



# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

◆ Squamish ◆ Whistler ◆ Pemberton

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As the school year draws to a close today many people are wondering whether there will be a teachers' strike when school starts up again in September.

The short answer is that we don't know yet, and the longer answer is that there may well be some sort of withdrawal of services by teachers depending on a number of factors that will play out over the summer.

As you may be aware, all of the teachers in our School District (SD48) are members of the local Sea to Sky Teachers' Association (SSTA) and the provincial B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF). Similarly, all local School Districts are members of the provincial B.C. Public Schools' Employers Association (BCPSEA).

The Collective Agreement for all teachers in all School Districts that was signed in 2006 runs out today June 30, 2011. Negotiations for a new contract are complicated and have been underway for three months now. They have been taking place at both the local level (SD48 & SSTA) for some items and at the provincial level (BCPSEA & BCTF) for other items. The current Collective Agreement calls for the majority of items to be negotiated at the provincial level.

At the local level SD48 and SSTA representatives have concluded their bargaining sessions reaching agreement on six items of local importance.

At the provincial level bargaining between the BCTF and BCPSEA is now finished for the year and is scheduled to start again on August 23. No agreement has been reached, and the BCTF has stated that they will institute Phase 1 of their Job Action Plan on September 6 when school starts unless an agreement has been reached by then. Phase 1 involves a limited withdrawal of services that are administrative in nature and do not affect instructional time with students. Schools would be open for students.

Please check the School District's website at [www.sd48.bc.ca](http://www.sd48.bc.ca) for updates over the summer.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and positive summer.

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Vice-Chair