

From the Chair



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Update: Bargaining Resumes

Minister of Education Peter Fassbender provided a letter earlier today to the BC Teachers' Federation (and copied to BCSTA and BCPSEA) confirming that "...by mutual agreement of all concerned parties, bargaining will continue today and tomorrow as scheduled and that discussions about the process for continued bargaining will proceed on Friday, June 28."

The Minister acknowledged the work accomplished at the bargaining table over the past five months, and stated government's recognition that "matters of importance to the parties have been achieved and we intend to fully respect these efforts."

Minister Fassbender also committed to work closely with the British Columbia School Trustees Association to ensure the "voices of trustees are considered at all points along the way." He further stated that government would continue to "work closely and rely on the expertise of the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association."

In closing, the Minister expressed his "firm commitment to finding a positive path forward over the course of the next weeks and months in the pursuit of long term labour stability for the education sector and an improved working relationship with the BCTF."

The BCPSEA and BCTF bargaining teams met this afternoon and are scheduled to meet again Thursday afternoon. Peter Cameron and I are attending these bargaining sessions as observers.

I will continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of your [Board of Directors](#) if you have any questions.

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Alan Chell
Chair, Board of Directors