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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In our communications home since the spring, we continued to hope that a resolution to the current labour dispute would be found at the bargaining table. We are very pleased to let you know that the government and the BCTF have indeed reached a tentative agreement. A resolution at the bargaining table is by far the best outcome for public education in British Columbia and this is great news.

There is still lots of work to do. We await details from teachers on the ratification process which will include a vote by members. If the deal is accepted, then schools will prepare to open. We will be communicating out further details as soon as we can.

I wanted to extend our congratulations to the bargaining teams on both sides and to Vince Ready. Any deal requires a give and take and the fact that both the BCTF and government found a way to resolve things at the table means that an incredible amount of work was done. With the final news coming out in the wee hours of the morning after a long weekend of talks, this is demonstration enough that people worked long and hard to get a deal in the best interest of schools.

We expect to share more information, including opening day routines for parents as soon as details emerge later today. We now turn our minds to the details of opening our sites and welcoming our teachers, support staff and children back to school. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we wrote that we wanted to return to what we know and appreciate most which is your children in front of our teachers. This now appears to be a reality in the very near future and we look forward to the sounds of children in our classrooms, halls and playgrounds.

Sincerely,



Jordan Tinney  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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