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### **Parachute: Pan-Canadian educator survey series**

The Canadian Teachers' Federation invites BCTF members to participate in the spring edition of Parachute: pan-Canadian educator survey series. This spring 2026 edition focuses on deprofessionalization, and participation supports federal advocacy initiatives to address these issues.

Participants have the chance to win a \$500 Article gift card or a \$100 bookstore gift card. The survey takes about 10 to 12 minutes to complete and closes Friday, May 21, 2026. All responses are voluntary, anonymous, and treated with the strictest confidence. [Start the survey now.](#)

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### **Violence in Schools: Beyond Quick Fixes panel recording**

The Canadian Teachers' Federation hosted a panel on violence in schools on April 14, 2026, to discuss social, emotional, and fiscal cost of violence, what realistic steps can be taken, and how to strengthen public education. The panel includes the President of the Federation of School Support Staff Éric Pronovost, Provincial Executive Officer Sherry-Ann Bowen-Gordon from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, and President of the British Columbia School Counsellors' Association Norberta Heinrichs. A recording of that panel is now available on the [CTF YouTube channel](#) and on the [Public Education Source podcast website.](#)

## Positions for election at the Spring Representative Assembly

The following [vacancies](#) are to be filled by the Representative Assembly (RA):

- Alternate Nominating Chairperson—Please see Standing Rule 11.D (pg. 187)
- [BCFED Executive Council](#)—Please see Procedure 5.10 (pg. 38)
- [Judicial Council](#)—Please see 31.C (p.130)
- Nominating Chairperson—Please see Standing Rule 11.D (pg. 187)
- RA Agenda Committee—Please see Procedures 25.D.12 to 25.D.16 (pg. 106)
- RA chairpersons—Please see Standing Rule 11.C.1—a. (pg. 186)
- RA health and safety representatives—Please see Procedures 25.D.62 and 25.D.66 (pg. 107)
- [RA ombudspersons](#)—Please see Procedure 25.A.26 (pg. 100).

The noted pages indicate where to find the relevant information for each position in the [BCTF Members' Guide](#).

[Please submit your CV by Friday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m.](#)

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## BCTF committee postings

The following BCTF committees currently have vacancies posted. Please visit each posting for details on the work of the committee and application information. The deadline for committee applications is **May 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

- [Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee](#)
- [Adult Education Advisory Committee](#)
- [Advisory Committee on French Programs and Services](#)
- [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Anti-Racism Action Group](#)
- [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Economic Justice Action Group](#)
- [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Status of Women Action Group](#)
- [Finance Committee](#)
- [G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award Trustees](#)
- [Internal Mediation Service](#)
- [Peer Support Service](#)
- [Pensions Committee](#)
- [Professional Issues Advisory Committee](#)
- [Teacher Qualification Service Board](#)
- [Teachers Teaching on Call Advisory Committee](#)
- [W.R. Long International Solidarity Fund Committee](#)
- [Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Advisory Committee.](#)

## **Embracing Menopause and Beyond workshop**

We're excited to invite you to Starling Minds' upcoming women's health workshop. It will focus on the hormonal shifts that occur during perimenopause and menopause, and ways to support long-term health during midlife and beyond. The sessions will be led by Mindfulness Advisor Tara Achkar and Naturopathic Doctor Paola DeCicco. This two-part series will provide practical tools and strategies to help you navigate women's health changes with confidence and vitality. In a supportive and practical space, you'll learn strategies to restore balance, protect your energy, and build resilience that lasts. During this two-part webinar series, taking place on May 12 and 19, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. PT, attendees will:

- learn valuable tools to care for your mind, body, and hormones.
- receive guidance on navigating perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause.
- gain strategies to restore balance and build confidence through change.
- be provided with a compassionate space to learn, reflect, and connect.

[Register today](#)

Not a Starling Minds member yet? Register at [member.starlingminds.com](https://member.starlingminds.com) and enter your access code: BCTFMEMBER. To register for the first time, you'll need your BCTF Member ID, which can be found:

- on the front of your BCTF Member Card
- on your [BCTF Member Profile](#)
- by calling the BCTF's Member Records department at 1-800-663-9163.

This resource can also be shared with a family member using the family access code: BCTFFAMILY.

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## **UBC physics summer camp seeking BC teachers**

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is seeking teachers to support their [physics summer camps](#) for children in Grades 1 to 6. Teachers will be compensated for their time. The camps take place at UBC Vancouver from July 6 to 31, 2026. You can email questions or a resume and cover letter to [outreach@phas.ubc.ca](mailto:outreach@phas.ubc.ca).

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## **Royal BC Museum's Learning Portal**

Check out the [educator page](#) on the [Learning Portal](#) for tips on how to search for subjects, grade level, and resource types. Learn about the histories, nature, and peoples of BC through stories, historical photographs, expert insights, colourful media,

and curriculum-linked resources. You can also register for free online programs like [Amazing Adaptations](#) coming up on May 6 for Grades K to 3.

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### **Local Hospitality travel discounts**

The BCTF is proud to partner with Local Hospitality to provide our very own member travel discount program for members and their families. Why? Because teachers deserve it.

Search for discounts on hotels, car rentals, and entertainment. Our savings are as much as 50%, and average 10–20% below market rates.

Book a hotel, car rental, or entertainment package from May 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026, and you could win back your purchase. Winners will receive a full refund on their travel booking from Local Hospitality. [Search to save on your next trip.](#)