

# South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union

**ATTENTION!**

## Newsflash

*Much has happened since Tuesday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>*

BCTF called impasse Tuesday night and was moving towards a decision for a provincial strike vote at BCTF EC meeting this past Friday & Saturday

Government officials reached out to BCTF on Friday to discuss impasse & money not found at the teachers' table

Carole Gordon, BCTF President, met them 4 times during Friday  
Government reps made verbal promises of more money (equity compared to other tables)

Saturday morning, BCTF EC decided to postpone decision on provincial strike vote as government wanted to meet Monday

Today, I sat in another BCTF EC mtg and heard the following:

**\*\*\* Framework agreement for money on table & significant improvements to our working conditions were established\*\*\***

## Provincial Bargaining Specifics

*BCTF will meet as many times as it takes*

- BCTF and the Government agreed to a framework for placing additional funding (equity to other tables) and to get a deal by Feb 9th, 2026

Non-enrolling ratios will be improved and superior provisions will be protected but at the barg table (BCPSEA to be given direction)

Possibly, first time that the BCTF may make improvements in LOU 12 class size and compositions (complexity)

BCPSEA still has concessions on the table (see last BCTF email)

**But we still have to bargain this with BCPSEA**

**As these improvements are specific, I cannot place these in a public document. (this newsletter)  
Items are significant and help to address our 5 priority areas as identified.**

**Share your thoughts on 26-27 calendar**

Draft Calendar is on the website: Please give your feedback

- Highlights – teachers will work one fewer instructional day next year, 183, compared to this school year, 184 and maintain our Pro-d plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March break in lieu
- Elementary schools will need to add 2 minutes to instructional time, so 292 minutes per day, 1 minute less than this year. This is due to the school act minimums.
- Secondary does not add any minutes as per past practice (meet SA minimums)

*Did You Know?*

Continue to wear

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every Wednesday



until we get a fair deal.

