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Labour Relations Board supports teacher's right to withdraw extracurricular and voluntary activities!

Last month BCPSEA had filed an application with the Labour Relations Board to have the BCTF's actions with respect to the Bill 22 Action Plan declared an unlawful strike.

In a ruling released this morning, the Vice-Chair of the LRB has ruled that the BCTF has **not** declared an unlawful strike by directing its members to refrain from participating in activities which occur outside of class time/instructional hours and are truly voluntary and extra-curricular. The ruling supports the understanding that, unless related to a course or undertaken for marks, coaching; instructing or supervising student performances, sports teams, clubs or field trips; or attending graduation or awards ceremonies are voluntary activities which teachers may choose to withdraw.

The ruling further stipulates that the BCTF has **not** declared an unlawful strike by directing its members to minimally participate in meetings with administrators.

The ruling did find that activities which teachers **are** to participate in include School Based Team meetings, Individual Education Program meetings, parent-teacher interviews and district committee meetings.