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Strike Update

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Please Photocopy one per Member and Post Strike Escalation Vote Next Week Tuesday and Wednesday

BCTF will be holding strike escalation votes early next week. The government has stated that it will introduce legislation to impose a settlement early next week, probably Monday. At this point we do not know precisely what is in the legislation, but regulations require us to give **48 hours notice** to members. There will be more information for members on Monday to share at the VESTA meetings being held in your school.

Monday February 27 Bell to Bell Day

Teachers are to be inside schools only from "Bell to Bell" on Monday. Have a VESTA meeting at lunch to review the Hughes report and strike vote info from the BCTF and VESTA. A projector and internet enabled computer will be necessary to view online documents from the BCTF. Also prepare a school based sidewalk rally with placards and signs. Some staffs are coordinating rallies/demonstrations on main thoroughfares. Others are preparing handouts to give to passerbys and so far we have heard from one school preparing a song. Show your solidarity, your commitment to public education and have some fun doing it.

BC Teachers Council Elections- VESTA endorses John Hall

Elections for the first Teachers' Council begin this month. Teachers will receive ballots in the mail beginning February 15. Completed ballots must be received by the Teacher Regulation Branch of the Ministry of Education by 4:30 on March 20. This is a very important election for BC teachers. The government has changed the representation and mandate of the Teachers' Council. There are only five elected positions on the 15 member council. The remaining positions are appointed by the Minister with the advice of the BCTF (three positions) and education partner groups (seven positions). In addition, the Minister will appoint a government representative to sit on the council, without a vote.

The BCTF endorsed candidate for the Vancouver Coastal Region is John Hall. Please support John's candidacy by voting for him and by encouraging your colleagues to do so as well. It is important that teacher voices are represented on the new Teachers' Council.

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