

Bill 33: BCTF Class Size and Composition Grievance for 2009-2010 School Year

Further to @issue No. 2009-22 dated July 21, 2009, BCPSEA is now in receipt of a grievance for the 2009-2010 school year. Similar to last year, the BCTF is grieving **every school and class** in the province. More specifically, the grievance reads as follows:

"This grievance is based on the following allegations:

- a) BCTF says all school boards governed by the collective agreement intend to and/or will violate the requirements of the School Act and Class Size Regulations concerning class size and composition for all classes in all school districts.
- b) BCTF also says that BCPSEA has failed to ensure that school boards comply with the provisions of the School Act and Class Size Regulations concerning class size and compositions.

If in the grievance procedure BCPSEA demonstrates that certain classes in a school district are in compliance, BCTF is prepared to remove such classes from the scope of the grievance, unless BCPSEA takes the position that no amendments can be made to the form of the grievance.

BCTF will seek all appropriate remedies, including damages and appropriate orders."

It is hoped that the award expected during the week of August 17, 2009 from Arbitrator Dorsey pertaining to the seven representative schools for the 2007-2008 school year will provide guidance for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. In addition to written communication, BCPSEA will be scheduling conference calls during the week of **August 24, 2009** to review the decision and discuss the implications for school districts both for the previous year's grievances as well as for the upcoming school year.

Questions

Should you require assistance or wish to discuss this issue further, please contact your BCPSEA labour relations liaison.