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# BCTF Strike Update

As the teachers' strike continues into the summer we wanted to update members about CUPE's continued support of the BC Teachers' Federation in their current job action. Nothing has changed in terms of our response to what is happening on the job or our commitment to take a principled stand and respect picket lines.

Here's a review of where we stand:

- If a picket line has been set up, CUPE members do not cross it – unless they are under an Essential Services Order to do so.
- This is a BCTF strike, not a CUPE strike. The teachers are running the strike and making strategic decisions as things change. We are respecting their picket lines.
- Sector coordinators along with CUPE BC are monitoring the situation and working to resolve issues as they come up.
- Members will be notified of any changes to the above.

## What other information is available?

The following information and frequently asked question bulletins are available online at [bcschools.cupe.ca](http://bcschools.cupe.ca).

- **Strike Action FAQ**
- **Essential Services FAQ Sheet**
- **On the picket line**
- **CUPE Strike Pay Information Sheet**
- **CUPE Strike Pay Chart**

Bargaining bulletins and updates from your K-12 President's Council bargaining committee and sector coordinators about the provincial framework agreement, are also available at this site.

*“Part of the reason CUPE negotiated the Employee Support Grant is that we wanted to ensure that CUPE members were made whole. Even if the strike continues longer into the summer and fall, CUPE members will get 100 per cent of their pay for respecting picket lines.”*

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