

Victims of BC teachers Strike!

Dear Principal

I guess you have your hands full with this pending teachers' strike, disgruntled parents and students.

We all hope for a fair deal for all parties in this ongoing dispute.

It is very disruptive to the kids' education. That is obvious.

Not to mention the damage to the role model that many teachers represent to the kids as they are exposed to different sides of the various arguments.

The problem is that it is affecting many parents financially.

Many homes have parents that are both at work during the day.

New immigrant families are especially vulnerable.

The cost of daycare is very expensive, that is if there is availability at all!

Is it now expected for one parent to stay at home and forfeit their earnings since they are not at work?

Who pays this very real cost? The parents have now become the victims.

To simplify:

We work and pay taxes to the government.

The government provides infrastructure to educate our kids.

Teachers are employed with our tax dollars to educate our kids.

The teachers' union paid by teachers negotiate fair employment for the teachers.

The government and the union have a dispute.

The union calls a strike and kids cannot go to school as there are no teachers.

Parents have a commitment to have their kids go to the school that the government provides with our tax dollars.

Now parents must pay additional "tax" to find alternative daycare or make costly home stay arrangements.

This cost must surely be paid by the teachers union that is forcing the closure of the school at the expense of the parents and the economy!

Concerned parents are welcome to contact me by email if they wish: strikevictimsbc@gmail.com

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