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NSTU initiates Charter Challenge against Bill 75

The NSTU has submitted its mandatory two-month notice of application with the Nova Scotia Attorney General for a Charter Challenge against Bill 75.

The application contends that with Bill 75, and the imposition of the legislation, the Premier and his government repeatedly engaged in activities that violated NSTU public school members' rights to freedom of association and freedom of expression guaranteed under the Charter.

"The current government took numerous steps to erode NSTU's ability to engage in a fair collective bargaining process, which culminated with Bill 75," says NSTU president Liette Doucet. "The government actions were both reckless and inappropriate and prevented teachers from negotiating a fair contract that included needed reforms to improve classroom conditions."

She adds, "Never before have Nova Scotia teachers been treated so unfairly by a government. Therefore, we had to take a stand by initiating the first province-wide strike in our history."

The documents included in the notice of application are available on-line here <u>News Releases</u>. Now that notice has been provided, Doucet will not be speaking publicly about details contained in the application.

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