



9.1 Provincial Teacher Shortage

SUBMITTED BY: *The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver)*

BE IT RESOLVED:

that BCSTA write a letter to all BC education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

RATIONALE:

This motion is emergent because the post-secondary institutions that offer education degrees would have to make changes to their intake programs (staffing, curriculum, and lecture space) in the next few months in order to be ready to increase enrolment in these programs for summer and fall semesters in 2022.

This motion is needed because there is a teacher shortage in BC. Yet, degree granting institutions have not increased the number of students in Education programs. Numbers were reduced when it was believed that there were too many teachers in the system and have not been increased significantly in recent years. The Vancouver School Board continues to be hampered in its efforts to recruit new teachers and has written the attached letters to Ministry of Advanced Education and the eight major Education degree granting programs in the Province.

REFERENCES:

[Teacher Shortage Letters to Deans of Education of Teaching Institutes](#)

[Teacher Shortage Letter to Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training](#)

This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.