

June 24, 2014

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
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Mr. Jim Iker, President  
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Mr. Michael Marchbank  
Public Administrator  
BC Public School Employers' Association  
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Dear Minister Fassbender, Mr. Iker and Mr. Marchbank:

The North Vancouver Board of Education is writing you today to urge both parties to reach a negotiated agreement or mediated settlement as soon as possible. The bargaining impasse is directly impacting our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff within our community.

As a School District, we are proud of the achievements and continuous strides we have made towards stability and towards our 'Vision' for the North Vancouver School District. We take time to celebrate and acknowledge our successes, honour our graduates and promote quality public education in our community. However, the current labour dispute is having a negative impact on our public education system.

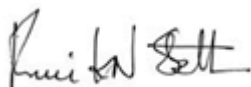
We have heard from parents, students, teachers and members of our community who are trying to understand both sides of the issue, but don't see a solution happening any time soon.

While it is looking like school is over for students this year, everyone is very anxious and worried about summer school, start up for September and how this may impact students and staff.

We all value public education and we all value the relationships we have built and maintained with our partner groups. Relationships at all levels of the system are key to collaboratively working together to create a quality public education system that is thriving, innovative and sustainable for our students, now and into the future.

Yours truly,

NORTH VANCOUVER BOARD OF EDUCATION



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cc. John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools  
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