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## **Conciliation Board statement**

The following is a statement from NSTU President Liette Doucet.

The NSTU requested through the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education that a conciliation board be convened. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development placed conditions on how that process would unfold. This is not the intent of a conciliation board under the *Teachers' Collective Bargaining Act*. There is no authority under Section 25 of the Act to place conditions.

We proposed the conciliation board in good faith to keep our students in the classroom and are still prepared to participate in this process. However, we will not accept any preconditions to a conciliation board because we believe in free and full collective bargaining. Government has placed wages and service pay as non negotiable through the conciliation board process.

Teachers have expressed clearly that they do not want us to negotiate with one hand tied behind our back. Teachers want to be engaged in a process in which all of their working and learning conditions can be discussed in an open way. We believe that government is pushing teachers into a position where they do not want to be -- on strike. The position government has taken affirms to us they do not want to bargain in good faith.

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