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December 13, 2016

Honourable Kelly Regan  
Minister of Labour and Advanced Education  
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Dear Minister,

For the past two weeks the Nova Scotia Teachers Union has engaged in a strike action that has seen the withdrawal of services from our classrooms and schools. The action has been disruptive for our school system both outside and inside the classroom. Although there are great challenges and complexities that have caused an impasse to occur with the two negotiating parties, the children of our province are those being most negatively impacted. This is and should be unacceptable to us all.

Despite frustrations experienced by all parties, I ask that we come together in an attempt to resolve this impasse to ensure children can fully return to a high functioning school system filled with positive experiences inside and outside the classroom. We owe it to our youth to show them that even in the hardest of times people can be reasonable and constructive to settle differences.

I therefore ask that you request the parties, with the assistance of the conciliation officer, to return to the conciliation table with open-minds and reasonable perspectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen McNeil".

Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.  
Premier