

Freedom  
Involves Secure  
Alternatives

# Federation News

The Official News Bulletin of the Federation of Independent School Associations

Issue: 182

September 2007

*Executive Director*  
**Fred Herfst**

*Administrative Assistant*  
**Margaret Baldwin**

FISA  
150 Robson Street  
Vancouver, BC  
V6B 2A7

Tel (604) 684-6023  
(604) 684-7846  
Fax (604) 684-3163  
Web [www.fisabc.ca](http://www.fisabc.ca)  
E-mail [fisabc@telus.net](mailto:fisabc@telus.net)

## VANCOUVER FOUNDATION AND B.C. ARTS COUNCIL

Application forms for the Arts in Education grants were sent out in June to FISA member schools. The forms are due in the FISA office September 14, 2007. The FISA extends its sincere thanks to the Vancouver Foundation and the B.C. Arts Council for their support of the performing arts and for granting \$17,500.00 to the independent schools for this program.

## FISA FACT SHEET

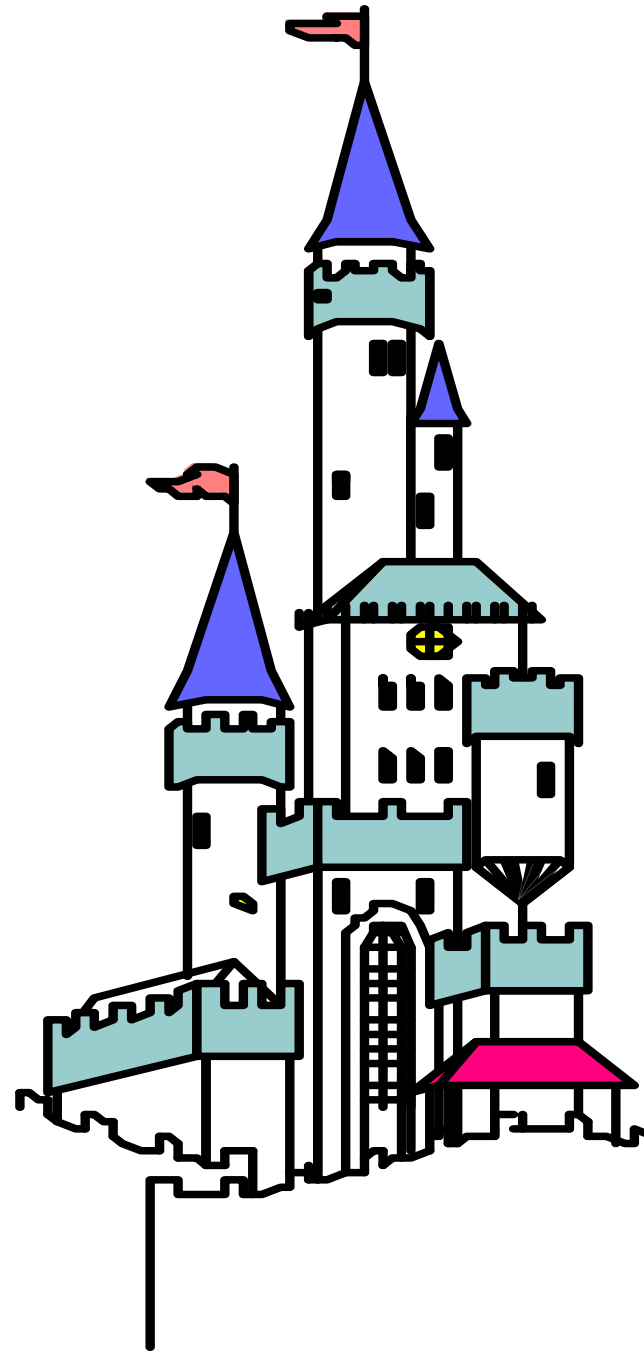
The FACT SHEET is being mailed, pre-printed with data submitted by your school last year. Please return the FACT SHEET with your updated information to the FISA office by October 5, 2007 in order that we may serve you, and others, with the correct information.

