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To the BCTF and BCPSEA bargaining teams,

We want to express our concern over the length of time that will pass this summer before the next bargaining session. Further formal talks are not scheduled to occur until August 23rd removing the possibility of any opportunity for progress during the summer when students will be least affected.

Any subsequent job action in September will affect the student's learning environment during a challenging time for families while they settle into new classrooms and become familiar with new teachers and daily routines. We are sure you will agree it is in the best interest of students that a settlement is reached before the start of school.

We urge both parties to work together in a timely manner to ensure significant progress towards a new agreement is made prior to students returning to class this fall.

We hope you can provide us with a better understanding of the reason for delay between bargaining sessions and lack of activity at the bargaining table over the summer.

We thank you in advance for your earnest efforts at the bargaining table through difficult and lengthy discussions. The best outcome to negotiations for students is an agreement that does not cause any disruption to their education.

We look forward to your reply.

In partnership,

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