



JUNE 26, 2013

Public Board Meeting

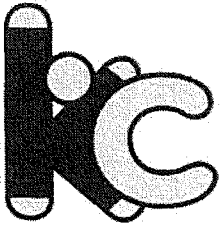
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ADDITIONAL HANDOUT



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June 12, 2013

The Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

RE: Fully Funded Wage Increases

Dear Minister Fassbender:

On May 27, 2013, the Board of Education of School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) passed a motion to write the Minister requesting that the Ministry of Education fully fund any wage increases negotiated within our sector.

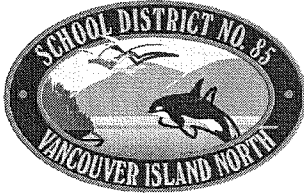
As we have written previously, we believe that all our employees deserve fair compensation. We echo what many Boards have already stated – we cannot fund wage increases within our current funding allotment without negatively impacting opportunities for learners. Our Board continues to demonstrate their fiscal responsibility and their dedication to the provision of quality public education in our district through their budget process. With another significant shortfall of funding expected for the 2013/2014 year the Board has had to make many very difficult decisions including the closure of a school, reconfiguration of two others and combining two school administrations into a joint administration of two sites in order to submit a balanced budget.

Please work with the Minister of Finance to fully fund any wage increases.

Sincerely,

Darrel Ganzert
Board of Education Chairperson

cc: Trustees
All BC Boards of Education



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June 19, 2013

Honourable Minister Fassbender
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Education. Our Board of Education looks forward to work with you for the benefit of our province's excellent education system.

At this time School District No. 85 wishes to lend its support to the people of School District No. 79. We implore you to call a by-election in that district and create a democratically elected Board of Education for the people of Cowichan. We believe an election in the near future will not only be to the benefit of the people and the communities of Cowichan Valley, but also to the Ministry of Education and the province's education system in general.

As you know, the people of Cowichan saw their Board dissolved one year ago. The next school board elections remain still seventeen months away. At the same time decisions must be made in District No. 79, which will affect large numbers of families and some of Cowichan Valley's communities for years to come. Of great concern, for example, are the closures of up to six schools and the elimination of the middle school system. The school closures will have an impact on more than 500 students. While the decision to close these schools may be necessary in order to balance the budget and preserve programs for students, we believe this decision and others with implications for this number of students and families should be made by locally elected officials who are accountable to the people they serve.

Bussing student remains an issue for the whole district as well. It also may affect more than thousand students and hundreds of families. The inherent economic and safety considerations of this matter, we believe, need the people's perception of input and of being resolved democratically. Other major decisions facing that district are also better introduced and implemented when the people affected have redress to elected officials.

We are convinced, and believe you are of like mind, that to balance a district budget, and at the same time to maintain an education system of quality for British Columbia cannot be achieved to the people's satisfaction without giving them a local voice.

We realize the present arrangement helped bridge the lack of governance for District No. 79 for the short term. However, it cannot serve the best interest of Cowichan's students, families and communities over additional school years.

We submit this support for District No. 79 respectfully, and believe without question that it is the right thing to do in order for Cowichan to move forward and for our province to continue on its quest to enrich an education system that is the envy of many jurisdictions.

Yours truly,

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Leighton Wishart
Chair

Cc: All B.C. Boards of Education c/o BCSTA
Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA President
Fred Robertson, VINTA President



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June 21, 2013

Honorable Peter Fassbender
Ministry of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honorable Fassbender:

The Board of Education of School District No.67 (Okanagan Skaha) and the Executive of Okanagan Skaha Teachers' Union met today and would like to express our collective support of the 2013 provincial bargaining process ratified by the parties (BC Teachers Federation and BC Public School Employers' Association) on January 26, 2013 and reflected in the *Framework Agreement in-Committee: 2013 Round of Bargaining (AiC)*.

Furthermore as contemplated in the AiC, we would urge that the agreed upon process be honoured and that respectful bargaining continue until the expiry of the collective agreement without undue outside influence. If no agreement is reached by that time we trust that you will suggest processes for continued negotiations.

Our expectation is that the parties give full and careful consideration to your suggested processes for continued negotiations as we feel that you are in the best position to know how the parties can reach a negotiated settlement.

Yours sincerely,

Ginny Manning
Chair
Board of Education

KEVIN EPP
on behalf.

Leslea Pryde
President
Okanagan Skaha Teachers' Union

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- c. Premier Christy Clark
Alan Chell, BCPSEA President
Mark Brown; BCPSEA
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June 24, 2013

Honorable Peter Fassbender
Ministry of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honorable Fassbender:

The Board of Education of School District No.67 (Okanagan Skaha) and the Executive of Okanagan Skaha Teachers' Union met on June 19, 2013 and would like to express our collective support of the 2013 provincial bargaining process ratified by the parties (BC Teachers Federation and BC Public School Employers' Association) on January 26, 2013 and reflected in the *Framework Agreement in-Committee: 2013 Round of Bargaining (AiC)*.

Furthermore as contemplated in the AiC, we would urge that the agreed upon process be honoured and that respectful bargaining continue until the expiry of the collective agreement without undue outside influence. If no agreement is reached by that time we trust that Mark Brown will suggest processes for continued negotiations.

Our expectation is that the parties give full and careful consideration to Mark Brown's suggested processes for continued negotiations as we feel that he is in the best position to know how the parties can reach a negotiated settlement.

Yours sincerely,

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Ginny Manning
Chair
Board of Education

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslea Pryde".

Leslea Pryde
President
Okanagan Skaha Teachers' Union

K.J. Epp
on behalf.

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