



MADAME SPEAKER

The Honourable Linda Reid

Legislative Assembly
Province of British Columbia

January 19, 2015

Mr. Steve Cardwell
Superintendent, School District 39
1580 West Broadway
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Dear Mr. Cardwell:

Re B.C. Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy

I am writing to congratulate you upon the selection of two teachers from your School District to participate in the British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy. Ms. Janet Nicol of Killarney Secondary School and Ms. Treena Goolieff of Eric Hamber Secondary School have been selected to attend the Teachers' Institute at the Parliament Buildings in Victoria from February 24 – 28, 2015 for five days of intensive professional development.

I am pleased that both Janet and Treena expressed an interest in attending this unique educational opportunity. The Teachers' Institute provides for a variety of formal and informal presentations and panels by key officials within the Legislature. The main objective of the Institute is to enhance knowledge and understanding of British Columbia's parliamentary system of governance. One of the many benefits is the opportunity to engage teachers from across B.C. in promoting an awareness of the Legislature and its relevance in the lives of their students.

Teachers selected to participate in this prestigious program are presented with an Award of Teaching Excellence and are often afforded the opportunity to meet with the Lieutenant Governor. I trust that you will support Janet and Treena in this professional endeavour by ensuring that teacher on call costs are not a hindrance.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Linda Reid
Speaker

Enclosure

c. Mr. Robert Moro, Principal, Killarney Secondary School
Mr. Alex Grant, Principal, Eric Hamber Secondary School

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The Honourable Linda Reid, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

BENEFITS

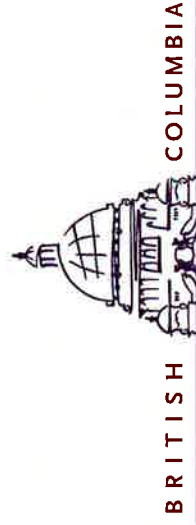
As the sponsor of this program, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, the Honourable Linda Reid, is pleased to invite teachers to apply to the Institute. The benefits are immense for the participating teachers, their schools and communities:

- Develop an in-depth knowledge of B.C.'s parliamentary and political systems;
- Attend Question Period and meet with key Legislative Assembly staff;
- Ask questions directly to those who work and perform daily in B.C.'s parliamentary system;
- Engage teachers in discussions to further promote an understanding and awareness of the Legislature and its relevance;
- Share and receive resources on B.C.'s parliamentary system and from across Canada; and,
- Network with teachers from across the Province with similar interests.

SUPPORT

The British Columbia Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy is pleased to have the support of the following:

- Office of the Speaker
- British Columbia Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- British Columbia Social Studies Teachers' Association
- Federation of Independent Schools Associations
- Justice Education Society of British Columbia
- Library of Parliament



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2004 BCIT Inaugural Spring Institute

The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia offers a professional development opportunity for B.C. teachers



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OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this intensive professional development opportunity is to promote a greater understanding of B.C.'s parliamentary system, and:

- To enhance knowledge and understanding of B.C.'s political system;
- To promote discussion and critical inquiry into key issues in parliamentary democracy;
- To facilitate sharing of ideas, resources, and methods for teaching parliamentary democracy in relation to B.C.'s educational learning outcomes;
- To motivate B.C. teachers to champion effective citizenship and extend the discussion about parliamentary democracy to their students, schools and communities;
- To provide an opportunity for B.C. teachers to interact with MLAs and Legislative Assembly staff; and,
- To provide B.C. teachers with the opportunity to become familiar with the resources available through the Parliamentary Education Office at the Legislative Assembly.

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2013 BCTI Fall Institute

DETAILS

Applications are available at www.leg.bc.ca/bcti

- All applications must include a referee evaluation outlining the applicant's collaborative aptitude and curricular innovation.
- Registration fee of \$175 includes all meals, accommodation and resources.
- Some travel subsidies are available for teachers travelling great distances.
- Teachers are responsible for their own T.o.C. costs.

HEAR WHAT FORMER PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY

"This was a wonderfully enriching and enjoyable experience for me that will benefit my students tremendously. I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity! Thank you."

"I am going home so much better equipped to teach government... I can't describe my thanks for the care and special attention that was shown to us all week."

"What a fantastic week of professional development! I am inspired to return to my classroom, school and district to share these resources. Thank you!"

PROGRAM

- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of B.C.
- Supreme Court Judge
- Clerks of the Legislative Assembly of B.C.
- Parliamentary Committees
- Cabinet Operations
- Legislative Counsel
- Press Gallery
- Behind-the-scenes tours of the Parliament Buildings and Government House

Please note: Attendance is mandatory at all sessions and business attire is required for most sessions



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