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BCPSEA Seeks Assistance of the Labour Relations Board

With the start of the new school year around the corner and the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) plan to commence Phase One of their job action plan on September 6, BCPSEA has made a submission to the Labour Relations Board (LRB). We took this action because:

- the BCTF has failed to table a complete set of provincial matters proposals at the provincial table
- the BCTF continues to allow local teachers' unions to present provincial matters proposals at local matters negotiation tables, contrary to the provincial–local split of issues as agreed between BCPSEA and the BCTF and as contained in Letter of Understanding No. 1 between the parties
- the BCTF continues to attempt to negotiate provincial matters and matters that may not be bargained at this time (including class size, class composition and staffing ratios) at local tables.

BCPSEA previously advised the BCTF of our concerns in a letter to BCTF President Susan Lambert on July 21, 2011.

The BCTF filed a preliminary challenge to our submission and the parties engaged in discussions at the Labour Relations Board today. We will provide further updates as events proceed.