



# British Columbia Teachers' Federation

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The Honourable Gordon Campbell  
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Dear Premier Campbell:

On behalf of the 41,000 teachers of BC I write to request that your government declare Monday, October 27, 2008 Provincial School Library Day. Our librarians have proposed that this be a day dedicated to highlighting the value of school libraries throughout the province. The date of Monday, October 27, 2008 has already been designated as National School Library Day by the federal government. Several other provinces have already endorsed it as well.

It is our belief that if British Columbia also designates this one day within the month of October, it would serve to further focus activities in schools with special recognition of the value of school libraries. An event called "drop everything and read," where all those in schools—adults and children, would drop whatever they are doing at 1:00 p.m. and pick up a good book to read for 15 to 20 minutes, would tie in well with our common belief in the importance of literacy.

It would be a project that the BC Teachers' Federation would actively support amongst our members and would serve to raise public awareness of importance of reading and school libraries in the advancement of literacy in British Columbia.

Yours truly,

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