

OPINION EDITORIAL

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE PROFESSION

COWICHAN VALLEY, BC – On Thursday, October 5, 2017 the Board of Education and district leaders from the Cowichan Valley School District (SD 79) will be joining others across the world to celebrate World Teachers' Day, and teachers across our district will be recognized for their ongoing professionalism and dedication to our learners.

Educators play an incredibly important role in shaping the minds and lives of our future generation; it is a profession that one chooses carefully, out of a passion and commitment for lifelong learning, and a desire to help our young people prepare for their futures. It is a profession that requires a diverse set of competencies and abilities, including flexibility, empathy, compassion, curiosity, patience, and dedication.

Teaching has evolved greatly from a one-room schoolhouse to a dynamic and ever-changing learning environment that takes place both in and out of a classroom. In British Columbia, it is a very exciting time to be a teacher and a student. There is more flexibility and creativity in the curriculum, increased opportunities for teachers and students alike to follow their interests and passions, and opportunities to continue learning and growing as an educator.

This year, our district welcomed new teachers from outside of the district and fresh from University. We saw many others pick-up continuing contracts or transfer into a position they were passionate and excited about. This is a great time to be a teacher in our province. We are lucky to have some of the best teachers in the country working in our district, and we thank each and every one of them for choosing SD 79

Happy World Teachers' Day to all of our wonderful teachers. Thank you for everything you do in support of our diverse learners.

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