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NEWSLETTER OF THE DELTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

President's Column

Members of the DTA Executive have participated in visiting every school site in the district over the last three weeks; talking about the changes to the College of Teachers and the impact these changes will have on teachers' professional lives. Hundreds of Delta teachers have joined their colleagues throughout the province in signing the form letter requesting that the Board not proceed with the automatic deduction of College fees at the end of October. On October 2, the BCTF Executive will make a decision on this issue and, given the response of Delta teachers and others around the province, BCTF locals will probably be submitting the form letters to their respective boards. What this means to the College is that instead of automatically receiving funding for the year from school districts through the electronic transfer of fees, it will be looking at having to process thousands of cheques that will arrive "in the mail." Teachers are being very creative in suggesting ways they could submit their fees – from 9 000 pennies to 90 one dollar cheques! For the price of a stamp and an envelope, teachers can make a statement without putting their careers at risk! Consulting with members on the next stage begins October 3rd.

This struggle is all about teachers losing control of their professional lives. Bill 51 Amendments to the Teaching Profession Act (TPA) have wiped out the 15 elected teacher representatives on the College, replacing it with 20 government appointees who have been chosen for their pro Minis-

try views. This group will make the rules and in order to teach in the public school system, teachers will have to pay for the privilege of belonging to Christy's College. There is nothing democratic, nor according to a legal opinion, constitutional about this legislation.

It's not too late to sign the form letter; your Staff Rep will provide you with one. Delta teachers are urged to join with their BC colleagues in sending a strong message to the Minister to reconsider the legislation that amended the TPA.

DTA

Special General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 14th, 2003
4:00 p.m. Seaquam
Secondary**

Jinny Sims, BCTF 1st VP, will be in attendance, speaking on the College of Teachers.

Please plan to attend.

TEACHERS SALARY SCALE

EFFECTIVE JULY 1/03		INCREASE= 2.50%			
YRS OF EX- PER	3(EA)	4(PC)	5(PB)	6(PA)	6+(PA) W. MASTERS
0	33,140	35,256	38,432	41,483	42,307
1	34,870	37,096	40,493	43,770	44,628
2	36,600	38,936	42,554	46,057	46,949
3	38,330	40,776	44,615	48,344	49,270
4	40,060	42,616	46,676	50,631	51,591
5	41,790	44,456	48,737	52,918	53,912
6	43,520	46,296	50,798	55,205	56,233
7	45,250	48,136	52,859	57,492	58,554
8	46,980	49,976	54,920	59,779	60,875
9	48,710	51,816	56,981	62,066	63,196
10	50,440	53,656	59,042	64,353	65,517
11		55,496	63,159	68,926	70,153
	TOC RATE: 160.25				

“Tad” Boyes Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Rick Ikesaka, son of Lila Ikesaka, (Devon Gardens), DTA recipient of the \$500.00 “Tad” Boyes Scholarship. Rick’s future plans are to study medicine.

Teacher On Call Meeting

**Thursday, October 9, 2003
4:00 p.m.**

Delta Secondary Staff Dining Room

Rookie Staff Rep Training

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

8:30 – 3:30 p.m. DTA Office

210 – 5000 Bridge Street, Ladner

**Please call Debbie for your
release code.**