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Teachers' Bargaining Committee Applies for Arbitration

This update is to inform teachers of the decision by the Teachers' Bargaining Committee to apply to the Educational Relations Board for binding arbitration. Today, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation will issue a news release to inform the public of this decision. This past weekend, your provincial Executive passed a motion supporting this application.

We firmly believe a negotiated agreement is always preferable. However, the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee continues to call for wage rollbacks, despite recent comments by the Premier and Saskatchewan's Minister of Finance.

In addition, the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee continues to pursue an extremely narrow interpretation of issues that can be brought forward at the bargaining table. These two factors have created an impasse. We are prepared to negotiate; however, it now appears that direct negotiations will not meet the collective needs of teachers.

Given the current impasse, this is the best avenue available to us to resolve this dispute.

A graphic showing the anticipated timelines for arbitration has been prepared along with a list of frequently asked questions with answers on how these developments will unfold. This additional information is available on the [Arbitration page](#) in the Collective Bargaining section of the Federation website.

A [video update](#) from STF President Patrick Maze will be available at noon today.



Questions about teacher collective bargaining?
Contact STF Bargaining Support by email at bargaining@stf.sk.ca.

Discussions about teacher collective bargaining?
Use the [TeacherTalk](#) private members' forum in MySTF on www.stf.sk.ca.





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