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NSTU returning to the bargaining table with government

The NSTU and the provincial government have agreed to return to the bargaining table.

Earlier today, Premier McNeil sent a written request to the NSTU requesting that both sides sit down with an "open mind" in an attempt to reach an agreement. He also indicated that he asked the Minister of Labour to appoint a conciliation officer.

"Teachers want the ability to negotiate for better classroom conditions and a fair contract," says NSTU President Liette Doucet. "To this point the specter of Bill 148 has restricted the collective bargaining process and prevented meaningful negotiations from occurring. We are hopeful this request from the Premier signals a new approach from his government."

She adds, "We are looking forward to getting back to the table in an effort to resolve the current situation and bring positive change to our education system."

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