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Christy Clark emerges from hiding to make the situation worse by attacking teachers

VANCOUVER – B.C. Federation of Labour President, Jim Sinclair expressed dismay that Premier Christy Clark has made it even more difficult to find a resolve to the teacher's dispute. In her press conference today, the Premier was critical of teachers and blamed them solely for school closures.

"The Premier's concern with what other unions have agreed to at the bargaining table should not be an issue." Sinclair explained, "What teachers want is for schools to be open, for her government to give back the money that the courts have told them should be returned, and to negotiate fair wages and benefits."

While the Premier insisted that it was not her intention to be part of the negotiation, she proceeded to attack teachers for their position at the bargaining table. Ms. Clark should immediately end her spin. Union members will not be divided by this government.

"The Premier's comments can only serve to inflame an already difficult situation." stated Sinclair, "She had the opportunity to provide real leadership and propose a solution, and instead her attack on teachers was intended to push the parties further apart."

The B.C. Federation of Labour has organized rallies and events this week, culminating in a large rally in front of Christy Clark's Vancouver office at 5:00 pm on Friday. In addition, the leaders of BC's

unions will be meeting tomorrow to discuss escalating action and support for teachers, parents and our kids.

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