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NSTU to hold strike vote

(Halifax-Kjipuktuk, NS) The Nova Scotia Teachers Union representing almost 10,000 public school teachers and specialists will be holding a strike vote on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

The NSTU's Provincial Executive reached this decision based on the advice of its negotiating team after nearly 10 months of negotiations with the Province. In January, the NSTU requested the assistance of a conciliator.

"Obviously, we hope that job action won't be necessary and that this serves as a wake-up call for the government, who has been unwilling to reach a fair contract for teachers nor making necessary changes to improve learning conditions for students across the province," says NSTU President Ryan Lutes.

Lutes adds: "It's unfortunate that Government isn't taking the current challenges facing our public education system seriously. It is not taking escalating levels of violence seriously. It is not taking the teacher shortage seriously. It is not taking rapidly declining classroom conditions seriously. And, on top of everything, it is not taking the need for a fair contract for teachers seriously. A strong strike mandate sends a message to Premier Houston that it's time to act on the many crises currently boiling over in our public schools."

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