

BCPSEA Responses to BCTF and Local Teachers' Association Statements

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Prince George District Teachers' Association Statement	BCPSEA Response
<p>"Negotiations with teachers have been put on hold as employers' group members have taken a break to promote a controversial government commissioner's report on how to change provincewide teacher bargaining, says a local union official."</p>	<p>BCPSEA has not put negotiations on hold. The BCPSEA bargaining team had extensive discussions with the BCTF bargaining team at a meeting in December 2004 regarding the parties' respective availability in the month of January 2005. We advised the BCTF that as part of BCPSEA's ongoing consultation process, we are meeting with school boards around the province to discuss bargaining objectives in order to prepare for further discussion at our AGM at the end of January. In addition, we are gathering feedback on the final report of the commission to review teacher collective bargaining (the Wright report).</p>
<p>"The BC Teachers' Federation would like talks to resume sooner than the end of the month, according to Carolyn Rowland, president of the Prince George District Teachers' Association. Currently the next bargaining dates are Jan. 24 and 25. "We're trying to get some earlier dates," Rowland said.</p>	<p>At a meeting in December 2004, the BCPSEA bargaining team indicated it was available to meet on January 3, 2005. The BCTF bargaining team declined.</p>