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The BCGEU represents administrative and support staff at the Legal Services Society. The BCGEU is in the process of negotiating a renewal of its collective agreement with LSS. Negotiations between the BCGEU and the LSS are at an impasse.

A concern has been raised about the BCGEU taking a strike vote. At this time, the BCGEU has scheduled a bargaining unit meeting for July 7th to discuss bargaining options. The options available include taking a strike vote.

Should a strike or lock out occur, PEA members are advised that our collective agreement Article 2.06 provides protection to PEA members who honour a picket line.

2.06 Picket Lines

The Employer recognizes the right of an employee, as a matter of conscience, to refuse to cross a picket line arising out of a dispute as defined in the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia or the Canada Labour Code. Such absence shall be without pay.

PEA members are also advised that, should the BCGEU take job action, members who honour a picket line are reimbursed for lost salary at 70% of lost earnings, up to a maximum of \$125 per day. This salary reimbursement is not taxable.

We will stay in touch with the BCGEU and keep you up to date with any information received.