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Burnaby Teachers Association Announce Mark-In, January 18th, 2012.

Burnaby, BC, 10 January 2012 - The Burnaby Teachers' Association will hold its second mark-in on January 18th at Metrotown Mall food court between 4-6pm. The aim of the Mark-In is to raise public awareness about the profession and the critical education issues that are affecting BC's students, families and teachers.

Mark-Ins have been used as a form of direct action throughout North America in recent years in reaction to government assaults on public education. At a Mark-In, teachers assemble quietly at a mall food court, purchase something, and take a seat to complete work that they would normally do in a private space. The average teacher works at least 50 hours a week and this is a positive way of showing the public that we do a lot of voluntary work outside of our 8 am-3 pm school day. The intention is to restore respect for our profession and raise awareness about the care and hard work we do.

The Burnaby Teachers' Association held a Mark-In on December 2nd at Brentwood Mall. Over fifty teachers turned up from Burnaby and Vancouver. We made ourselves visible and gained a lot of attention. We hope to create dialogue between teachers and the public. Literature from the BCTF will be available for those who are interested in learning about Job Action, bargaining, and education issues. We ask that the public approach us with their questions when they see us at local malls and food courts.

The Mark-In is endorsed by the Burnaby Teachers' Association. Teachers from all districts and their supporters are welcome to join us. The press may be interested in attending as it is very important to hear from teachers directly, not only from the government and from the employees of the teachers' unions.

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