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NSTU saddened by loss of collective bargaining and lock out of students

The Stephen McNeil Government is willing to do anything to avoid investing in Education, including locking out students from their classrooms.

"If Minister Casey was concerned about the safety of students, she would have let them go to school next week. Teachers will be there on Monday, ready and willing to teach. Instead, students are locked out of learning and parents are scrambling to find care," says Doucet. "With this step our government is showing that it will do anything except negotiate with teachers."

NSTU president Liette Doucet says teachers are tired of the continued lack of respect displayed by the McNeil government. This is further demonstrated by today's announcement that a contract will be imposed on NSTU public school members.

"Instead of negotiating with teachers in good faith, this government has decided to take away their collective rights and impose a contract...one that doesn't address the core problems with our education system" says Doucet. "Teachers are taking a stand for better classroom conditions but this government is not willing to make the needed investments to create a safer, healthier learning environment. This government knows the cost of everything and value of nothing."

Teachers of Nova Scotia remain wholly focused on student learning and safety.

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