

Maple Ridge Teachers' Association Memorandum

May 5, 2020

Dear MRTA Members,

At our MRTA Staff Representative Assembly on April 23rd, the representatives passed this motion:

“That MRTA recommend to its members that teachers who currently have contracts refrain from volunteering for the ESW Learning Hubs until TTOCS are given the opportunity.”

The impetus of this motion was to emphasize to the district that Teachers Teaching on Call should be given the opportunity to do this work.

We have since had clarification from the BCTF that this motion cannot be put into effect; any collective action, including asking members not to volunteer, could be considered illegal job action by the Labour Relations Board.

However, we maintain our position that Teachers Teaching on Call are the employees best suited to and are in the most need of this work right now. We have confirmed our position with the district in writing.

As a teacher who holds a contracted position, we understand that you are all working extremely hard trying to do your job. You should not be expected to do more than your assignment.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact your staff rep.

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