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Statement by School Board Regarding BEA Decision to Strike

The Burlington Education Association (BEA) has ended contract talks with the Burlington School Board without a multi-year deal in place to lift imposition. This action came following a nearly nine-hour mediated bargaining session held Wednesday.

The Board entered the bargaining session today understanding the primary obstacle to settlement was resolving operational issues at the high school. These issues were resolved early in today's session. Subsequently the BEA brought additional demands. The Board responded by offering:

- A total salary increase of over 8 percent (an average of over \$6,000 per teacher).
- A three year contract to avoid costly negotiations.
- Additional health insurance savings (saving employees \$280 to over \$2,500)

The BEA rejected this offer and has chosen to strike.

There will be no school on Thursday.

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