



ATA CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT REPORT

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"I'll stand my ground, won't be turned around, and I'll keep this world from dragging me down, gonna stand my ground and I won't back down."

- "I Won't Back Down" - Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne

Interim Update - so much has been happening since the last PEC meeting and DR report that I feel the need to send out this update.

Homewood Health has an app for your smartphone. Look in your app store for "Homewood e-app". It contains articles, recorded webinars, self-paced treatment programs for depression and anxiety, coping with COVID-19, chat line, and emergency 24/7 crisis line information. **The app is for teachers and their dependents.**

Local Bargaining - as we close in on the final bargaining units for the 2018-2020 round, we are seeing a few impasses, adding stress to already stressed-out teachers. One bargaining unit is still bargaining the 2016-2018 round!

Central Table Bargaining - I am proud to advocate (with a rural teacher voice) for Alberta teachers at the central table. List of All Matters (LAM) bargaining started November 2 and 3. Good conversations took place, and a few items were agreed to, but there is more to do. We have agreed to a few more dates in December. You can follow bargaining updates by visiting the teachers.ab.ca website, "My ATA" --> "Bargaining Updates" --> "Central Matters Bargaining 2020".

Concerns? Questions?
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#WeAreATA

ATA President Jason Schilling is continuing to meet with Minister LaGrange and the Education Stakeholders Group and is **FIERCELY** advocating for teachers, students, school staff, curriculum, proper funding, COVID-19 relief, mental health and wellness, and everything else that affects teachers. If you would like to be updated with what Jason's (and others) been up to, please visit www.teachers.ab.ca, My ATA --> Members Only --> Members Only site, scroll down to Members' Update Signup.

Write a letter to your MLA - We need as many teachers as possible to write a personal letter (form letters are getting dismissed) to their MLA. Feel free to cc it to Minister LaGrange and Premier Jason Kenney. Please be consistent with policy and be mindful of the tone you use; you may not get the meeting you request and the letter will likely be dismissed. We have been lucky to have Stephen Carter join in on a few meetings, and one quote rings true in advocacy, "We need to appeal to people's values rather than fight them." If you need help with your letter, please contact jonathan.teghtmeyer@ata.ab.ca

PDAC and CBC - Professional Development Area and Collective Bargaining Conferences are both scheduled for Saturday, November 28. I would love to be at both, but I must attend the CBC as a member of the CTBC.

COVID and Schools Telephone Town Hall for Teachers - join Dr. Lynora Saxinger and Jason Schilling in a conversation on Nov 17 at 7:00pm. You will find the registration on the scrolling banner on the main ATA website.

After you register for the townhall meeting, you will also find on the scrolling banner links to the Fall Issue of the ATA Magazine, the final Report on Aggression in Schools, and an invitation for speaker proposals for this year's Women in Leadership Summit.

I wish you all the best of health and happiness for you and your loved ones.

My DR Calendar

November

- 2 - CTBC - LAM bargaining
- 2 - Battle River Executive
- 3 - CTBC - LAM bargaining
- 4 - Endless Skies Teacher Convention Association Meeting
- 5 - Fall Planning Meeting
- 5 - Emergent PEC Meeting
- 5 - Lakeland Catholic
- 6 - Fall Planning Meeting
- 9 - 13 - Aspen View Schools Fall Break
- 9 - Greater St. Paul Local Council
- 9 - Northern Lights Executive
- 11-15 - GSA Conference
- 16 - Northern Lights Local Council
- 16 - Greater St. Paul DEHR Meeting
- 17 - ATA Telephone Townhall
- 18 - Battle River Teacher Welfare Committee
- 20 - Central Table Bargaining Committee
- 20 - Emergent Provincial Executive Council
- 23 - Local Presidents Round Table
- 23 - Park Plains East Executive
- 24 - Battle River Local Council
- 24 - Greater St. Paul Teacher Welfare Committee
- 25 - Park Plains East Local Council
- 28 - Collective Bargaining Conference

December

- 1 - Aspen View Teacher Welfare Committee
- 3 - 4 - Provincial Executive Council
- 3 - Lakeland Catholic Local Council
- 7 - Aspen View Local Council
- 7 - Middle Years' Council
- 7 - Battle River Executive
- 8 - Greater St. Paul Local Council
- 9 - ESTCA meeting
- 18 - Resolutions Committee
- 19 - 31 - Cross-country skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling
- 22 - Call Hamel's Meats to order a haggis for Burns Dinner