

From the Chair



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Update on Government Provincial Bargaining Initiative

Since my last report to you on June 26, BC School Trustees Association President Teresa Rezansoff and I have attended further meetings with government representatives, including a meeting yesterday with Acting Deputy Minister James Gorman and Assistant Deputy Minister Claire Avison. Discussions continue regarding the change of approach to collective bargaining with the province's public school teachers, with government taking the lead on bargaining provincial matters.

With respect to bargaining under the Agreement in Committee (AiC), the BCPSEA and BCTF bargaining teams continued to meet up to the end of June, as contemplated by the AiC. Bargaining is now on hiatus for the summer. As you know, the AiC provided a process framework, with a number of elements, that would take us through to the end of June 2013. In addition to a report from the facilitator, which is anticipated, the parties completed a comprehensive data project that will inform any future work.

Organizational Changes

I also want to let you know of some organizational changes that have occurred at BCPSEA this week in response to budget imperatives. Nancy Brennan and Christie Seed of Make a Future are pursuing other opportunities. We offer Nancy and Christie our sincere thanks for their excellent service and wish them the very best of luck in their next endeavours. The core services of the recruitment portal (www.makeafuture.ca), applicant tracking system, assistance with job postings and advertising, etc. continue. Andrew Jang and Silvana Sam are available to help districts with all their needs in these areas. Executive searches and related work already underway will be completed, but we are reviewing different options and alternatives to provide these services to districts on a go-forward basis. Ron Pound remains available to assist. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me, or feel free to contact CEO Hugh Finlayson.

Further updates will be distributed as events unfold. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of your [Board of Directors](#) if you have any questions.

Hope all of you have an opportunity to relax and re-charge during the summer vacation period!

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