

Emergency Resolution

British Columbia Teachers' Dispute

Whereas members of the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) are on strike to protect public education; and

Whereas the BC Supreme Court has upheld the BCTF Collective Agreement provisions on class size and composition later stripped by the BC Liberal government in 2002 and now the government has decided to appeal; and

Whereas BCTF wants to negotiate limits on class sizes, a wage increase, and other issues; and

Whereas teachers' working conditions are the learning conditions for the children of this province; and

Whereas public education has a direct impact on the members of BC Forum children, grandchildren and communities;

Therefore be it resolved that BC Forum support the actions of the BCTF to obtain a new and fair collective agreement, including writing the BCTF a letter expressing our support and solidarity; and

Be it further resolved that BC Forum encourage our members, who are able to do so, to join BCTF picket lines and rallies.