

September 16, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Subject: Tentative Agreement Reached Between BCPSEA and BCTF

As announced through the media early this morning, September 16th, a tentative agreement has been negotiated between the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA), with the assistance of Vince Ready.

Details of this tentative agreement will not be available until later today with both parties expected to report through the media. The BCTF has indicated that teachers will vote on Thursday before the agreement may be ratified. In the meantime, pickets remain in place at all school locations and are expected to continue until the agreement is confirmed.

At this time, we are unable to provide confirmation of the start to the school year, as these details may be included within the tentative agreement. We expect to start our school year with the traditional procedures of welcoming students back for a shortened first day to enable confirmation of enrolment and class organization. Details will be provided to parents as soon as possible.

We look forward to a positive return for our students, parents, teachers, and staff in each and every one of our classrooms and schools. Everyone has been deeply affected by the disruption of the labour dispute and we are relieved that a tentative agreement has now been reached.

We sincerely appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we move toward the opening of schools for the 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,



John Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

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