



To: **Local BCTF Presidents**

From: Arnie Lambert, BCRTA President

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cc: PD Chairs, Office Administrators

RE: BCRTA Online Retirement Planning Workshop

“Understanding your Benefits and Pension Income in Retirement”

The important decisions that will determine your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute as you fill out your forms.

How can you prepare to confidently make the choices that are right for you?

The BC Retired Teachers’ Association is pleased to announce that we have decided to continue offering our popular online workshop ***Understanding your Benefits and Pension Income in Retirement*** for the 2023-2024 school year.

Since the workshop was introduced in 2016, more than 4,700 teachers have participated, learning more about the Teachers’ Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and voluntary groups benefits (dental, extended health, travel).

Nearly 2,000 teachers participated in our online sessions last year!

With emphasis on voluntary group benefits—extended health, dental, and travel as well as the Teachers’ Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, and Old Age Pension Plan, our sessions are an important complement to the *Approaching Retirement* webinars provided by the Teachers’ Pension Plan.

On voluntary group benefits, we emphasize “best friend advice” and inform teachers about how to choose the plan that best meets their needs for the years ahead.

Teacher ratings for our sessions are consistently high thanks to our knowledgeable facilitators and excellent retirement planning resources. When we ask if participants would recommend the seminar to a friend, the answer is a very strong “YES!”

Teachers particularly appreciate the opportunity to have their personal questions answered during the session or as a follow-up using by email.

Visiting <https://bcrta.ca/workshop> will link teachers to a 2 minute registration process.

We have scheduled 8 online sessions for 2023-2024. The online sessions are free!

We are asking BCTF Locals to promote our sessions to your members by adding the contents of the attached page to your local newsletters and bulletins!

****PD Days and After School Sessions For Your Local****

In addition to the scheduled sessions listed above, the BCRTA is working to provide this same online workshop for co-sponsored after school and local and regional Professional Days, so let us know if you are interested and we'll try our best to meet your needs. If you have any questions, please send us an email or phone Laurie Boyd at laurie@bcrta.ca or call the BCRTA Office 604-871-2260 or 1 (877) 683-2243.

Learn more about BCRTA at www.bcrta.ca

Thank you for your continued support of our workshops.

Arnie Lambert,

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