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The Nanaimo District Teachers' Association (NDTA) stands in solidarity with Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS). As teachers, we are committed to principles of justice and equality and cannot remain silent in the face of ongoing violations of Palestinian human rights.

The BDS movement is a series of peaceful, nonviolent divestments aimed at pressuring the Israeli government to comply with international law and respect the rights of the Palestinian people. It is a legitimate form of resistance that follows in the tradition of other successful nonviolent movements throughout history.

As teachers, we have a moral obligation to stand in solidarity with oppressed communities and to use our voices to advocate for the rights of others. Just as we teach our students about the importance of standing up, we must lead by example and take action to support a peaceful resolution.

We recognize that our support for BDS may be met with criticism, but we also cannot continue to be silent in the face of injustice. We call on teachers, unions, and individuals around the world to join us in supporting the BDS movement and in working towards a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.