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Important Information for Staff Reps & Staff Committee

DISTRIBUTED LEARNING FORUM APRIL 28 & 29

As you may already know, a second forum on Distributed Learning is scheduled for April 28th and 29th at the Masonic Hall at 1495 West 8th Avenue. The forum will focus on educational issues and questions that arose from November's meeting. Because of the large number of people involved, the upcoming forum has been split into two half day sessions, with half of the schools attending on either the Monday or the Tuesday morning session. Every school has been asked to send three teachers to the forum, specifically two enrolling and one counsellor. Simply put, every school team will receive funding for 2 1/2 day TOCs (morning).

Please ensure that the teachers attending this very important dialogue on distributed learning **NOT BE SELECTED** by the administration of your school. It is *imperative* that **we select our own representatives** either through Staff Committee or a Staff Organization Meeting. In addition, when selecting your teacher representatives, please include individuals who participated in the November DL Forum, thereby adding to an overall sense of continuity. Lastly, school teams are required to register no later than Friday, April 18th. **Submit the names of your teacher representatives to the principal who will, in turn, complete the registration.**

If you have any additional questions and/or concerns, please call the VSTA office for assistance.

SCHOOL TEAM TRAINING

School union representatives attending the May 1st workshop are asked to register with Kim <kim@vstaweb.ca> by Wednesday, April 23rd. Schools are allowed to send two reps, excluding Executive members. Use code 41 for booking a TOC.

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY FOR ABORIGINAL TEACHERS TASK FORCE

The BCTF Aboriginal Education Committee, in conjunction with the VTF, has established a task force to implement the Employment Equity for Aboriginal Teachers Plan in our district. Elements of the plan include both the hiring and retention of Aboriginal teachers. The initial meeting of the joint VTF/BCTF task force will take place later this month. If you are interested in participating or would like more information about this very important work, please contact the VSTA Office. Currently, VSTA is seeking two teacher representatives to participate in this task force.