



**Bargaining Bulletin  
No. 1**

*from: Barb Connors,  
CDTA71 Bargaining Chair*

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**Collective Agreement Expires June 30, 2011**

Our five year collective agreement expires at the end of June next year, in 2011. Before that happens, the BCTF and our local will be taking our issues to the bargaining table – looking for improvements in every aspect of our conditions of work.

**What do you think needs to improve in your working life?**

Now is the time that we need to be thinking – both individually and collectively about what improvements we can make to your life as a teacher through collective bargaining.

Think of this question: “What do you think needs to improve in your working life? “ Think of your professional rights (professional autonomy, professional development), your working conditions (class size and composition, safety standards, support for children with special needs), think of your remuneration (your salary, your benefits, sick leave) think of your employee rights (posting and filling of positions, seniority, leave provisions). Try to think of your top three, five, or even top ten priorities for this next round of bargaining.

We need to begin the conversations with each other in our staff rooms, at our staff representative meetings and our general meetings.

**Election of Local Bargaining Committee on April 14, 2010**

The CDTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Blackfin Pub building by the Comox Marina. At this time we will be seeking individuals who are interested in being part of a ‘**local bargaining committee**’ so that we may begin the work of looking at ‘local’ bargaining issues.

**Bargaining Survey School Visits**

The CDTA will be making school visits between now and the end of June to conduct a ‘Needs Survey’ for upcoming bargaining. Please ensure that **YOUR** voice is heard!

**CDTA71 AGM April 14, 2010 4:00 pm**

Lower floor meeting room below Blackfin Pub... Park in Marina Lot.

- ✓ Attend the AGM on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Consider being part of the Bargaining Committee.
- ✓ Phone, email, stop by the CDTA office with your ideas. For nominations (of self welcome), the number is 250 338-1461 Ext 3 or office71@cdta71.org.
- ✓ Keep the conversation going.....

Yours in the bargaining spirit!

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**cdta71.org**

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