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BCFED statement on youth-led global climate strikes

This Friday, September 27th, students from across British Columbia will walk out of classes and join millions of people around the globe in massive public demonstrations to demand action on the climate crisis. These demonstrations come at a critical moment in Canada, with students sending a clear message to political leaders during the federal election.

BC's labour movement is inspired by this vibrant, youth-led movement — a movement that is challenging the political and economic status quo. The labour movement has built its power through activism and organizing, and we are in awe of how students are mobilizing to build power and demand change.

The BCFED commends the clear commitment of the climate strikes to values we hold dear: international solidarity, economic equality and racial justice. We know climate action does not have to come at the expense of working people, that a renewable economy can create good jobs and that the twin crises of inequality and climate change must be tackled together.

The BC Federation of Labour stands proudly in solidarity with the student strikes, and the direct action students have spearheaded and planned in Vancouver this Friday.