
April 28, 2016 - National Day of Mourning

April 28, 2016 has been designated as Canada's Day of Mourning.

On this day, all schools in the Greater Victoria School District will lower their flags to half-mast to honour and remember those workers who have lost their lives due to a workplace incident or occupational disease. This is also a day when commitment is renewed nation-wide to prevent further work-related deaths, injuries and diseases from work. We believe that our schools and staff can play an important role in the education and prevention of workplace injuries.

In the last year alone, 122 workers in BC died due to a workplace incident or occupational disease. In BC, an average of 27 young workers have time loss injuries every day and close to one-third of all occupational injuries happen to young workers.

The Board of Education and all of our partner groups (Allied Specials' Association, CUPE 382, CUPE 947, Greater Victoria Teachers' Association, Victoria Parent Advisory Council and the Victoria Principals and Vice-Principals' Association) recognize the importance of this day.

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