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**The Honourable Danielle Smith,  
Premier of Alberta**

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**via email: [premier@gov.ab.ca](mailto:premier@gov.ab.ca)**

Dear Premier Danielle Smith,

**RE: Public Statement, Alberta Teachers' Strike**

The Tsuut'ina Nation is deeply concerned about the ongoing teachers' strike and the growing impact it is having on students and families across Alberta. Many Tsuut'ina students who attend provincial off-reserve schools have been directly affected by the disruption to their learning and daily routines.

Education is not just a service; it is a Treaty Right. When students are unable to attend school or access a stable learning environment, the right is compromised. The Tsuut'ina Nation reminds all levels of government of their shared responsibility to uphold this right and ensure every child, including Tsuut'ina students, has access to quality, uninterrupted education.

This situation has also affected all Alberta students, who have been locked out of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with their peers and communities. For many young people, school provides safety, support, and structure. Extended interruptions can have lasting effects on their well-being and future opportunities.

The Tsuut'ina Nation urges the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers' Association to work together in good faith toward a timely, fair, and sustainable resolution. True leadership requires listening, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the best interests of students and families.

We continue to support efforts that strengthen education for all children, First Nations and non-First Nations alike, and encourage a respectful process that restores stability, honors Treaty obligations, and ensures that classrooms once again become safe and welcoming places for every student.

Education is the foundation of every strong community, and all students within Alberta deserve nothing less than a swift and thoughtful resolution for the benefit of our shared and collective futures as Treaty Peoples.

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cc: Jason Schilling, President, Alberta Teachers' Association

