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Moving forward with the Bill 22 Action Plan

It has become clear that Bill 22 has far reaching consequences, both for the teaching profession and for the future of public education. After much debate and soul searching, the majority has spoken and teachers across the province have voted 73% in favour of adopting the Bill 22 Action Plan, a plan developed at the BCTF Annual General Meeting last month. In order to honour this decision, teachers now need to examine their practice and step back from activities that are considered extra-curricular/voluntary in nature. They are reminded that extra-curricular/voluntary activities are those activities that occur and/or are organized by members outside of instructional hours. Guidelines around trips, camps, clubs, sports, performance events and graduation ceremonies were forwarded to each school on Friday. It is incumbent upon each of us to come together collectively to support each other in our schools and across the province through the remaining months of this very difficult and trying school year.

As a result of the LRB ruling regarding reporting on student progress, the BCTF Executive Committee has altered two aspects of the Action Plan. The changes include an altered wording addressing meetings with Principals and removal of the former item e) which had referred to the completion of one year end report card.

On an encouraging note, the final portion of the plan has already been foreshadowed in the two by-election results on April 19th.

AGM Bill 22 Action Plan—~~Revised~~ April 20, 2012

That the BCTF Bill 22 Action Plan be as follows:

That for the period April–June 2012 members will engage in a resistance strategy to oppose Bill 22, and:

- a. teach.
- b. not participate in any BC Ministry of Education initiatives.
- c. *minimally participate in meetings with AOs.*
- d. refrain from all extra-curricular/voluntary activities.
- e. launch a public campaign (including advertising, public meetings, and print materials) to educate about the impact of Bill 22, and mobilize opposition to it around the province.
- f. hold a province-wide vote of members to support a full withdrawal of services commencing on a date as determined by the Executive Committee.
- g. undertake other actions decided by the membership in each local, such as holding weekly union meetings or not participating in district committees.
- h. work local-by-local, and as a collective, to motivate the membership to prepare for the May 2013 provincial election to bring in a new government that will repeal Bill 22.