

June 9, 2014

Teresa Rezansoff
President
BCSTA Board of Directors
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Dear Teresa,

RE: Request for assurances from negotiating parties in the current labour dispute

On behalf of the North Vancouver Board of Education, I am writing to ask that the BCSTA formally request assurances from the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) that essential services for graduating students will proceed without impediment, most notably transcripts and summer school.

As you know, Boards of Education across the province are currently preparing contingency plans for the month of June, and into the summer, in the event that a settlement in the labour dispute is not achieved in the very near future.

While we remain hopeful for a full resolution to the dispute by the end of June, school districts, parents and students want assurances now that the timely completion of transcripts, the delivery of summer school and other essential services to support graduating students will not be impeded. Although many services to students have been impacted by the labour dispute, until this point no action has been taken that would directly interfere with students' abilities to graduate on schedule, or proceed with their course planning for September. The delay of transcripts and the cancellation of summer school for secondary students would impact those in need of courses for graduation, or for whom post-secondary acceptance is contingent upon further coursework over the summer.

For this reason we are asking that the negotiating parties pause to deliberate these critical components of service to students and provide their immediate and collaborative assurances that this year's program may proceed unimpeded by the actions of either party. We believe that BCSTA can take this stance in saying that job action should not be allowed to interfere with the graduation requirements for our students.

In making this request, we remain mindful that all boards are represented by BCPSEA and respectful of the process unfolding at the bargaining table. Should a shared understanding not be achievable, we would hope that the timely completion of transcripts and the delivery of summer school would be represented in BCPSEA's application for Essential Services to the LRB.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important request; your earliest response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

NORTH VANCOUVER
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franci Stratton".

Franci Stratton
Chair

cc.

Trustees, North Vancouver Board of Education

John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, North Vancouver School District

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Scott Stanley, Director of Human Resources, North Vancouver School District

Stephen Hansen, Executive Director, British Columbia School Trustees Association

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