

CUPE Education Workers



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27,000 professional, caring CUPE
workers keeping our schools

Clean, Safe & Inclusive



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CUPE Education Workers Need Your Support!

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We are pressing for a fair deal – we all need adequate funding for public education in BC.

The provincial government's funding model, where money is given out per student but not per program, has backed school boards into a corner. Declining enrollment dollars mean Boards are being pushed to cut programs and services – including those that help our most vulnerable and at-risk students. The government doesn't seem to understand that a program has to run, whether it has funding for 7 students or 10.

It's simple: continued financial cutbacks will mean fewer services and programs. When CUPE education workers lose their jobs, or have their hours cut, the quality of public education suffers for all our children. And when our wages are always less than the private sector, we can't attract the best workers.

Your 27,000 CUPE education workers keep our schools clean, safe, and inclusive. And we haven't had a wage increase since 2009. The average yearly wage across BC for CUPE education staff is under \$24,000 – less than the national definition of low-income. We are asking for the same wage increase as the government gave to others, which would be just enough to keep up with the cost of living.

We value your support as we press the provincial government to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a fair and reasonable contract. Contact the CUPE local in your community for more information, or go to www.bcschools.cupe.ca.

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