



TBU President's Memo

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A Well Earned Break

It has been a year that tested our limits both personally and professionally. As the final Google Meets come to a close and the stream of emails slows to a trickle look back on this year with satisfaction. You rose to the challenge in support of public education during a time of crisis. You were there when students needed you and you got the important work done. You've earned a break. On behalf of the team at the District Office and the Executive we hope you enjoy a terrific summer.

All the best!

Inprint

The link to this month's edition of Inprint that was included in the last update can sometimes not work depending on the web browser being used. Here is a link to the page on our website where you can find Inprint which may be more reliable:

<http://www.d13.osstf.ca/publications/inprint-13.aspx>

Resources from the Provincial Education Services Committee

The Provincial Educational Services Committee has created postcard resources on topics including the importance of correct pronunciation of names, and culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy. Those resources are available on our website at the following link:

<http://www.d13.osstf.ca/committees/professional-development/resources.aspx>

Looking Ahead to the Next School Year

Conditions in the fall will continue to be influenced by announcements from the Ministry of Education in July and August. This will affect final decisions regarding scheduling for next year. As well, families will have the opportunity in August to make a final choice regarding whether to attend school online or face-to-face.

At this time planning continues for a quadmester start. With students expected to be in school for the entire day, planning will be needed to arrange instruction and supervision with a variety of models being applied around the province. In continued discussion with the Board it has been communicated that members of District 13 view a scheduled daily prep period as a critical part of the work they do. Our collective agreement as well defines a full daily workload as 3 x 75 minute periods.

Depending on the rate of vaccination and whether we turn the final corner against Covid we may see consideration for a return to a regular semester schedule but it is still too early to tell.