



Strike Bulletin #6

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As there has been no significant movement towards a deal at the bargaining table the BCTF has announced the schedule for rotating strikes into next week. **Rotating picket lines will be set up in Vancouver on Friday, June 6.** As a reminder, Stage 1 job action will remain in effect on all days that picket lines are down and teachers are reporting to work. Our solidarity in standing together behind our provincial bargaining team is our path forward to a fair and reasonable negotiated agreement.

Labour Relations Board hearing on the employer lockout and 10% deduction of pay

The BCTF is at the LRB today regarding the employer's attempt to deduct 10% of teachers pay through the partial lockout they have instigated. The employer has unilaterally changed the salary terms of the Collective Agreement and we are seeking an order that they cannot do so during a controlled strike under an essential services designation. The LRB recognizes the context in which this hearing takes place and are seeking to issue a ruling quickly. Please regularly check the BCTF Members' Portal for the latest information on bargaining.

Employer lockout still in effect

The union is aware that the employer is encouraging members to do voluntary activities during the lockout times and are attempting to bribe them with a promise not to deduct 10% of their salary. The employer is seeking to divide our membership and this is a traditional employer strategy during bargaining. It is critical that we recognize this strategy for what it is and resist by remaining united in solidarity behind our cause of achieving a fair deal at the bargaining table for our members. The BCTF is also aware of a recent email sent from WorkSafeBC to BCPSEA regarding extracurricular activities.

Members continue to be advised not to participate in any voluntary or extracurricular activities that extend over the lockout hours currently in effect. This advice is focused on ensuring solidarity and member safety as we move forward.

This includes:

- Coaching and/or clubs that meet or practice at recess, lunch, before 8:15 a.m. or after 3:45 p.m.
- Field trips that extend over recess and/or lunch, or before 8:15 a.m. and after 3:45 p.m. This includes overnight camps regardless of the financial status of your plans
- Helping students
- District events such as track meets, even on weekends