 Literacy Supports project. Participants will be asked to participate in one virtual focus group on either a weeknight or weekend, for approximately two hours, in late February or March 2025. For information and to apply, visit the [online posting](#). The application deadline is **February 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

Ministry project to develop Climate Change Education Resource for Grades 4–8

The BCTF is seeking ten members to participate as BCTF representatives in the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions’ project to develop a Climate Change Education Resource for Grades 4–8. Visit the [online posting](#) for more information and to apply.

Focused Education Learning Resource Evaluators contract position

The BCTF is currently seeking 50 active BCTF members to evaluate classroom resources for [Focused Education Resources](#) on behalf of their colleagues in BC, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. The term of appointment is three years (2025–28). Resources to be evaluated include fiction, non-fiction, reference, and learning technologies delivered in print or digital formats. More information is available on the [online posting](#). The deadline to apply is **February 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

Local Hospitality travel discounts

The BCTF is proud to partner with Local Hospitality to provide our very own member travel discount program, provided for the exclusive access of our members and their families. Search for discounts on hotels, car rentals, and US entertainment. Our savings are as much as 50%, and average 10–20% below market rates.

Book a hotel, car rental, or entertainment package before March 31, 2025, and you could win back your purchase. Winners will receive a full refund on their travel booking from Local Hospitality. [Click here to search to save on your next trip.](#)

Exclusive savings on home, condo, and tenant insurance through belairdirect

You need great coverage that can keep up with your schedule. Luckily, our partner belairdirect has got you covered. We've teamed up with them to score special deals on insurance that's tailored just for you as a member of the BCTF. belairdirect helps simplify insurance for you to make your life easier. You'll also enjoy enhanced coverage with their Affinity Plus endorsement, plus a suite of helpful digital tools that make managing your insurance a breeze. Get your quote today at belairdirect.com/start-saving, or call 1-833-887-2258 and mention group ID code BCTF.

EMC Mortgages savings program for BC teachers

EMC Mortgages is based in BC and has been a key advantage partner with the BCTF for many years. EMC assists teachers into better mortgages with great rates, and also provides financial support to the union and local districts. EMC has helped thousands of teachers for over 28 years with:

- access to many mortgage options, an easy process, and volume discounts on mortgage interest rates.
- highly experienced mortgage professionals providing mortgage education and information essential in making the best financial decisions.
- purchases, refinances, renewals, pre-approvals, and transfers.
- equity take-outs, debt consolidation, and lines of credit.
- Don't take our word for it, here are some [testimonials](#) from BCTF members we've helped in the past. Now is a great time to take advantage, [click here](#) to talk to an EMC mortgage professional and access our current five-year **4.34%**(APR 4.3871%) rate special.