## FISA MEMBERSHIP

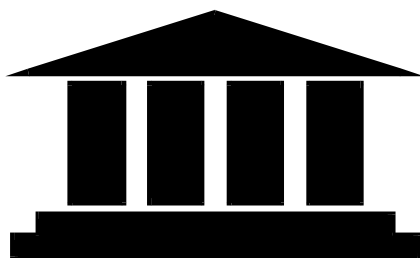
Invoices for FISA membership fees will be mailed for ISA and AMG schools, with the exception of SDA schools within the AMG. Invoices for ACSIBC, SDA, CIS and SCS schools will be sent to the Provincial Association offices. The fees for 2007-08 are \$4.50 per student, with kindergarten students counting as half using September 30, 2006 enrolment figures on the FISA FACT SHEET. This is the same fee as the last three years. Kindly remit fees by October 26, 2007 **with a copy of the invoice**. Thank-you.

## WEBSITE HOT LINK AND E-MAIL

The FISA updates its website based on the information submitted by your school on the FISA FACT SHEET. **Please check the accuracy of your website and e-mail address carefully.** As more and more people use the internet to search for independent schools we believe this service will enhance your ability to provide information to potential clients.



## GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL NEWS



### Legislative Impacts

In the June 2007 edition of the Federation News the FISA alerted schools to anticipated changes for the 2007-2008 academic year resulting from legislative and policy initiatives of government. The pace of implementation will be dependent upon the Government's pace in developing the necessary regulatory framework. The FISA will provide updated information to the schools as soon as it becomes available. The first of these updates is provided with this edition of the Federation News.

### Update on Bill 10 (Smoking Ban)

The legislation went into effect July 1, 2007. Several organizations, including the FISA met, in early July, 2007. These meetings resulted in a joint communiqué to public and independent schools, a copy of which is appended to this issue of the Federation News. Independent school authorities are advised to adopt a formal policy declaring all school property to be a smoke-free area at all times.

### Update on Bill 21 (Teaching Profession Act)

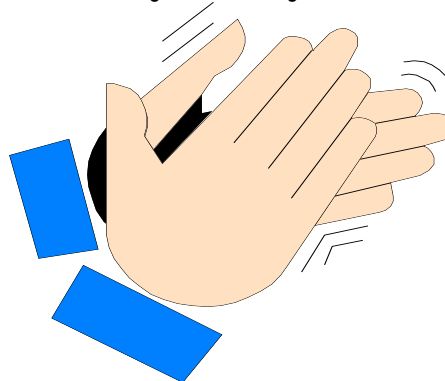
The legislation went into effect July 1, 2007. On July 16, 2007 the Inspector of Independent Schools issued a memo concerning a new requirement that authorities report all certified teachers in their employ for the previous twelve months as well as for the current school year. Please consult the Ministry Independent School E-board and the indicated web link in the July 16, 2007 memo entitled "Implementation of Legislative Changes."

### Update of Independent School Teacher Certification Policy (Bill 21)

In 2006-2007 and prior years teachers whose application process for a certificate was "in process" were allowed to begin teaching on the understanding the process would result in a certificate. As of 2007-2008, teachers whose certification is "in process" must obtain a Letter of Permission, valid for three months, prior to entering the classroom. Please consult the Ministry Independent School E-Board memo of July 16, 2007 entitled "Independent School Act Compliance: Teacher Certification."

The matter of reporting certified teachers employed and of a three-month letter of permission are both referenced

again in a Ministry E-Board memo dated August 9, 2007 and posted August 10, 2007, entitled "Updated-Implementation of Legislative Changes."

