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News Release

Parents Pleased by Teachers' Vote

Burnaby, Feb. 5, 2009: "Most parents in BC will be pleased that teachers have voted overwhelmingly to comply with a Labour Relations Board ruling to administer the Foundation Skills Assessment tests," said Ron Broda, President of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC).

"The issues regarding the value of the tests and the distribution of the data can be discussed at another time. Parents are glad that teachers have put teaching first and that the education of their children will not be disrupted."

He added that no one in education likes the Fraser Institute's ranking of schools by the results of the FSA tests as the data was never meant to be interpreted in this fashion.

"What is meant to be a useful analysis of education has been misused to unfairly categorize schools. It is important for all parents to know that the data used by the Fraser Institute is neither intended for this purpose, nor inclusive enough to be used for such an analysis."

"Parents wanting to know which school their child should attend should meet with other parents from that school and with the teachers. The dedication of teachers and the involvement of parents is at the heart of student success."

"On behalf of BCCPAC, I salute the teachers of this province for their professionalism.

Parents appreciate the dedication of teachers and realize how irreplaceable they are. We hope this will lead to a more constructive relationship between the BC Teachers' Federation and the Ministry of Education."

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