



# BULLETIN

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## Non-instructional Day - October 23rd, 2020

Dear Members,

Friday, October 23rd is a provincial wide non-instructional day. The BCTF Professional Specialists Associations have excellent workshops again this year and each one has been modified for an on-line platform.

The ATU has spoken with the District about the option to work from home on Friday as the majority of members have registered for something on-line. The ATU believes that teachers would be better served by making personal decisions about where best to conduct their own professional development and we advocate for this every chance we are offered.

After my discussion with Kevin Godden, I am sad to report that no progress was made on this matter and that all teachers doing on-line workshops on Friday will need to report to their school.

If you are not doing an on-line workshop and have some type of self-directed activity planned, such as visiting a museum or cultural centre, those plans can continue on as normal. Please indicate what you are doing and where to your school Professional Development Representative. The Professional Development Representative collects this information, as part of the normal process, and shares it with administration upon request.

If for some reason you are told you cannot do your activity, the regular appeal process would be triggered. The ATU recommends that you contact us immediately so that we have time to address your concerns.

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