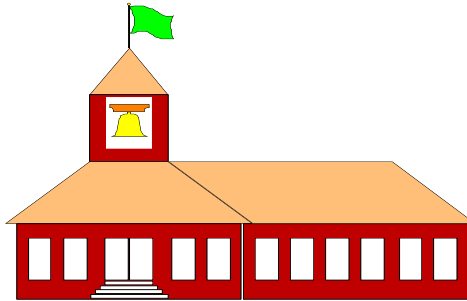


### Income Tax – Thank you Mr. Flaherty

In the March 2007 issue of the Federation News, the FISA announced it had written a letter of support for a submission from independent schools in Ontario to the Federal Minister of Finance, the Hon. James Flaherty. The submission requested that scholarship, fellowship and bursary incomes received by a student/parent not be included in income for tax purposes, at the elementary and secondary level.

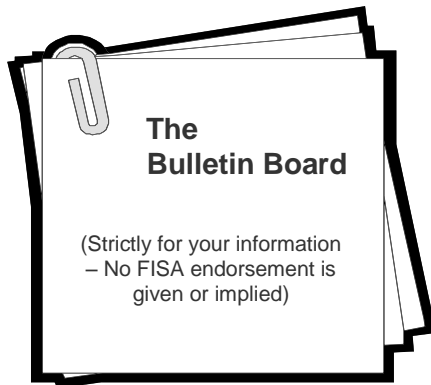
The FISA is extremely pleased to announce it has received a letter from the Hon. James Flaherty dated August 9, 2007, agreeing to the request of the submission. Effective beginning in the 2007 year, students/parents do not need to include scholarship, fellowship, or bursary (tuition assistance grants) in income for tax purposes.

## ASSOCIATION NEWS



The FISA is pleased to welcome ten schools which have joined the FISA in the 06-07 year, all in the Associate Member Group (AMG). The FISA represents 93% of independent school enrolment, some 62,800 students in 283 schools.

School	Location	Founded	Grades	Enrolment	Group
Alta Lake School	Whistler	2001	PreK-8	19+42	AMG
Anchor Academy (DL)	Salmon Arm	2002	K-12	339	AMG
Bibleway Christian Academy	Surrey	1994	K-8	78	AMG
Cedar Valley School	Squamish	2003	PreK-6	16+30	AMG
Children of Integrity Montessori Academy	Coquitlam	2006	PreK-7	31+52	AMG
Global School	Langley	2006	PreK-7	75+23	AMG
Lakeside Preparatory Academy	Shawnigan Lake	1995	7-12	46	AMG
Pattison High School	Vancouver	2004	10-12	76	AMG
S7UMUX	Vancouver	1992	PreK-K	360+21	AMG
Westside Preparatory High School	Vancouver	2004	5-10	28	AMG



### **UBC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CENTRE**

Joining Hands Conference to be held October 26-27, 2007 in Richmond, BC. Network for building collaborative cultures and practices-teacher induction and mentoring. Pre-conference institute, keynote speakers, poster sessions, concurrent workshops, and networking opportunities. For information about the conference contact: John Moss at : [slc.edu@ubc.ca](mailto:slc.edu@ubc.ca) or telephone 604-827-5350. For conference information visit:

[www.slc.educ.ubc.ca/JoiningHands/October2007Conference/JoiningHands-ConferenceProgram.htm](http://www.slc.educ.ubc.ca/JoiningHands/October2007Conference/JoiningHands-ConferenceProgram.htm)

### **SCIENCE AT WORK FOR CANADA**

The National Research Council Canada provides complimentary science learning resources to educators and students, appropriate for a variety of grade levels. This bilingual educational material is linked to Canadian curriculum in various areas of science and technology, including astronomy, chemistry, biology and Canadian innovation.

The on-line order form is available at <http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/student-science-tech/order.html>.

### **FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT**

The following is available from Abbotsford Christian Elementary School:

30+ intermediate size one piece desk/chair combos –free must pick up

2 pairs 5'x10' aluminum soccer goal frames

1 pair good condition \$600 obo

1 pair needs some repair \$300 obo

Please contact:

Roy van Eerden – Principal

604-850-2694

[rvaneerden@abbotsfordchristian.com](mailto:rvaneerden@abbotsfordchristian.com)