

Shuswap Teachers' Association



STA Protest Actions of Liberal Government

On January 28, over 200 Shuswap teachers participated in a march to protest the liberal government's imposition of a legislative settlement. We were joined province wide by over 35,000 other BCTF members.

The legislation that Gordon Campbell's Liberals imposed January 25, 2002, on 45,000 B.C. teachers "is everything we feared and more," said David Chudnovsky, President of the B.C. Teachers' Federation. "Many of our members hoped against hope that this legislation wouldn't be as bad as we had feared, but it's much, much worse," he said. "With the stroke of a pen, this government has eliminated the very provisions that ensure quality education for children."



Linda Nicholson, STA President, address teachers

Bill 28 or the **Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act** strips our collective agreements of many of the important improvements to education BC teachers have fought for over the last 20 years. The act reads, collective agreements will no longer "(d) restrict or regulating a board's power to establish class size and class composition, (e) establishing or imposing



Shuswap teachers demonstrate their concern

class size limits, requirements respecting average class sizes, or methods for determining class size limits or average class sizes, (f) restricting or regulating a board's power to assign a student to a class, course or program, (g) restricting or regulating a board's power to determine staffing levels or ratios or the number of teachers or other staff employed by the board, (h) establishing



Distress showing on the face of Shuswap teachers

minimum numbers of teachers or other staff, (i) restricting or regulating a board's power to determine the number of students assigned to a teacher, or (j) establishing maximum or minimum case loads, staffing loads or teaching loads."



14,000 teachers protest in Vancouver

The BCTF along with the STA will continue the fight for your rights and the rights of the students of British Columbia. We all must make a firm commitment to an ongoing struggle to put children before profits (for the rich). On February 23, 2002 those who care about public services will be protesting province wide. Make a stand and be there.

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