

# Maple Ridge Teachers' Association Memorandum

To: Teachers  
From: MRTA Office  
Date: April 2, 2020  
Topic: Interim Elections

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Dear Colleagues,

On March 2, 2020, members received notification of interim elections for President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. These elections were for positions for the balance of the 2019/20 school year. This was a result of a vacancy for the position of President. These interim elections were to take place at the MRTA General Meeting on April 15, 2020.

At this time, gatherings of 50 people or more have been banned to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Last night, after much discussion and consideration, the following motion was passed by the MRTA Executive Council:

*"The MRTA Executive Council recommends that, in these extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, executive positions be extended until it is deemed safe to hold a General Meeting by the Provincial Health Officer."  
(Morgan/Doran-Eddy)*

Therefore, at this time, Penny Morgan will remain in her role as President, Kaitlin Thorarinson will remain in her role as First Vice President, and Trevor Takasaki will remain in his role as Second Vice President until it is deemed safe by the Provincial Health Officer. The MRTA Executive Council wants to assure members that the above motion is meant to maintain consistency in the office while we navigate through this unprecedented time.

The MRTA annual elections for the 2020/21 school year will happen when it is deemed safe by the Provincial Health Officer, or through an alternate method to be determined in

consultation with the BCTF. All locals in BC will need to tackle this issue. At this point, there is no timeline on when this may occur but we are committed to maintaining transparency throughout this process. There will be future communications regarding the MRTA General Meeting in the coming weeks as more information on how to proceed with local elections comes from the BCTF.

PM & KT/em

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