



August 11, 2014

By E-mail

Jim Iker, President  
BC Teachers' Federation  
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Dear Mr. Iker:

Re: August Professional Development Days

As you are aware, a number of Districts schedule professional development days commencing in the last two weeks of August in each school year. Our understanding is that approximately 14 Districts currently have professional development days scheduled between August 25 and 29, 2014. Teachers attending these sessions are normally provided with time-in-lieu to reflect their provisions of services prior to the formal commencement of the school year.

In the event a collective agreement is not reached between the parties, would you please advise whether BCTF members will be attending these scheduled professional development days? The sessions will obviously need to be cancelled in the event teachers refuse to attend as a result of job action, including the cancellation of outside speakers and any related travel plans. Given this, we would appreciate your earliest possible reply to this letter so that proper arrangements can be made.

Sincerely,

Michael Marchbank  
BCPSEA Public Administrator