



RTU Monthly Digest

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In the words of Peter Greene from Forbes¹, “If I can’t buy a Porsche for \$1.98, that doesn’t mean there’s an automobile shortage. If I can’t get a fine dining meal for a buck, that doesn’t mean there’s a food shortage. And if appropriately skilled humans don’t want to work for me under the conditions I’ve set, that doesn’t mean there’s a human shortage.”

We have sent that message to government officials with our strong mandate for a labour strike. Over the last 3 years, more than 150 RTU teachers out of 1100 have not returned to work at RSB in any capacity. This is both a provincial and a local problem. Pleasant administrators cannot bridge the gap created by our difficult work conditions. Strong action with our fellow unions is unavoidable and required.

Next, since talk is cheap, it’s time to move on to **action!** Our mandated strike actions will show the government we mean business. Will the provincial government do more than just say no?

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/petergreene/2019/09/05/we-need-to-stop-talking-about-the-teacher-shortage/?sh=5e7a051b494c>

THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES



What About Special Legislation?

It happened in the past in Quebec. However, since the 2010's the Canadian Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld, in multiple provinces, the right to association under the Charter of Rights, including the right to strike.

Legally, if the government were to remove the right to strike, they are required to replace it with “an impartial and effective process”, such as a mediator or tribunal deciding the salaries of workers.

It is unlikely that the government will allow another party to decide the salaries for all public workers.

Ongoing Visibility Campaigns

We are still donning our buffs every week. If you need either one or both please contact [RTU](#).

Tuesdays are for **the Yellow & Blue sectorial**, and Thursdays are **Black & Green Commun Front**.



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