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# RPSTA UPDATE

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## Teachers Take Sanctions Vote

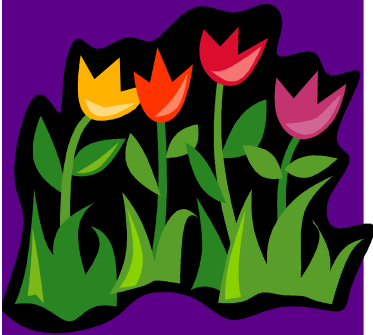
The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation membership conducted a sanctions vote on April 13, 2011 after nearly a year of bargaining and conciliation failed to conclude a new Provincial Collective Agreement. The results will take 10 days to two weeks to be tallied.

A bargaining session was held on April 14th at STF Spring Council in Saskatoon, at which STF General Secretary Gwen Dueck was given a standing ovation for several minutes by all of the councilors from across the province who were in attendance. Near the end of the session, Gwen was thanked for representing teachers with strength, dignity, and professionalism by Regina councilor Jay Fladager, which resulted in the show of support.

If you have any questions regarding potential sanctions or the bargaining process, please access the For Members section of the STF website at [www.stf.sk.ca](http://www.stf.sk.ca).



The RPSTA superannuates' reception will be held on Thursday, June 16th, at the Conexus Arts Centre.



# Superannuates' Reception

The RPSTA hosts a reception each June for its' superannuating teachers. This year the reception will be held on Thursday June 16th at the Conexus Arts Centre. There will be a short program, followed by the superannuate's receiving a gift from the RPSTA and the STF, and then time to celebrate and visit with friends while enjoying snacks. Superannuates are asked to submit a brief summary of the highlights of their career for The Register, which is a compilation of each

teachers' story that is sent out to the membership in June. Please send your summary, including a digital photo of yourself, to [rpsta@access-comm.ca](mailto:rpsta@access-comm.ca) Congratulations to all superannuates!

## LINC Bargaining Continues

The RPSTA LINC team consists of the following members:

- Jeff Perry (Chair)
- Curtis Chernoff
- Mike Markesteyn
- Patrick Maze
- Randy McLeod
- Maureen Pardoe
- Jeff Ruf

The team began by conducting a comprehensive survey of the RPSTA membership to determine the areas of our

LINC contract that our membership would like to see enhanced.

The team is currently involved in direct negotiations with the Division to develop a LINC contract that will help support teachers.

LINC negotiations determine items that are not bargained for at the Provincial level, including preparation time, leaves, substitute teacher pay rates, and special allowances.

# Information on Provincial Bargaining

There have been many questions asked about the results of the sanctions vote, and what will and won't be effected by potential sanctions.

The best answer to all of these questions is to check the For Members section of the STF website at [www.stf.sk.ca](http://www.stf.sk.ca), and to activate your t.mail account if you haven't already done so. The STF has committed to releasing the most up to date information for teachers on their website and through the t.mail system.

Currently on the STF website there is a sixteen page questions and answers document that contains all of the questions asked by councillors at the April 2, 2011 bargaining session held in Saskatoon.

The site also contains all of the Provincial Collective Bargaining Updates, and any other information related to provincial collective bargaining. The STF has committed to giving 72 hours to teachers and 48 hours to

school divisions for notice prior to any job sanctions. This information will be sent to t.mail addresses first. You can activate your t.mail account by contacting Linda Smulan at the STF (1-800-667-7762).

The preference of the STF is to be invited back to the bargaining table by the government with the resources necessary to conclude negotiations of a deal that affirms the worth of teachers and is acceptable to the membership.



**THE RPSTA EXECUTIVE WISHES ALL  
TEACHERS A RELAXING AND RESTFUL  
EASTER HOLIDAY/SPRING BREAK!**

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## RPSTA Goals:

The RPSTA has committed to improved communications as a goal for the upcoming school year. This will include increasing members' understanding of the RPSTA and its roles. (You may have noticed a more informational aspect to the Update.) We are also committed to improved relations between our Association and all of our members, and improved relations with Regina Public Schools Senior Administration



## RPSTA Website:

The RPSTA website contains updated Executive Member and Councillor information, and it also contains our LINC contract in PDF form. In addition, on the website you can find the RPSTA constitution, RPSTA Updates, and information on RPSTA Committees. Please visit our website at:

[www.local.stf.sk.ca/rpsta](http://www.local.stf.sk.ca/rpsta)

## RPSTA School Visits:

RPSTA President Patrick Maze is continuing school visits. There have been very good discussions at each of the schools. As this is a LINC bargaining year, proposals for our new LINC Agreement will be one of the points for discussion.

## Upcoming Visits:

April 21st Victoria Campus

April 21st Wilfrid Walker School

Please contact Patrick Maze at the RPSTA office if your school would like to schedule another visit. Thanks!