

Institute for Public Education/BC



Is Public Education at Risk?

Like you, the Institute for Public Education/BC believes that quality, inclusive, well-supported public schools are key to a thriving society and healthy democracy. But we're increasingly worried that we're at risk of losing our public education system through privatization, chronic underfunding, profiteering, and the diversion of public funding to elite private schools. That's why we're hosting a panel presentation and discussion on this issue, and we hope you can join us.

Our panel will be moderated by **Patti Bacchus**, former and longest serving Vancouver School Board chairperson and IPE/BC Director, and will feature:

Justin Fraser



Justin Fraser is a public school music teacher, musician, activist, and researcher. As a PhD student in the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy at the University of British Columbia, his research interests include (popular) music education, social justice, and the neoliberalization of public education.

Andrée Gacoin



Andrée Gacoin is Director of the Division of Information, Research and International Solidarity at the British Columbia Teachers' Federation. Her research focuses on developing a unique, in-depth and contextualized exploration of education in BC from the perspective of teachers. Andrée is particularly interested in using research as advocacy to uphold and strengthen an inclusive public education system.

Shannon Moore



Shannon DM Moore was a public-school educator and advocate in Vancouver for nearly two decades. She is one of the founding members of People for Public Education, Manitoba, and the co-host of Public Good, a podcast about public education in Canada. Her recent research and writing focus on the impact of neoliberal reforms and policies in/on public education and the ways that "parental rights" are being used to advance privatization, erode trust in public education, and undermine teacher professionalism.

Shannon, Justin and Andrée will be speaking to:

-Public education being under attack from both neoliberals and neocons.

- How this is manifesting in BC.
- The complicity and complacency of the public.
- The rise of the right and the impact on education across the Americas
- What's at risk? If we lose it, we're never getting it back.

Details

Date: Thursday, April 23rd

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The IPE/BC AGM will follow the panel presentation and discussion. Everyone is very welcome to stay to hear about the work we've undertaken this year and our plans for the coming year.

Location:

In person- Room 2270, SFU Harbour Centre, Downtown Campus

515 West Hastings, Vancouver, BC

Click the links below for directions:

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Online:

Join by Zoom through this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/84906689987?signature=hahdShcSxKG6xJdL7OJI6oRkRY8mO7Ebdxi2C1sdwzU>

We hope to see you on April 23rd.

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