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Patrick Brady, President of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers, is calling upon the government of BC to come down from its ideological high horse and enter, immediately, into discussions with the BC Teachers' Federation in an effort to resolve the current bargaining impasse.

"The current labour strife is a direct result of the draconian and punitive legislation evidenced in the government's Bill 12. The BC government must stop worrying about 'losing face' in this dispute and recognize its responsibility to make every overture possible to see that 600,000 students and their teachers return to their classrooms."

Brady went on to say that increasingly BC classrooms are becoming dysfunctional as a direct result of the provincial government's actions and initiatives – both fiscal and legislative. "That situation is not acceptable," he noted. "The government of BC has a responsibility to enter into discussions with the BCTF today and not weeks from now."

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