

## Teacher–Public School Employer Bargaining 2011

As we have previously reported, Susan Lambert, President of the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF), addressed the BCPSEA Representative Council on January 28. Ms. Lambert outlined for delegates the union's bargaining plan, including an overview of key objectives and an explanation of why the BCTF is seeking expanded local bargaining.

### BCPSEA Letter to BCTF

Arising from Ms. Lambert's remarks and the January 26 meeting between representatives of the BCTF and BCPSEA, BCPSEA sent a letter to the BCTF on February 4 (attached), which proposes an approach to the 2011 round of collective bargaining.

We have asked the BCTF to consider our proposal and will advise if we receive a response.

### BCTF Notice of Intent to Commence Collective Bargaining

Late in the day on February 4, pursuant to section 46 of the *Labour Relations Code*, the BCTF sent a letter (attached) to BCPSEA Chair Melanie Joy providing formal notice of intent to commence collective bargaining on March 1, 2011.

BCPSEA will be responding to the BCTF letter to arrange a mutually agreeable schedule of meetings.

### Local Bargaining Processes and Procedures

BCPSEA will be providing further communications and resources to school districts to assist in the processes and procedures of local bargaining.

BCPSEA will also be conducting conference calls with all school districts the week of February 21 to discuss local and provincial bargaining.

### Questions

For further information please contact your BCPSEA labour relations liaison at any time.

Attachments