



# Professional Learning UPDATE



Upcoming events for BCSSA members and district teams

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday, November 15  
4:30 p.m.

BCSSA members will meet immediately following the last session of the opening day of the conference. Traditionally the AGM includes an update from the Ministry of Education, and after the meeting members are invited to the President's Reception hosted by Harris and Company.

All members, including our many new members, are encouraged to attend these events.

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["member," not your name]  
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## Fall Conference countdown



### November 15-16

**Community and Education: The Schools We Want**  
Victoria Conference Centre

Many districts have already signed up to attend this year's conference; some are bringing teams of a dozen or more!

From "The World We Want" theme two years ago to "The Canada We Want" last year, "The Schools We Want" is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to be inspired by John Abbott, Andy Hargreaves, Calvin Helin, Sir Ken Robinson and Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond. Their biographies and books are posted on the [Fall Conference pages](#) of the BCSSA website. There you will also find registration and hotel information—everything you need to make plans to attend the conference.

[Click here to download the Fall Conference brochure and registration form \(PDF\).](#)

### NEW – Our online registration system is now open for business!

Easy as 1, 2, 3 – To register for the Fall Conference, go to the Fall Conference page of the BCSSA website, click on "Registration" to fill out the form, pay with VISA or MasterCard if you wish, then "submit form" and you're done. You will receive an email from BCSSA confirming your registration. [Click here to go directly to the Fall Conference webpage.](#) (Please note: If you have already sent us a registration form by mail or fax, there is no need to register online)



### Road to 2010 – A Provincial Conversation

**November 14** (2-5 p.m.)  
Victoria Conference Centre

**Begin the journey to determine the legacy for your community!** With just over two years until the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, the **BC School Superintendents Association**, in collaboration with the **Canadian Olympic Committee**, **Canadian Paralympic Committee**, **VANOC**, **2010 Legacies Now**, the **Ministry of Education** and **Interactive Innovations**, invites school districts to start building their own roadmap to 2010. This year's Road to 2010 session will be the first of three special events leading up to the Games and will include presentations by athletes and the sharing of the latest resources for connecting schools to the 2010 experience. **Road to 2010 Leadership Teams** can include leaders from inside and outside the school district: educators, students, local athletes, municipal and other community leaders. **Everyone is welcome to participate!** There is no registration fee, just a simple form for each district to fill out indicating who will be attending. Come for the Road to 2010 and stay for the Fall Conference. Also take advantage of the special room rate at The Empress Hotel, which expires October 19. You can [sign up your district group online](#), or [download the flyer and registration form \(PDF\)](#).



### Special room rate at The Empress still available

The Empress Hotel has extended the BCSSA room block to October 19. **A guest room is only \$90.** The Empress fills up fast, so don't delay your reservation. If there are any rooms available after the expiry date, the rate for us will still be \$90.