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Bargaining resumes on September 4

BURNABY—Provincial-level bargaining for CUPE education members will resume on September 4. Previous talks broke off on August 9 when it became clear that the employer was not prepared for bargaining. The new dates for bargaining in early September demonstrate that the CUPE bargaining sub-committee is willing to do whatever we can to avoid a disruption in classes this fall.

“For the first time we have reason to believe that there has been work done by government and employers to develop a bargaining position that warrants our return to the negotiating table,” said Colin Pawson, Chair of the CUPE BC K-12 Presidents’ Council.

On Tuesday, August 20, the BC Teachers’ Federation adopted a resolution pledging support for CUPE’s struggle for a negotiated settlement.

It has been more than four years since the education assistants, clerical staff, trades, custodians, bus drivers and other education workers represented by CUPE have received a wage increase. Virtually all of the 57 CUPE locals representing education workers have had positive strike votes.

Your CUPE BC K-12 Presidents’ Council Bargaining Sub-committee consists of Colin Pawson (Chair, Metro Vancouver), Wendy Johnson (Thompson-Okanagan), June Kaiser (Metro Vancouver), Leslie Franklin (Fraser Valley), Cheryl MacLeod (Kootenays), Daphne Ross (North Island), Jan Peever (South Island) and Paula Cox (Northern Area).

The Canadian Union of Public Employees represents more than 27,000 education BC workers in the K-12 system.

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