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# *School Staff* **BCTF** 2011-12 **ALERT** #13

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## **January 28: A dark decade for public education in BC**

Saturday January 28 marks the 10th anniversary of Bills 27 and 28, which stripped our collective agreements of class-size, composition, and specialist service-levels language. In 2002 tens of thousands of teachers marched in protest and outrage in Vancouver and Victoria.

Over a single weekend, the Liberals wiped out decades of advocacy and sacrifice by thousands of teachers across BC and launched a decade of cutbacks, school closures, and untold damage to teaching and learning conditions.

- 3,500 fewer teachers
- 200 schools closed
- 100,000 oversized classes
- Special needs neglected
- more than \$3 billion cut from public education

**To mark this anniversary teachers are strongly encouraged to wear black on Friday, January 27th and declare the occasion a *Dark Day for Public Education in BC* and send this message to government:**

**A decade of cuts is already too much. Way too much.**

**It's time to end the cuts to public education. Stop the cuts and start fully funding our schools.**

The BCTF has black scarves, toques, t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, pamphlets and more available for that day and can also be used for other events in the future. Follow the link to the portal to place an order.

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