

From the Chair



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Update: "A New Roadmap" for Collective Bargaining with Public School Teachers

Further to my [Report](#) on Friday, June 21, BCPSEA has now received a letter from Lee Doney, Interim President and CEO of the Public Sector Employers' Council, and James Gorman, Acting Deputy Minister of Education, that "rescinds the previous bargaining direction provided to BCPSEA on February 15, 2013...."

Today BCSTA President Teresa Rezanoff and I were invited to meet with government representatives for discussion of the new "roadmap" for collective bargaining with public school teachers as announced by Minister of Education Peter Fassbender late last week.

The ministry representatives advised that government has appointed Peter Cameron as lead spokesperson on provincial matters bargaining with the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

As Mr. Cameron stated that he is hoping to engage the parties in discussions around developing the roadmap for moving forward, we advised the BCTF at the close of today's bargaining session that BCPSEA is pausing bargaining while we wait for a new bargaining mandate. We further advised that we do not view this pause as the end of bargaining and that the work to date will not be lost. We indicated we would contact the BCTF about resuming bargaining in the near future.

Teresa and I will continue our meetings with government tomorrow in order to ensure that the views of trustees are represented in these discussions. Clearly we are in a dynamic environment and I will continue to represent you constructively, proactively, and report to you as events progress.

As I mentioned in my June 21 *Report*, from a technical perspective the work of the employers' association continues, including the work related to local and provincial collective bargaining with teachers. If districts have technical questions, please continue to liaise with BCPSEA staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact any member of your [Board of Directors](#) if you have any questions.

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Alan Chell
Chair, Board of Directors