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Dear Melissa

Subject: We are grateful for your support

Thank you very much for your donation to the BC Teachers' Federation hardship fund.

As you will be aware, teachers voted by 86% to accept the collective agreement negotiated by the BCTF and the government and classes are in session.

Teachers made a tremendous commitment in being on strike for more than five weeks and without any pay, including strike pay, during that time. This was a hardship on many and we are very pleased to be able to support those most in need through the hardship fund.

The gains made in the strike were less than what is deserved and needed, but the most that it was possible to achieve in this round of bargaining. We were able, as well, to reject all the concessions demanded by the government.

The picket lines, the media work and the extensive use of social media by our members helped to develop a deeper understanding of the degree to which twelve years of austerity has undermined the conditions in our schools. The complexity of the teaching situation—characterized by “class composition”—is much better understood by all those prepared to listen to the stories of what actually happens in our classrooms.

Again, we very much appreciate your support in the form of a donation to the strike hardship fund.

Yours sincerely,

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