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Government Appoints Mediator

Minister of Education George Abbott today announced the appointment of Dr. Charles Jago, former president of the University of Northern British Columbia, as mediator under section 6(1) of the [Education Improvement Act](#).

A news release accompanying the announcement states, "The scope of mediation is broad and will seek to address all issues outstanding at the bargaining table, including:

- Manner and consequences of class size and composition
- Local–provincial split of bargaining issues
- Effective feedback and evaluation of teachers to promote improvements
- Alignment of professional development with teaching needs
- Scheduling and selection of teachers suited to student needs."

The news release and biography of Dr. Jago are attached.

During a media availability earlier today, Dr. Jago indicated that he expects to contact the parties shortly and hopes to arrange initial meetings later this week or early next week.

BCPSEA looks forward to speaking with Dr. Jago and will work cooperatively through the mediation process.

We will provide further information as events progress.

Attachments:
Ministry of Education News Release
Biography of Dr. Charles Jago