

# Innovation **Strategy** Results

## Polling Results

For  
British Columbia  
Teachers' Federation

Fielded December 9 – 11, 2016

**December 14, 2016**

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Q1. The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that the BC government unconstitutionally changed the terms of its contract with BC teachers by removing class size limits, lowering the number of specialist teachers and reducing support for students with special needs from the BC teachers' contract. What do you know about this Supreme Court decision?	I have been following this issue and am aware of the Supreme Court's ruling	296	36.9%
	I recall hearing something about the decision but don't know that much about it	343	42.7%
	This is the first I've heard about the decision	164	20.4%
Total		803	100.0%

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Q2. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. The BC government should restore class size limits, specialist teachers, and support for children with special needs in BC's public schools – as directed by the Supreme Court.	Strongly agree	446	55.5%
	Somewhat agree	201	25.0%
	Somewhat disagree	74	9.2%
	Strongly disagree	36	4.5%
	Don't know	46	5.8%
Total		803	100.0%

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Q3. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement. The BC government has a 2.2 billion dollar budget surplus. The cost of restoring class size limits, specialist teachers, and support for children with special needs is about 300 million dollars. The government can afford to fund this investment in public education – and should do so.	Strongly agree	433	54.0%
	Somewhat agree	211	26.2%
	Somewhat disagree	76	9.4%
	Strongly disagree	37	4.6%
	Don't know	47	5.9%
Total		803	100.0%

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Q4. The Supreme Court ruling requires the BC government to implement improvements to public education. Do you think the government should:	Start making all of the required changes in January	279	34.8%
	Immediately hire more specialist teachers and add extra teaching staff to provide better support for students with special needs in January	252	31.4%
	Not do anything until the new school year in September	221	27.5%
	Not implement any of these improvements	51	6.3%
Total		803	100.0%

## **Methods**

These results are from an online omnibus survey fielded using a proprietary panel from December 9-11, 2016, resulting in 803 completed surveys. The data is statistically weighted to match the gender, age, education and regional composition of British Columbia as per the most recent Census data.

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