



Message from NLTA President Dean Ingram re Statement from Government

June 29, 2020

Dear Members,

It is clear from the attached statement from the provincial government that they are not prepared to provide assistance to address the financial crisis facing our substitute teachers or to provide assurances that adequate staff will be available to avoid disruption to student learning under any physical distancing requirements. Education is a provincial responsibility and the provincial government can't simply respond by pointing teachers to federal benefits that are not meeting their needs.

We know that many members have emailed their local MHAs. It is critical that this effort continue with teachers asking for regular updates and specific government plans of action. It is important to remember that when your Association went to government in March asking them to contribute to the NLTA Substitute COVID-19 Relief Grant, they refused. It wasn't until MHAs began receiving emails from teachers that the province made any request to its federal counterparts in support of the many letters the NLTA has already sent to federal cabinet members seeking more supports for substitute teachers.

The Association's advocacy is ongoing, and we need to continue to have your voices taking up the call to action.

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