



# Strike Update

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## School-Based Team

It appears that some principals in the district have made the decision to try to force their way into School-Based Team meetings. VESTA is operating under the LRB ruling. Rather than go through proper process these Principals are using confrontation.

School-Based Teams are to operate with only VESTA members in attendance. Administrators are to attend only if they provide direct service to the student being discussed or have pertinent information relating to that student, i.e., personal communication with the parent, Ministry of Children and Families, Vancouver Police etc.

If a Principal shows up to a School-Based Team meeting where they do not provide direct service to the student being discussed; teachers should inform the principal that if she/he does not leave the teachers will leave the meeting.

Referrals requiring administrative approval can be given to the principal. If the principal chooses not to respect the considered professional advice of the SBT and does not approve the referral, it is a personal choice that she/he is making. Parents then could be notified by the teacher that the SBT has made the referral and that they should contact the principal regarding her/his blocking of the process. Please inform VESTA immediately, if this occur.

## PAC Meetings

Teacher reps are still permitted to go to PAC meetings as they are organized by parents. While there, they can provide information and handouts to communicate our message to parents. They can ensure that information given by administrators is fair and accurate. Check the package sent out by VESTA.



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