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A Message to our Members

Dear PAC and DPAC Chairs:

As you may know, on Monday, October 3rd, legislation was introduced by Labour Minister Michael de Jong to extend the collective agreement between the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and the BC Public School Employers' Association until June 30th, 2006.

In response to the legislation, the BCTF has announced that teachers will stage an illegal full-scale walkout beginning today and lasting until a solution is reached to the current impasse. As parent leaders within the education system, it is important that we work together to support all parents in our school communities for the duration of this action. This may include listening to parents' concerns and frustrations on an individual basis or assisting in finding solutions for parents who do not have someone to look after their children while they are at work. Whatever action that we can take to support each other demonstrates our commitment to maintaining strong school communities. By maintaining positive and respectful communication and relationships within our school communities, we will be better able to continue working together when this impasse is over.

BCCPAC encourages and supports open two-way communication with our members. If there are any points that you feel your members would like you to share with us, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to pursuing the best public education for your child and the education of all children in your district and our province.

In Partnership,

Kim Howland, President
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