



Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council

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Parents Get Ready for Back to School

Burnaby DPAC will continue to advocate for Classroom Resources & Support

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Burnaby, BC – Parents across the province are thrilled to have students back in school Monday after 86% of teachers voted YES to the agreement brokered by the BCTF and BCPSEA.

“A negotiated settlement is a win for public education. Parents are optimistic that our public education system will be free from labour strife for the next five years,” says Jen Mezei, Burnaby DPAC Chair.

“Families are looking forward to having students back in the classroom with committed teachers who love to teach. This labour dispute has been difficult for everyone, and it is time to start rebuilding and strengthening the relationships and trust between staff, administration, parents and students.”

The Burnaby DPAC will also continue to advocate with other provincial parent groups for additional funding to address classroom needs such as more resources and supports to enhance the learning of all students.

“The implementation of the Education Fund is only the tip of the iceberg – it still is not enough to address the diverse needs of our kids in an underfunded classroom,” Mezei continues. “Our students also require adequate resources, Education Assistants and specialist support to ensure success for every student. Parents and parent leaders across the province are committed to continuing to advocate for the needs of our students. This needs to be a continuing discussion at the school, district and provincial level, not one that only pops up when the teachers’ contract is expiring”.

About Burnaby DPAC

The Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council, known as Burnaby DPAC, represents the interests of Burnaby parents in the public education system. The Burnaby DPAC is an advisory and advocacy council made up of representatives from PACs in Burnaby School District #41, and is the recognized voice of parents at the district level.