



PEITF Summary

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PEITF in the Media

In preparation for an election call, the PEITF have taken steps to bring education to the forefront. In the March 28 & 30th editions of The Guardian and Journal Pioneer, along with on our social media platforms, the PEITF published ads designed to bring attention to educational issues. Initially, the Federation had planned and scripted a television commercial that addressed the issues of teacher cuts and funding levels; However, prior to production, the Federation was informed the commercial could not run on CBC in the lead up to the election due to its content which was deemed as advocacy. Also, due to CBC's advocacy rules, the commercial would not be able to run during Compass even outside of the election period.

The PEITF Provincial PR committee will continue to work in designing a campaign that brings to light the realities teachers face in Island classrooms.

CBC Story on Special Authorization Payments

The CBC reported that education was given a Five Million dollar special authorization payment, primarily due to teacher's salaries. On the day this story was released, PEITF President Gilles Arsenault met with Department of Education Officials to clarify these statements. President Arsenault was informed that the issue was one of miscommunication and miscalculation of the Department's budget, which left them with a shortfall, and the media took notice of the special authorization and made it into a story. After the discussion with the Department, the PEITF decided not to further the media story through commenting publicly.

Are you Following the PEITF on Facebook and Twitter?

The PEITF's social media presence has increased of late. Be sure to Like the PEITF page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for links to educational articles, PEITF updates, or live coverage of PEITF events.

What's Happening at Your School?

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Is there a special event happening at your school? Is there a cool project that deserves some attention? The PEITF would love to hear about it! We are looking for some of these good news stories to share through our newsletter, website, and social media. If you have something to share, email chad.gallant@peitf.com.

Sustainability in Education Policy Network

Sustainability in Education Policy Network (SEPN), is requesting you to participate in an ongoing national survey on sustainability practice and policy in the Canadian education system.

SEPN is a research-based partnership between Canadian and international policy and educational institutions, whose research examines the relationship between sustainability education policy and practices in early childhood to grade 12 and post-secondary education across Canada. The goal of the project is to enable educational change for a more sustainable future. To access the survey and for more information please click on (or copy and paste) the link below:

https://usaskssr1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_50BaaK6uvpz7y8B

We appreciate your time, and should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Nicola Chopin, Project Manager, at (306) 966-2319 or nicola.chopin@usask.ca

Part -Time Instructor Position

Bricks 4 Kidz is an innovative educational program teaching children about STEM using LEGO Bricks! They are currently looking for a teacher who is looking for a little bit of part-time work in the Cavendish area this summer. They are looking for a teacher to lead a camp at Cavendish KOA on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm for 10 weeks from June 30th to Sept 1st. In addition to the two hours with students, there will be a bit of preparation and clean-up time required.

Applicants must:

- *have experience and enjoy working with children ages 5-13 in groups of 15-20
- *have reliable transportation
- *be on time and have an excellent work ethic
- *have great organization skills
- *bilingualism is an asset, but not required
- *enjoy math, science and technology
- *familiarity with Minecraft and Pokemon is also an asset.

The successful applicant must provide a criminal background check and sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Compensation will be \$50/session.

Applications can be made by emailing Amber Jadis ajadis@bricks4kidz.com

PEITF Pre-Retirement Seminars

There are still a few openings for the PEITF Pre-Retirement Seminars to be held at the following locations:

Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Charlottetown, April 18, 2015
Loyalist Lakeview Resort, Summerside, April 25, 2015.

Registration forms are available on the PEITF website (www.peitf.com) or contact Federation House at 902-569-4157 toll free: 1-800-903-4157

Questions for Your Candidate

Questions for Your Candidate cards were recently sent to the PEITF membership as a reminder of what you can ask when your Candidate comes to your door.

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When your candidate comes to your door, be sure to ask them their party's stance on issues related to education! Here are a few to get you started:

Question #1

What are your party's major priorities with regard to public education?

Question #2

What will your party do to support teachers in addressing the increasing challenges of the classroom?

Question #3

What will your party do to address the challenges of increased class size and reduced supports?

Question #4

The Liberal Government made a commitment to pay teachers at regional parity but have yet to fulfil that promise. What is your view on paying teachers regional parity?

Question #5

The Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation serves as the voice for Island Teachers. How will your party, if elected, work with the PEITF to advance public education?



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