

Student Climate Strike: World-wide days of Action September 20 and 27, 2019

BCTF delegates to the spring 2019 Representative Assembly passed the following resolution:

That the BCTF support the student Climate Strike on the next world-wide day of action that is organized to demand action on the climate emergency.

This September 20, 21 and 27, a number of Global Climate Strikes have been planned around the province. To learn more, visit the [Global Climate Strike web pages](#). This site offers information about existing events, supports you in organizing an event in your community, and provides links to training and resources.

The BCTF encourages members to support the Global Climate Strike by participating in one or more of the following activities:

1. Raise awareness of the climate emergency in your classrooms and communities
 - Lesson plans, teaching resources, and workshop addressing global warming are available on the [Environmental Justice webpages](#) of the BCTF website.
 - Explore the new Education International resource: [Education: A powerful tool for combatting climate change: A guide for education unions and educators](#).
 - In communities where students' families may be employed in the fossil fuel industry, use the resource [Tips on teaching controversial issues](#) to learn strategies to lead your students in a discussion that is both respectful of differing views but considers the issues in an in-depth manner. Explore strategies to ensure a just transition to alternative employment using the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives document [Just Transition: Creating a green social contract for BC's resource workers](#).
2. Support your students in developing action plans to respond to the climate emergency
 - Brainstorm possible actions.
 - Explore the [Global Climate Strike website](#) to identify events in your community.
 - Support students in organizing an event in your community by registering an event and exploring resources on the website and joining a [climate strike online training session](#).
3. Teaching tips for the day of the global climate strike
 - Avoid scheduling tests or assignment due dates on the day of the climate strike.
 - Plan a parallel climate activity in your classroom on the day of the strike so that students will meet similar learning outcomes whether or not they choose to participate in the strike.
4. Share your ideas with BCTF members
 - September is a busy month for teachers. If you have an idea to support your students with the Global Climate Strike, consider posting it on [TeachBC](#) or asking your local social justice contact to post it on the social justice contact list serve.
5. Contact the BCTF for further support
 - Todd Patrick, Assistant Director Social Justice, is happy to support you if you have any questions or concerns. Todd can be reached at tpatrick@bctf.ca.