



May 2026

President's Message

Our **Annual General Meeting** is quickly approaching. Reminder that it will be held on **May 21st, 2026, 5pm at STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE, 2665 Ness Avenue**. Refreshments will be provided. I have sent out correspondence indicating all names of nominees and the position they wish to hold, as well as any motions that will be brought forth and voted on. If you have not received this, please reach out to me and I will get it to you. I encourage everyone to come out to the AGM and let your voice be counted. There is no requirement to RSVP your intent to attend, however if you wouldn't mind emailing me that you plan on attending, that would be appreciated. Last year we had overestimated attendees so this year we would like to more accurately purchase refreshments. But again, you do not need to RSVP to attend.

Less than two months remaining in the school year. A reminder regarding your personal days. As per the collective agreement, all members are entitled to two personal days per year. These days cannot be attached to either breaks or the end of the school year. If you do not use these days, you lose them as they are not carried forward to the next school year. Personal days can be denied based on the percentage of members within your building requesting that day off. The sooner you get your request in, the better the chance it will be approved.

If you have accumulated 50 hours of school related volunteer time, you are entitled to one day pay leave. This day also must be used within the year it was earned. The date for this leave should be agreed upon between yourself and the school admin and should be scheduled on a date when classes are not in session. Any exception to this rule requires approval and a substitute will not be provided.

Looking ahead to the 26/27 school year, next year there are 191 school days in the calendar. For those members who work 190 days, this will mean choosing 1 inservice day as a day without pay. Your school administrator should provide you with a form to fill out for the next school year.

Every year for the three-month period prior to the signing date of our Collective Agreement, April May and June, we are in an open state meaning another union could raid us during that time. This year our current contract expires, which means we will remain in an open state until we successfully sign a new collective agreement. During this time other unions may approach you to try and get you to switch to them. This is allowed, but not on school property. I would never restrict anyone from asking questions and learning what other unions offer for the dues they charge. I just ask that once you have done that you give MANTE the same opportunity to speak. All unions and Associations are governed under labor laws. No matter the dues charged, we all have the same duty to represent.

Jennifer Monaster



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 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

May Retirees

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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 Rep – Maggi Sawchuk
EA Rep – **Open**
Library Tech Rep – Jocelyn Oliver
Secretary Rep – **Open**
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