



ATA CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT REPORT

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The Battle River Bridge, Dried Meat Lake near Edberg, on Hwy 56, straight North of my mom's ol' stamping grounds of Big Valley

"I wish I could tell somebody 'bout the way I feel today. Wish I could pack my leavin' trunk and make my getaway. There's nowhere to go." - Gordie Johnson, *Nowhere to Go*, Big Sugar

Even if it wasn't, in fact, the "Best Summer Ever", I hope you were able to find time to relax, rejuvenate, recharge, and any other "re-"s that would help you get ready for the new school year. I was keeping my hopes up for in-person meetings this year, and got my wish with Battle River's Executive meeting. Unfortunately, COVID is doing its thing and mutating. We need to remain vigilant in this fight and do our best to help control the spread, care for ourselves and our loved ones. I dearly hope to see you all in person very soon. Either way, I thoroughly enjoy representing Central East teachers at Provincial Executive Council, and all ATA members at the Central Table Bargaining Committee (CTBC).

Speaking of which, your CTBC is hard at work building an Initial Proposal now that the List of All Matters (LAM) has been finalized through an arbitrator. Your help is sought in this process... **every member of the ATA is asked to have their say by taking part in either (or both):**

Webcast - **Tuesday, September 21** from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Telephone Town Hall - **Wednesday, September 22** from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

This is YOUR Initial Proposal, going into YOUR Collective Agreement. I want to stress that each ATA member owns this, and we need to hear from you. **Please see the ATA website, www.teachers.ab.ca, to see how you can participate.**

Concerns? Questions?

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