

## INTRODUCING THE "PRDTU"

In 1987 legislation was passed that enabled teachers to form unions and engage in full collective bargaining. Here in Prince Rupert, after a three-month certification campaign, over 95% of the teachers in this district had voluntarily joined the Prince Rupert District Teachers' Association, as it was then called. We received our certification from the BC Industrial Relations Council and, under our new name reflecting our new trade union status, we represent approximately 220 teachers.

We are an organization of professional teachers – a union of professionals. We believe that through the PRDTU, we can achieve:

- a greater positive impact on district educational policies and practices;
- a greater degree of economic welfare and employment security;
- a greater measure of control over our working conditions and professional development.

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