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Dear Ms. Whiteaker:

Re: BCCPAC Teacher Discipline resolution

We recently received a letter from your Past-President asking the BC Teachers' Federation to review a resolution passed at your 2008 AGM. The resolution called for "appointment of independent panels which include professional representation, to adjudicate on discipline reports and hearings for the BC College of Teachers, with panel members reporting to both the College Council and the public, to better protect the public interest and students."

We believe that this recommendation would not meet the needs of teachers, students, parents, or the public. The BC College of Teachers, which includes a parent representative, ensures that standards of conduct and disciplinary issues are handled in an appropriate manner. The creation of new panels would add an unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy and duplicate existing structures.

We look forward to discussing this issue with you in person at a future meeting.

Yours truly,

Irene Lanzinger
President

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