

The BCTF Strike Action

BCTF - FICTION

- BC Teachers salaries are now 9th in Canada
- The government eliminated \$3.3 billion for education over the last decade.
- Teachers have sacrificed salary increase in the past to gain improvements for students only to have these illegally removed in 2002
- 100,000 oversized classes in the last decade
- We reduced our proposals - even when the other side refused to compromise
- Bill 22 means \$100 million in budget cuts for education next school year

BC GOVERNMENT - FACT

- “Teachers represented by the BCTF actually rank fourth in pay,” Jock Finlayson, executive vice president of the Business Council of BC
- Education funding has increased from \$4.1 billion in 2001 to \$5.31 billion in Budget 2012 - an increase of 29% even though enrollment declined
- In 2005, government negotiated a 5 year agreement that provided a 16% wage increase and a \$3700 signing bonus. Since 2001, teacher salaries have gone up by 19.5%
- Of 65,000 classes in BC, fewer than 1500 have more than 31 students. Fewer than 600 classes have more than 33 - most of these are band, choir and theatre classes where a larger group is desirable.
- The cost of the BCTF’s original demands were over \$2 billion, their current demands are also over \$2 billion
- In Budget 2012, education funding is \$5.31 billion - an increase of \$67 million over last year.

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