

From CBC:

“Abbott said the government is becoming more concerned about the strike with every passing day. ‘Is it fair for parents in B.C. to go on two, three, four, five, six, seven months without knowing how their child is doing in school?’ he said.”

Reader Comments:

“If the honourable Minister actually went to a school to see what is happening he would know there is communication between teachers and parents.”

“Never sees to amaze me the stupidity of the Liberals. Mr. Abbott's comments show how much he really knows about what is going on in schools. And his silly comment about monitoring what's going on a daily basis is just plain lying folks because if he did he would know that teachers are still doing their jobs and reporting to parents. - kind of reminds me of Chrusty's speech today to the Victoria Chamber of Commerce where she tried to be so supportive but named two companies that don't even exist in Victoria at all. The Fiberals don't give a hoot about anything except saving their butts and hoping our ever so perky premier doesn't stick her foot in it again!!”

“What a lying idiot George Abbot is. The teachers may not be writing report cards, but they are communicating with parents about how their children are doing. One I know of is emailing all the parents about how her students are doing.”

“With two children in elementary school, we have had regular input from their teachers. All of their tests have come home and their planners tell us areas where our children need to apply themselves more.

“The government of BC needs to see they are not a dictatorship. They have torn up negotiated contracts in the past and even disregard their own class size requirements. I fully support the teachers job action. It is their democratic right!”

“Don't use this as an excuse Abbott, EVERYONE KNOWS you're only waiting to use legislation as a hammer to squash the Liberals most hated union - the BCTF. You'd better think twice about this 'legislation' however, since your government has already been found guilty of violating collective bargaining rights by the Supreme Court - or are you hoping most of the uninformed people out there wouldn't have known about this?”

“If parents want to know how their children are doing, how about going into the schools and asking the teacher? Or better yet, ask your own kid - what's that you say, the kid might not tell the truth, good heavens, that must be the teacher's fault right?”

“Still can't figure out how the Liberals think it is perfectly OK to give firefighters, nurses, and doctors cost of living raises each year (because their legislated essential), but are telling the BCTF you not only need to take ZERO-ZERO-ZERO, but we need to basically strip your collectively bargained contract of anything that gives you any rights? That's not to mention the shameful raises you politicians voted to give yourselves not long ago.”