

Bills 27/28: Government/BCTF Consultation Process



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Government/BCTF Consultation Meeting, July 7, 2011

Representatives of the provincial government and the employers' association held their third meeting with representatives of the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) to engage in the consultation arising from the April 2011 BC Supreme Court [decision](#) on the *Education Services Collective Agreement Act* (Bill 27) and the *Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act* (Bill 28).

Paul Straszak, President and CEO of the Public Sector Employers' Council, appointed by government to coordinate the consultation process, stated that the purpose of today's meeting was to commence the substantive discussions between the parties.

He outlined the government's policy objectives and shared the [presentation](#) outlining those objectives with the BCTF.

The BCTF acknowledged they have a different interpretation than government of the decision of the BC Supreme Court issued by Justice Griffin and indicated they would be writing to the government representatives to ask that they make a joint request to Justice Griffin to provide an interpretation of her decision.

The government representatives indicated they would consider such a request; however, they noted they believe they have a clear understanding of the Court's decision.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11.