

BCPSEA Responses to BCTF and Local Teachers' Association Statements

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Statement	Response
<p>Sims told demonstrators the union is also demanding restoration of learning conditions and school support that students had before the Liberals were elected.</p> <p>She sidestepped questions about possible job action the teachers might take before the May 17 provincial election or the end of the school year.</p>	<p>Several activities must be completed before the BCTF can initiate job/labour action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parties have bargained in good faith and made every reasonable effort to conclude a collective agreement. This means: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. all proposals have been exchanged b. discussion (an exchange of views) has occurred on all the key or central issues. 2. The union has held a strike vote and served notice to the employer. 3. The Minister of Labour has directed the LRB to designate educational services that are essential to prevent immediate and serious disruption to the provision of educational programs. <p>No withdrawal of services may occur until the essential designation services process is complete, provided that the Minister's direction to designate occurs before any strike has commence.</p>
<p>She [Sims] said no new bargaining has been scheduled.</p>	<p>At the close of their bargaining session on March 8, 2005, the BC Teachers' Federation bargaining team and the BC Public School Employers' Association bargaining team agreed to establish future bargaining dates as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 1, 5, 7, 11, 19, 20, 26, 28</p> <p>In addition, the parties began their bargaining session on March 10, 2005 by establishing further dates for bargaining. These dates include:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 5, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27</p>