

Our Side of the Table

Strike Vote

The BCTF Representative Assembly passed the following motion:

Recommendation 1

That, on the advice of the Executive Committee, if there is a lack of progress in negotiations a provincial LRB supervised strike vote be conducted between June 24, 27, and 28, 2011

Teachers need to send a strong message showing commitment to our bargaining objectives:

- improved class size, class composition, ratios and case loads, and preparation time
- fair and reasonable compensation packages (wages and benefits)
- local bargaining to resolve local problems.

We must let government know we will not accept any contract strips or concessions.

Government has made clear that their objectives concentrate on strengthening management rights by:

- eliminating job security (strip seniority, layoff, and recall)
- controlling PD (tie professional development to ministry goals and reduce teacher autonomy)
- evaluating teachers annually and removing protections on discipline and dismissal
- entertaining flexibility and financial efficiency of class size/class composition.

Members need to be involved and follow developments closely: stay connected at www.bctf.ca
Click on "BCTF Members Only" and sign up to MyBCTF members only portal.

Vote "Yes" to secure the best possible negotiated settlement for teachers.

Our next *local* meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd. You can send feedback and comments to: vtanegotiatingteam@gmail.com You can also stay informed and post your comments to the new Facebook group: "**VTA Bargaining Page.**"