

NEWSLETTER

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TTOCs and the Abbotsford Automated Dispatch System

With the implementation of the Abbotsford Automated Dispatch System some TTOCs are finding they are not getting called as much as before the AADS was activated. If you find yourself in this situation it could be caused by the limits you put on what you are willing and able to teach. The AADS will only call TTOCs for positions they are willing and able to teach. If you put any limits on what you are willing and able to teach you might want to adjust those parameters.

The ADTA is requesting that all teachers currently using BCeSIS complete the survey found at www.adta.bc.ca

The ADTA has a number of committees that you can join. If you would like to take an active role please contact the committee chair:

1. **Joint Health & Safety Committee**
Dyanne Warkentin (Chairperson)
2. **TOC Committee**
Janice Brost (Chairperson)
3. **Social Justice Committee**
Harold Kokot (Chairperson)

The BCTF is gathering information about class and composition violations. If your class is in violation of the Provincial class size and/or composition numbers and you did not consent/agree to the violations we would like to hear from you. Please contact either your staff rep or the ADTA directly.

Class size limits:

- 22 Kindergarten
- 24 Grades 1-3
- 30 Grades 4-7 (consent required to exceed)
- 30 Grades 8-12 (consultation required to exceed)
- 3 IEP Students, **all grades** (consultation required to exceed)

BCTF ADVANTAGE ELLIS MORTGAGES CANADA

EMC IS A PROUD PARTICIPANT IN THE BCTF ADVANTAGE PROGRAM. YOU'RE INVITED TO COME OUT AND HEAR HOW YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON YOUR MORTGAGE AND FREE UP SOME EXTRA CASH FLOW, JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

EMC WILL BE PRESENTING A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR PROGRAM ON: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND @ 4:00 PM AT THE ADTA HALL. Please contact Lisa Scott @ lisas@emcmortgages.ca to register.

December	January/10
Wed. Dec. 2nd Ellis Mortgages Canada Information Session @ 4:00	Jan. 3/10 - Welcome Back
Wed. Dec. 9 Rep Dinner	Wed. Jan. 20 Staff Rep Meeting
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3/10 Winter Break ADTA Office Closed	

DID YOU KNOW!

The ADTA along with Dyanne Warkentin is now publishing a Health & Safety Newsletter on a quarterly basis. SO STAY INFORMED.

DO NOT PRACTICE FOR OR MARK THE FSAs

The BCTF is reminding teachers (including TTOCs and retired teachers) NOT to volunteer to practice for or mark the FSA. For a number of years now, the BCTF has advised members not to participate in the writing of test items, field-testing, or marking of the FSA. Concern has grown over the degree to which the use of the FSA has negatively affected teaching and learning. The BCTF does not wish to see the continued erosion of valuable teaching and learning time through the use of a test that brings no improvement to classroom conditions and support for students. Please talk with your staff rep or contact your local president should you be directed by an administrator to participate in practicing for or marking the FSA.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND EDI

As you are aware, in the new year all Kindergarten teachers in Abbotsford will be directed by the District to complete the Early Development Instrument. The Abbotsford School District is one of the few District's in the province and the country that forces their teachers to complete the EDI, in most districts throughout Canada participation in the EDI is voluntary. The data from the EDI is used by the Human Early Learning Partnership, HELP, for a variety of projects including their EDI Mapping Unit. Although the District can direct you to complete the EDI they cannot force parents to participate. Parental participation is optional, unfortunately parents need to opt out of the survey rather than opt in. The District cannot direct a teacher to complete the teacher demographics section of the survey. This section asks a number of very personal questions that you may not want to hand over to a third party. Though your name is not attached to the demographics sheet, your name does appear on every student sheet that is submitted with your demographic information. For more information on the EDI and HELP see www.earlylearning.ubc.ca, or contact the ADTA.