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Teachers' fight for public education results in tentative deal

VANCOUVER – The B.C. Federation of Labour welcomes the news that after sustained job action, BC teachers have reached a tentative deal that addresses the key issues of wages and improved learning conditions for students.

"I want to express my gratitude to all the teachers and support staff in this province who have been on the front line of protecting our public education system, and to the parents and community members who supported them," said Jim Sinclair, President of the B.C. Federation of Labour. "Strikes are never easy – but your resolve has made our classrooms better for all students."

Earlier this morning the BC Teachers' Federation announced a tentative deal with the BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA). The deal includes the removal of Article E80, money for a new education fund, and a salary lift for teachers.

The agreement will go to a membership ratification vote on Thursday.

"The labour movement is fully behind BC teachers. As workers, parents, and active community members, we are all affected by this struggle," said Irene Lanzinger, Secretary Treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

The B.C. Federation of Labour has demonstrated support for striking teachers during the dispute, including organizing solidarity rallies across the province, featuring radio ads, and most recently committing over $8 million in interest-free loans for the BCTF.

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