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Welcome Back

Staff Association would like to welcome back all of our existing and new members. We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready to get back into the swing of things for another exciting year here with the CBE.

Your Expected Salary Increase

The Staff Association's Collective Agreement calls for a 2009-2010 salary increase equal to the Alberta Average Weekly Earnings (AAWE). Currently that has been set at 5.99 percent. However, the Alberta government, in discussions with the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA), has indicated that they are not willing to increase funding to school boards beyond the April 2009 provincial budget based on 4.82 percent. The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has indicated that salary increases will be applied retroactive to the beginning of the school year following the conclusion of the ongoing discussions. Staff Association will be filing a grievance against the CBE based on the 5.99 percent salary increase not having been applied immediately at the start of the school year.

Welcome to Albert Herscovitch

We would like to welcome Albert Herscovitch onboard as Co-Manager of Staff Association. Albert will be working with Bill Flookes over the coming months during the transition period in preparation for Bill's retirement. Albert has worked with the CBE for 33 years as a Psychologist, and has served on Staff Association's Board of Directors since 1996. We are pleased to have Albert continue with our team in his new role.

Questions & Answers

If you have a question for Staff Association that you would like to have answered in our next FYI, please submit your question to Dawn Scott via e-mail at dascott@staffassociation.ca. Please reference "FYI Question" on the subject line.