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Dear Trustees,

This is an open letter regarding media reports of a leaked BCPSEA document. Apparently, this document describes tactics that could be used to apply pressure to teachers during the current labour dispute.

None of the reported options in the discussion paper appear to be realistic. They seem to focus on processes associated with the current job action rather than the fundamental issues that have brought the two parties to this point. If these options were implemented, they would likely generate ill will amongst teachers, both during and after the current job action. One could also anticipate significant public backlash.

As a resident of the Greater Victoria School District, I understand how difficult it is for the middle class to live in one of the most expensive regions in Canada. One will never become rich through the profession of teaching. However, surely those who have chosen this honourable career deserve fair and reasonable wage and benefit increases, as well as balanced and supportive classroom environments.

In my view, a better approach would be for BCPSEA to come to the table with something more than "net zero."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Bratzer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Bratzer

VIA EMAIL

Cc: Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education