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Dispute is not unfair labor practice

Everett Public Schools is pleased to announce the Washington Public Employment Relations Commission ruled on July 7, 2008, that the dispute with the Everett Education Association concerning the use of video cameras in schools is a *contractual matter* and should not be reviewed as an unfair labor practice. Instead, it should be submitted to labor arbitration.

Superintendent Carol Whitehead had this to say, "The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Everett Public Schools and the Everett Education Association authorizes, in the district's view, the use of video cameras as an *investigative resource*."

It will now be up to a neutral labor arbitrator to decide the dispute. An arbitration hearing will likely occur later this year.