

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 47  
POWELL RIVER**

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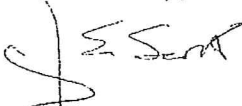
Hon. George Abbott, MLA  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Abbott:

The Board of Education of School District No. 47 (Powell River) held a special closed meeting on March 7th to discuss the bill currently being debated in the Legislature. At that time we reiterated our position which was in support of the motion passed at a recent meeting of the Provincial Council of the BCSTA. That is, our Board supports a mediated rather than a legislated end to the current dispute with the teachers' union.

We are very concerned about the effect that the prolonged dispute is having on the teaching and learning in the classrooms in our school district and anticipate that an escalation following the Spring Break could have even more damaging effects. We encourage your government to support our desire for a peaceful settlement, to reconsider its present position and appoint a mediator through the regular LRB process.

Yours truly,



J. Scott

Jeanette Scott  
Chair  
Powell River Board of Education

cc: Michael McEvoy, President, BCSTA  
Cathy Fisher, President, PRDTA  
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