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### **BCCPAC Learning Roundtable Report**

On December 10 BCCPAC sent its report to the Learning Roundtable to all e-mail subscribers. The report covers issues such as class size and composition as well as the report of the Sub-Committee for Bill 33. The report can be found on the BCCPAC website.

<http://www.bccpac.bc.ca>

### **BCCPAC Office Closes for Holiday Period**

The BCCPAC office will be closed December 24th through to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, when we will return. BCCPAC staff wish all members the very best of the Season and a happy 2008!

### **Holiday Greetings from Minister of Education Hon. Shirley Bond**

Minister Bond would like to extend holiday greetings to all BC Parents. Click below to view video.

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/videos/sbond/2007/0712\\_holiday\\_msg.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/news/videos/sbond/2007/0712_holiday_msg.htm)

### **Deputy Minister of Education Dossdall Receives New Assignment**

In January, Deputy Minister of Education Emery Dossdall will be taking on a new assignment as BC Trade Commissioner, Education and Skills Development. He will be succeeded by James Gorman, who is the current Deputy Minister of the BC Public Service Agency. BCCPAC wishes Dr. Dossdall every success in his new position.

### **Teacher Mobility Agreement Signed**

Teachers from BC and Alberta have signed an agreement that will allow Alberta teachers to teach in BC and vice versa, without undertaking additional education. The Teacher Mobility Agreement (TMA) comes into effect April 1, 2008. The TMA was signed by Alberta's director and registrar, teacher development and certification, Marc Prefontaine, BC College of Teacher's registrar, Marie Crowther and Independent Schools of B.C. inspector, Susan Penner.

[http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2005-2009/2007ECD0048-001632.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2007ECD0048-001632.htm)

### **PAC/DPAC Grants Announced**

A complete list of direct access grants provided to PACs and DPACs is now available.

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/reports/docs/grants-pac-dpac-2007-08.pdf>

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