

FAIR
Deal
for teachers

BETTER SUPPORT
FOR KIDS

Dear parents,

We're committed to getting better support

for students and a fair deal for teachers. That's why

we're reaching out to you. We've been at the bargaining table for 16 months without much progress. Both parties clearly need the services of a mediator to resolve this dispute. We're asking for your help too. Please contact Premier Christy Clark, Education Minister Peter Fassbender, your MLA, and your local school trustees. Tell them parents, students, and teachers want a successful mediation process and a fairly negotiated settlement. Tell them the time to act is now.

What's at the heart of our dispute?

It's simple: a **strong public education** system. Since class-size limits, support for students with special needs, and specialist teacher staffing levels were stripped in 2002, \$275 million has been cut from the system each year. That's a whopping \$3 billion over the last 12 years.

- All kids deserve smaller classes and better one-on-one support. Staffing levels for counsellors, teacher-librarians, English language learning teachers, learning resource/support teachers, and other specialist teachers must be improved.
- BC's per-student funding is the second worst in the country, \$1,000 below the national average. Kids can't wait any longer. It's time to reinvest in public education.
- Teachers are asking for a fair and reasonable salary increase. We haven't had a raise since 2010.

Visit www.aFairDeal.ca for email addresses for Christy Clark, Peter Fassbender, and your MLA.



**Thank you,
From the teachers of BC**