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OSTU News

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Reminder...Use your benefits!

Our Extended Health and Dental coverage limits reset January 1st each year. Now is the time to use up your coverage if you have any unused amounts for massage, chiropractor, vision, etc.

**Note: Your receipts for Health & Drugs benefits must be submitted by Dec. 31st of the following calendar year. Your receipts for Dental benefits must be submitted 12 months from the date of service.*

Click Here for Coverage Information

Pensions & Retirement: Planning for Retirement

Thinking about retiring? Learn more about your retirement options so you can make decisions with confidence. When you can retire, how your pension is calculated, and other sources of retirement income are just a few of the topics covered on the Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP) website.

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/planning-for-retirement>

Professional Boundary Issues

Cyber Tips for Teachers...More information from our professional boundary issues workshop last month.

Be Professional...

Teachers are professionals and expected to model ethical and appropriate cyber conduct.

Teachers hold a position of trust with students and will be held accountable if their actions expose students to inappropriate material or communications.

Be Prudent at Work...

*Maintain exemplary professional standards when sending email messages to students, parents, colleagues and administrators.

*Always keep a copy of your email messages.

*Use a teacher voice when communicating with students via email.

*Use Canadian spelling and grammar checks before sending.

Counsellors and Special Ed/LATs...

We want to hear from you! Come join our Focus Groups to share your thoughts and ideas on your role in SD67. Meetings will be held at the OSTU office (697 Martin Street)

Counsellors

Wednesday, Jan. 10th at 4pm

Special Ed Teachers/LATs

Thursday, Jan. 11th at 4pm

Know Your Contract *Professional Autonomy*

Article F.5 of our Collective Agreement:

"Within the bounds of effective educational practice, prescribed provincial and local curricula and programs, and school instructional goals that have been collegially determined, teachers shall have individual *professional autonomy* in determining the methods of instruction and the planning and presentation of course materials in the classes of pupils to which they are assigned."

***Your OSTU Executive Committee would like
to wish you all a peaceful, enjoyable, and
well-deserved winter holiday!***





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