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### *President's Message*

Hard to believe that it is almost time to begin negotiations again. The negotiation survey has been sent out to all the schools. If you did not receive a survey in your building mailbox, please let me know and I will get one sent out to you. If you have any questions regarding the survey, feel free to ask me for clarification. The negotiation team will be reviewing all surveys returned and this information helps guide us in what is important to you, the member. Your voice is very important so please take the time to fill out the form and return it. Instructions for returning are at the bottom of the survey.

I cannot stress enough the importance of reviewing your biweekly pay stubs. These can be found in Atrieve. If you are not sure how to view your pay stub, please reach out to myself or to the admin in your building and ask them to show you how to access it.

As was communicated by the division, new ROE's were sent out to Service Canada during the first week of February. You will need to contact Service Canada to make them aware of the new ROE. Also, you should go into your Service Canada account and view the ROE to ensure accuracy. If you have any questions about the figures, please reach out to the payroll department or me.

Just a reminder, as per the collective agreement, when you are absent it is your responsibility to enter the absence into Atrieve as soon as possible. Unless it is an emergency, no one should be entering absences for you. You do not need to notify your supervisor or admin. If you are requesting leave without pay, you must have your admin or Human Resources approval first. This is different from sick-leave without pay. For more information regarding leaves of absence and medical certificates, please refer to division policies GDC and GBGAC.

I know the last couple of months have been a very stressful time for many of you. I want to assure you that the Association is working hard to advocate on your behalf and to alleviate some of these unwarranted stress factors that we have all been feeling. We will continue to stand up for the rights of our membership.

### *Executive Members*

President – Jennifer Monaster

Vice President – **Open**

Treasurer and Pension rep – Cerys Hooper

Secretary – Kerry Fraser

Board Office Rep – Rosemary Koltalo

EA Rep, Health and Welfare and PD Rep – Maggi Sawchuk

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Library Tech Rep and PD Rep – Jocelyn Oliver

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### **Keep in Touch**

If a member at your work location is off for an extended illness or bereavement, or if a member has a reason to celebrate, please advise Maggi Sawchuk at [maggi.sawchuk@siasd.ca](mailto:maggi.sawchuk@siasd.ca). MANTE will send out an appropriate card.

### **Professional Development**

Reminder. When applying for PD funding, fill out the PD application form available through the portal and scan the application or send through division mail to Connie Lowe at Crestview School.

### **MANTE Professional Development Committee**

EA Rep – Maggi Sawchuk

Admin Asst. Rep – Rachel Novakowski

Library Tech Rep – Jocelyn Oliver

MANTE President – Jennifer Monaster

Human Resources – Joanne Johnston

Administrator – Connie Lowe

Financial – Monika Kananowicz

### **February Retirees**

NIL

