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Stephen McNeil starts off on the wrong foot following passage of Bill 75

NSTU President Liette Doucet says Stephen McNeil proved once again that he has not been listening to teachers with his first announcement following the passage of Bill 75.

She says Nova Scotia's teachers went on strike last Friday to have their voices heard about the need for urgent reforms in their classrooms. Unfortunately, the Premier ignored those concerns by spending the savings from the strike (\$3.4 million) on one-time grants for extra-curricular activities that fall outside of the instructional day.

"These grants certainly do no harm, but almost 10,000 people did not march on Province House and 400 people did not sign up to speak at Law Amendments because they wanted money for class trips and jerseys," says Doucet. "Teachers, students and parents who have been fighting for better education want to know why the Premier chose not to use this money to reduce class sizes or provide greater support for students with special needs? This decision does nothing to address the significant problems currently facing our system."

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