



Strike Bulletin #1

2014 April 23

Today teachers all across the province have proudly begun job action in support of the BCTF bargaining team. Our team is ardently striving to secure fair and reasonable improvements in working conditions for our members. We stand together in the great tradition of organized labour to demonstrate to the employer that our demands must be taken seriously if BCPSEA and government truly wish to negotiate a new Collective Agreement. Through our solidarity we will prevail in reaching the negotiated settlement we seek.

Thank you for your commitment to each other as we take this action together.

April 28, Non-instructional Day

Many members have inquired regarding how to proceed with respect to the non-instructional day on April 28.

Stage 1 of our collective action includes no longer meeting with principals at your site. This is a broad collective action that covers the whole variety of meetings between principals and teachers that normally occur in schools (this includes administration directed school growth planning days).

On April 28, teachers will report to work; however, they will not be meeting with principals. Teachers may exercise their autonomy in the use of that time to address the demands of their teaching assignment. This may include engaging in additional professional development (either self-directed or as a larger group).

Staff Reps are encouraged to hold a VESTA meeting so members can facilitate discussion on how they might like to use the non-instructional time on the 28th.

Given the volume of questions requiring clarity that arise at the beginning of a strike action of this nature, we are asking members to please funnel job action related questions through you as a conduit to the VESTA office. This will create a smoother flow of information between worksites and the VESTA office.

- Please regularly check the BCTF Members Portal (<https://members.bctf.ca/>) for the most up-to-date information on bargaining and our strike.