

BCPSEA Responses to BCTF and Local Teachers' Association Statements

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<p>"Because of the employer's outrageous misinformation that we are seeking a 35% wage increase, we felt it was important to let the public know the real numbers," said BCTF President Jinny Sims.</p>	<p>BCPSEA has never said the BCTF is seeking a 35% wage increase.</p> <p>BCPSEA has said that the cost of all the proposals that the BCTF currently has on the table is in excess of 35%.</p> <p>Our costing includes the cost of BCTF proposals on Early Retirement Incentive, Benefits Improvements, Preparation Time, etc. This figure also includes what was until now our best estimate of what the BCTF was seeking as a wage increase, since the BCTF up until this evening had refused to table a salary proposal.</p> <p>Our estimate of what the BCTF was seeking was based on their statements that they are seeking what teachers in Alberta and Ontario received, plus the cost of living. Our costing of the BCTF wage proposal, based on those statements, was 10-13% annually.</p> <p>The proposal issued by the BCTF today seeks 15% over three years in terms of a general wage adjustment.</p> <p>This proposal was not delivered to the BCPSEA bargaining team prior to the BCTF releasing it via a news release.</p> <p>The BCTF makes no comment as to whether the other outstanding cost issues regarding wages presented by the BCTF during earlier bargaining sessions, such as a shortening of the grid, are still on the table or have been withdrawn.</p>