

# DTA Monthly Update



**Delta Teachers'**  
ASSOCIATION

## Presidents' Message - Alison Kerr

On behalf of everyone at the DTA, I'd like to congratulate all staff on a job well done for another school year. You made it! And if you didn't, you know that because you work in a union environment, your collective agreement provided you with the extended health benefits you needed to recover and rest with the hopes of a return next year. Please be mindful that some colleagues don't get the summer to recharge and have a variety of reasons as to why they may continue to work in the summer or have other ongoing responsibilities. It was a financially tough year for many TTOCs, as shortages mainly came to a halt this year in the lower mainland and work was scarce.

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Every school year comes with its challenges. Members, CUPE workers in all areas and administrators are forced to cope daily with an underfunded system that creates many pressures on site. The job of the District and the Union is to try to make that daily struggle less intense. Therefore, the relationships between the Union and its partners is very important to us. It's not always staff reps reaching out to us first, and we appreciate the administrators who have worked with us over the years and communicated issues early to discuss and resolve. This has not always been the case, and I have made it a personal focus of my work during my years in office. Administrators' willingness to talk and be vulnerable has given the DTA a perspective of systemic issues not available to us previously.

We have had to adjust to many personnel changes on the District Employer side this year, and the growing pains have been evident. This has resulted in an increase in grievances, but we are happy to report that a lot of them were resolved this past week with positive outcomes for members. By working in tandem with CUPE, we try to maintain consistency in decision making and be the holders of historical practice. We are grateful for that relationship and communication.

We also continued to work on building relationships with parents during the year and appreciate the support of Angela Keulen and Jennifer Rak from the District Parent Advisory Committee for creating some space for us in their meetings and supporting the organizing needed for the upcoming trustee elections.

Lastly, I would like to show our immense appreciation for all the member volunteers that support our work at the office, whether it be Staff Representatives, EC or DTA Committee members, or any member that reaches out to us to inform us about issues at their site. We might be the released officers focussing the work, but it's not possible without the continuous flow of anecdotal information you provide to us. All members ARE the DTA. Please continue to reach out when needed.

I hope everyone finds some time for rest and rejuvenation over the summer and we'll see you next year.

## Emergency in the Summer? Who to contact

Kathy, Cherie and Sandra are not available in the summer. As president, I continue to work from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 10 and can be reached by email or cell: 604-789-0049.

I return in August from 24<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, although I will be at BCTF Summer Conference from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

You can also call the BCTF throughout the summer at 1-800-663-9163

Dear Alarm Clock,

This isn't working for me. I think we need a break. It's not forever, but I need some time. About 10 weeks should suffice.

Unapologetically,  
Educators Everywhere

## 2026 Retirees

Ten retirees were honoured at the DTA Social & Retirement Dinner held on June 15th at Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course, celebrating their years of dedication and service..

### Group photo

#### Front row:

Karen Gadowsky,  
Jeff Hook, Einer Teng,  
Lisa Hignell

#### Back row:

Cathy Holliday,  
Angela Vaughan,  
Janice Willcox, Ann  
Ketchum, Shireen  
Tayob, Shelley Seip

Those who were unable to attend the dinner were missed and celebrated in spirit.

Heather Loiselle  
Ivana Jorgensen  
Monique Salmon  
Nina Wolanski  
Sandra Middleton  
Thomas Wildeman  
Todd Clarke  
Valerie Kenis

