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# Welcome to our Spring Edition



## Thank You, PD Committee!

Many thanks to those who were on the PD Committee as your DTA representatives for the past year, and welcome back to those re-elected for the 2020-21 school year. Thank you to our school PD Contacts for the work they do to ensure that the correct forms are submitted correctly and completely. Thanks, also, to our DTA Administrative Assistant, Marilyn Kelly for her meticulous and patient work supporting our fund and our committee.

The elected DTA PD Committee manages funds that are paid by the District to the DTA as a result of locally developed contract language. Many districts do not have PD fund language as strong as ours, and ours is powerful thanks to past Bargaining Teams.

As this remote learning year draws to a close, keep in mind that there are many universities that offer MOOCs and online courses that qualify for PD funding. If you want to take a course during the summer, make sure to apply asap—deadline for credit course applications is June 26th, regular PD course deadline is June 14th. Remember that deadlines are everything if you have outstanding receipts to claim. Here's to another great year of personal, professional growth.

Stay safe everyone, and have a rejuvenating summer.

*Please note: PD funding is for dues paying DTA members. Members on leave are not eligible for PD Funds.*

*Jeanie McKay*

**Looking for PD opportunities?** Please check the BCTF website [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca)—PD Calendar and the [BCTF Pro-D newsletter](#).

## Plan Ahead for Fall 2020

Many PD conferences occur in the fall, especially on and around the fall "PSA Day" which will be on Oct 23,2020. PSA day applications are acceptable up until 4pm the day before that day (Oct 22rd this year); other regular PD applications are due 14 days before the event; this deadline is strictly adhered to so be sure to plan ahead!

## CHANGES TO PD FUND ALLOCATION FOR 2020 - 2021

This change will be effective July 1, 2020:

- ◆ Up to \$1000 is available per member per school year for CREDIT COURSES only.

If you have already applied for funding for summer activities, your application will be adjusted to reflect the new changes.

We are in process of updating the credit course form; in the meantime please use existing forms and changes will be made at the DTA office.

The remaining PD applications form limits will remain the same:

- ◆ Up to \$600 is available per member per school year for regular PD (Canada only).
- ◆ Self-directed PD—1 TTOC day per applicant per year. There are a maximum of 30 available for the entire membership.

Any questions contact Marilyn [marilyn@deltateachers.org](mailto:marilyn@deltateachers.org)

## CREDIT COURSES

We are fortunate in our local that credit courses (from an accredited University) can be funded through the DTA fund. Application forms and procedures can be found on the DTA website [www.deltateachers.org](http://www.deltateachers.org).

### Fall Credit Courses

*Are you planning to take a credit course which starts in September?* If so, please be aware that funding applications must be received before the course begins. The DTA Office closes June 26 and opens again on Aug. 31. If your course starts Sept 8 for example, you must get your application in before then. Don't wait until the first day of school to apply for funding.

### Most common oversights when applying for funding:

Receipts are required **AFTER** you have attended a conference, workshop etc. **NOT** with your application.

Applications must be received 14 days in advance of the PD event . Exception is credit courses which should be received **before** the course begins. Applications cannot be backdated.

Principal or administrator has not completed and signed the District/School Funding section of form.

### What is the DTA PD Fund?

The PD Fund does not come from your dues but is a result of past collectively bargained language. Article F.23:2 of the provincial collective agreement, provides the DTA PD Committee with funds to administer for the professional development of teachers. The amount is calculated based on the number of FTE teachers employed in the district, plus TTOCs, multiplied by half the TTOC daily rate. Currently, this works out to approximately \$201,000. If the fund was simply divided among members, the amount would be only about \$167 per teacher. Instead, the PD fund has allocations for individual "regular" PD i.e. conferences and workshops, credit courses, and self-directed PD, which are governed by policies determined by the PD Committee and outlined on our documents and on the DTA website. Teachers apply for funding and are granted funding according to current policies. The fund is limited, and there is a possibility that funds could run out for a given year. Surplus funds are carried over into the next year.

**The DTA-managed PD fund, by contract, "Will not be required to finance educational change or cubiculum implementation in the district."**