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Dr. Margot Rejskind (she/her)
Executive Director, Grievance Officer & Chief Negotiator
University of Prince Edward Island Faculty Association

Mr. Brian Johnston
Chief Negotiator, UPEI Board of Governors
Letter re: Mediation Offer to UPEI & Faculty Association

Via email

Dear Dr. Rejskind and Mr. Johnston:

It is our desire to support parties in reaching an agreement and I am pleased to learn that both parties are open to resuming mediation to achieve this end and facilitate getting UPEI students back to their classes. As was communicated by our Director of Labour Relations via email earlier today, the Government of PEI is willing to cover the costs of a mediator to assist parties.

With your agreement, the Government of PEI will engage Michelle Flaherty to assist parties over the course of five days in an attempt to assist parties in reaching an agreement. We will endeavor to assist with establishing dates for mediation as soon as possible once we have concurrence from both parties to proceed.

While the government is willing to incur this expense, which would normally be the responsibility of the parties at this juncture, it would be our expectation that both parties approach mediation with a genuine intention to attempt to reach an agreement.

I know we all share a common interest in providing the best possible education for UPEI students. It is our hope that the assistance of a mediator will achieve an agreement that will allow students to return to the classroom as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Hon. Bloyce Thompson
Minister, Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture

c.c. Dr. Michael Arfken, President of UPEI FA
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