## Conference School Committee

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## 2025 Spring Email to All Schools and Faculty

## Subject: 2025 Updates on Teacher Prep, School/Teacher Bank, WSP, and Wage Guideline

Dear school boards and teachers,

Hello to all! I hope this finds you with hope and courage in the place God has called you to fill! To be involved in the administration of our Christian schools is a privilege, and many blessings come our way. Thank you so much for all the effort that you put into making our schools a safe and happy place for our children. May God continue to bless this great work.

**Teacher Prep Class:** All teachers are expected to attend a Prep Class, and we encourage teachers who have taught for a year or more and have not yet attended a Prep Class to make this a priority. (*There will be consideration given to a limited number of teachers retaking Prep Class if the school board feels it would be beneficial*) **The Teacher Prep Applications are online**! To attend a class, go to <a href="https://conferenceschools.com/teacher-prep/">https://conferenceschools.com/teacher-prep/</a> and complete the form. Classes are filled on a first come-first served basis. It is a common practice for schools to pay their teacher's travel expense to the class. After processing the application, a confirmation letter with additional information will be sent to the teacher. **We ask that teachers and teacher aids not enroll for a class until they have accepted a teaching position.** For any questions regarding enrollment contact Wade Unruh at: <a href="teacherprep@conferenceschools.com">teacherprep@conferenceschools.com</a>

This year's locations and dates:

1.	McVeytown, PA	July 15-17	All grade levels
2.	Barron, WI	July 22-24	All grade levels
3.	Lone Tree, KS	July 29-31	All grade levels
4.	Crooked Creek, AB	August 6-8	All grade levels

School and Teacher Bank Forms: The School and Teacher Bank work in conjunction and are both online!

If your school is looking for teachers use the following link, <u>conferenceschools.com/teacher-school-bank/</u> to see the list of teachers and/or enter your school's open teaching positions. Prospective teachers will use the same link to apply and then will also have access to the school bank information and may contact you. Even though these teachers are to have staff approval before receiving the school list, it is your responsibility as a school board to check with their home staff before hiring them. This Teacher Bank information is being sent to the staff in a separate email since the form requires a staff statement and signature.

**Wage Supplement Program (WSP):** The WSP provides funds to help smaller, limited-resource congregations hire teachers, preferably experienced or career-minded. This application requires a deacon's input and signature. **WSP funds must be reapplied for each year**.

These PDF forms and information for the online forms are attached to the email this letter came with, and are also available on the church's information site: <u>churchofgodinchristmennonite.info/csc</u>

School boards, thanks for supporting your teachers by reviewing and increasing wages to keep up with inflation. A current Wage Scale Guideline can be found on the school's website at <u>conferenceschools.com</u> or on the church's information site: <u>churchofgodinchristmennonite.info/csc</u>

Please see that this letter and the accompanying forms are distributed to all teachers and board members.

Blessings, Conference School Committee