

# BCTF News



Kids matter

Teachers care

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## K–12 Student Reporting Order

In late September, the Ministry of Education released a draft form of a new K–12 Student Reporting Order. Following the release of the draft reporting order, the Ministry invited teachers, parents, and students to share feedback and comments. The BCTF has identified key concerns and issues with the proposed reporting order.

The Federation's concerns include:

- lack of clarity surrounding reporting expectations.
- a disconnect between the draft reporting order and the needs of distributed, distance, and blended learning models.
- no consideration to the unique needs of adult education.
- inclusion of colonial language and structures in the reporting order.
- lack of supports for teachers to learn about implementing the new reporting order.
- lack of guidance from the Ministry to ensure consistent approaches across the province in implementing the new reporting order.
- the potential for a significant increase in teacher workload to meet the new reporting requirements.

You can read the full report summarizing all the concerns and recommendations at [bctf.ca](https://bctf.ca). The BCTF has sent a letter to the Ministry to share our concerns and recommendations from the report, including a recommendation that the implementation of the new K–12 Student Reporting Order be delayed until it better reflects the feedback provided, and supports are in place to facilitate the transition to the new reporting order.

The Ministry feedback cycle for the new reporting order is open until November 5, 2021. We strongly encourage you to share your comments and feedback. Teachers' voices need to be heard and acknowledged. [Click here](#) to complete the feedback form.

## November is Anti-Poverty Month

As we transition through and (hopefully) out of the COVID-19 pandemic, a just recovery for all is a high priority for our communities, and especially for our students. The pandemic has starkly exposed the existing inequities in our society along with how COVID-19 has continued to deepen those cracks in the foundation of our society.

To learn more about Anti-Poverty Month, read the [website post by the Economic Justice action group](#). You can also check out available [workshops](#) and resources on [bctf.ca](#) to address poverty and inequity in our classrooms, schools, and communities.

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## Foundation Skills Assessment

As many of you know, the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is being administered to Grade 4 and 7 students across the province over the course of this month. The FSA is not helpful to teachers, students, or parents and the BCTF has long opposed it. To read more about the BCTF's FSA campaign, [click here](#). We believe that the government can and should cancel this divisive test and work with education stakeholders to replace it with a system-wide assessment that includes a mechanism for the ethical reporting and aggregation of data. Please [sign our petition](#) to show your support for cancelling the FSA.

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## BC Teachers' Council Survey for new teachers

The BC Teachers' Council (BCTC) just launched their [New Teacher Survey 2021](#). The survey is open to all teachers who completed their approved teacher education program between 2015 and 2020. It takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to anonymously provide your feedback. This survey is intended to help educational partners, including the Ministry of Education, better understand the experiences of educators as they transition out of teacher education programs and into the teaching profession in BC.

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## Opportunities for Members

### Applications open for 2022 Labor Notes Conference

The Labor Notes Conference is one of the largest gathering of grassroots union activists in the world. The 2022 conference is slated to take place in-person in Chicago from March 25–27, 2022. The BCTF is accepting applications for two attendees to the Labor Notes Conference. One application is for a member in their first five years of teaching, and one application is for a member who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a person of colour. For more information and to apply, view the [posting online](#). The application deadline is **December 3, 2021**.

### Committee Postings

The following BCTF advisory committees are currently accepting applications:

- Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Advisory Committee
- Committee for Action on Social Justice: Peace and Global Action Groups
- Advisory Committee on French Programs and Services
- G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award Trustees.

For more details and to apply, visit the [Postings and Opportunities webpage](#).

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### **Join Starling's Thoughtful Tuesday Session 3: Guided imagery**

The third session of Starling's Thoughtful Tuesday's will take place on November 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Use your imagination and deep breathing to focus your thoughts and feel better.

One of the most powerful, yet simple, self-awareness tools is guided imagery. It uses words and images to help move your attention away from the worry, stress, and anxiety to help you find your own inner strength and peace. Through guided imagery you can learn to use your imagination to "create the state you want."

To join Tara Achkar, Customer Success Manager from Starling Minds, [register here](#).