



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

◆ Squamish ◆ Whistler ◆ Pemberton

August 31, 2011

At 10:00 am today the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) served 72 hour strike notice and stated that their members will commence Phase 1 of its strike activity in all British Columbia School Districts on September 6, 2011. Phase 1 involves a limited withdrawal of services that are administrative in nature and do not affect instructional time with students.

All teachers in the Sea to Sky School District are members of the BCTF so this will affect all schools in the District starting on the first day of school next week. However, schools will be open and hopefully there will be minimal disruption for students.

As education has been designated as an Essential Service in B.C., the Labour Relations Board reviewed the BCTF's job action plan in July and has ruled that teachers may commence strike activity involving the withdrawal of certain duties and non-participation in voluntary extracurricular activities. It has also ruled that teachers must continue to provide services designated as essential in the 2011 Essential Services Order. A copy of the Labour Relations Board's Order is attached for your information.

As of today, August 31, negotiations continue between the BCTF and the B.C. Public Schools' Employers' Association (BCPSEA) at the provincial level. The Board of Education hopes that a resolution will be reached as soon as possible.

Further information can be found at the following links:

<http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/bc-teachers/teacher-collective-bargaining.aspx>

and

<http://www.bctf.ca/>

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