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Hon. Kevin Murphy  
Speaker, House of Assembly  
1st Floor, Province House  
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Mr. Speaker,

On Thursday, February 9, 2017 the tentative agreement reached through collective bargaining by the Government of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union (NSTU) failed in a ratification vote. This is the third time a tentative agreement has been rejected by the membership.

Over the last number of months, the NSTU has engaged in job action that has negatively impacted students around the province. The withdrawal of services in our school system has caused harm to their learning outcomes, their university and college eligibility, as well as their athletic aspirations. This is not acceptable and can no longer continue. Our students deserve better.

I, therefore request that you reconvene the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 8 PM to allow the Members to address this situation. Teachers, parents and students require an end to the disruption in our schools.

Sincerely,

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

Hon. Stephen McNeil  
Premier