



September 10, 2014

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Dear Sirs,

Delta Board of Education Trustees are very concerned about the impacts of the current labour dispute on our students, our staff and our community.

All students are disadvantaged during this labour dispute and are being deprived of their right to an education. There are imminent consequences to each day that students are not in school. Grade 12 students in particular are severely impacted by a shortened or differed school year. There is a risk that students will not receive their transcripts in time to meet post-secondary application deadlines or alternate post-graduation plans they are pursuing.

Delta Trustees are calling for immediate action from both parties engaged in this labour dispute. In the absence of negotiation, mediation, arbitration or legislation, it appears that at this point no progress is being made. We support any process that both parties can agree to that will break this impasse. Considering the impacts to our students, their families and our staff, it is critical that our students return to their schools and our teachers return to their classrooms. We urge both parties in this dispute to remove any further obstacles to achieving a deal.

We all want to return our focus to the student success and innovative teaching that make Delta a great place to work and learn.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Delta Board of Education,

Laura Dixon, Chairperson
Delta Board of Education



cc:

The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier

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