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MEMO TO: School Board Chairs  
FROM: Teri Mooring, President  
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**SUBJECT: BCTF Education Funding Brief 2023**

On behalf of the BCTF, I am pleased to share the BCTF Education Funding Brief 2023, which was presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services as part of the Budget 2023 Consultation.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly exacerbated the pressures on public education, the budget shortfalls and other challenges currently facing BC education are the cumulative effects of over 20 years of grossly underfunding public education. BC continues to fall behind other provinces in funding. Funding for inclusive education, a key value of our provincial education system, remains woefully inadequate. The lack of investment into teacher recruitment and retention remains a chronic challenge that undermines the foundations of education in BC.

To address these challenges, the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) submitted three recommendations:

1. Abandon the current path of austerity and increase educational funding to meet the real, identified needs of classrooms, schools, and school districts.
2. Provide dedicated funding for teacher recruitment and retention initiatives across all school districts to address the acute teacher shortage in BC.
3. That the Ministry of Education terminate the consideration of a prevalence-based model for special education funding and align special education funding with identified special education needs, including targeted funding for early identification and designation of students with special needs and per-student funding amounts for high-incidence designations.

The full text of the BCTF Education Funding Brief is available [here](#).

As detailed in this brief, there are concrete strategies to help alleviate the compounding challenges facing BC education. It is time to put rhetoric into tangible action by providing the funding needed for inclusive and flourishing schools.