

GERRY TIEDE

President of ACER-CART 2020-2022

Gerry began his teaching career as a music and ESL teacher in Williams Lake, British Columbia. Throughout his career he worked in Elementary Schools in 100 Mile House, Richmond, and a year in exchange in Charlottetown, PEI. He completed his working career as a Principal in Surrey.



As a school administrator Gerry got involved with the Surrey Principals' and Vice Principals' Association, first at Contract Committee Chair and eventually serving as President for several years. Gerry also served on the Board of the BC Principals' and Vice Principals' Association which led to participation on the team that negotiated BC's Jointly Trusteed Pension Plan. Gerry was appointed as a Trustee to the Teachers' Pension Plan and served there for 11 years including 3 years as the Chair of the Board.

Upon retirement from active teaching service, Gerry joined the BC Retired Teachers' Association and continued his service, initially in the pension and benefits area. This began a personally rewarding period as Gerry served as Vice President, President and Past President during a time of significant growth and renewal for the Association.

Gerry joined the Board of ACER-CART in 2012 and served as the BC representative and member of the Pension Committee. Gerry then became the Western Canada Representative, Vice President, and President.

Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family. (Kofi Annan)

Gerry is gratified to have spent a lifetime involved in public school education:

- first as a classroom teacher, with children
- as a principal-teacher, with students and their teachers
- as an educational leader within professional, educational associations
- as a Pension Trustee working to provide and preserve defined benefit pension plans
- as a volunteer, teaching students and teachers in developing countries
- as a retiree, with retired educators and their associations, frequently in the area of pension security.