

## Reports of BCTF Survey About Strike Activity

We have received reports from a number of school districts that their local teachers' associations are canvassing BCTF members concerning potential increased strike activity.

The requests for BCTF member input we have seen are along the following lines:

*The BCTF has called for a meeting of all local presidents to discuss how teachers are feeling about job action and where we might go from here.*

*We have a few choices at this point and could do a combination of these. Any increased job action would be preceded by a provincial vote of all members. But I would like to represent members here so feedback is appreciated. If you could hold a short union meeting or discussion with teachers at your site, and let me know how teachers are feeling or what your consensus is (if you can come to one and if not a list of responses would be fine too.)*

*Some of the options that have been mentioned at the BCTF Representative Assembly:*

- 1. Continue with phase 1*
- 2. Hold study sessions, rotating strikes or day of protest*
- 3. Do a work to rule (including no extra-curricular)*
- 4. Ask the government to agree to mediate.*

*The other item for discussion is does any of the above change if we are legislated back to work? Are teachers wanting or ready to do more if that happens?*

It is important to remember that the current Essential Services Order sets the legal parameters for the strike and any escalation of the strike beyond the current phase 1 requires the BCTF to return to the Labour Relations Board (LRB) to ask that the Order be amended before they can legally increase their strike action. Items #2 and #3 listed above would require the BCTF to obtain a new Essential Services Order from the LRB prior to taking those actions. With respect to item # 4, under section 74 of the *Labour Relations Code* either party (BCTF or BCPSEA) can request the appointment of a mediator.

### Questions

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