



Strike Bulletin #3

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Escalation to Stage 2

After 16 months at the bargaining table and still a long way off from a fair deal, this morning the BCTF announced the escalation of our job action to Stage 2. Unless there is real progress at the bargaining table, rotating picket lines will be set up throughout the province starting on Monday, May 26 and continue May 27, 28, and 29. All schools across the province will be open on Friday, May 30. Any extension of the rotating picket lines will depend on events at the bargaining table. Stage 1 job action will remain in effect on all days that picket lines are down and teachers are reporting to work.

Picket lines will be set up in Vancouver on Monday, May 26.

The employer has recently announced a series of threats around wage rollbacks and lockouts. They have attempted to divide teachers, parents, and students. Their strategy is predicated on fear and intimidation but through our commitment to each other we can and will move the employer off their punitive demands at the bargaining table. As always, our solidarity in standing together behind our provincial bargaining team is our path forward to a fair and reasonable negotiated agreement.

Please join your colleagues tomorrow, Wednesday May 21, at 4:00 pm at Tupper Secondary (419 E. 24th Ave.) for a VTF Information meeting regarding the escalation of job action.