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NSTU President pleased that action has been taken on Council recommendations

NSTU President Liette Doucet says she's pleased the teachers on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions have made some positive gains, but she is still concerned the government is dragging its feet when it comes to major reforms.

"The current suspension of a variety of provincial assessments has given teachers greater freedom to use their professional judgement in assessing students, so we are pleased these policies are being maintained," says Doucet. "Similarly, it was evident during work-to-rule that less time on data entry, meant more time for teachers to focus on their students, so the recommendations around PowerSchool and TIENET are a good start."

She says the changes around data entry demonstrate the stand teachers took during Work-to-rule "made an impact." However, broader reform is required to fix the current challenges facing our education system as a result of the government's neglect.

"Major improvements like reduced class sizes and increased support for students with special needs are badly needed and have not been addressed" says Doucet. "These reforms will require greater investment than what the current government has allocated to the Council."

Today the government released a status update on the current list of recommendations made by the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions. Eight of the initial recommendations are being implemented and the other 10 are in progress.

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