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Plan to join the conversation with B.C. support staff doing similar work

CUPE and the K-12 Presidents Council will be hosting a series of Zoom calls in April and May to hear from members in classification-specific meetings. This is an opportunity to connect with others throughout B.C. doing the same work.

These calls will guide and inform both the strategic plan for bargaining and the work we need to do together now and beyond bargaining. Different classifications may have distinct challenges and priorities for work improvements they'd like to see. We want to hear from all classifications.

Once call details are worked out, we'll send information on how to join the call(s) that most closely match your job title(s). Larger classifications will have additional calls by region.

Most calls are being planned for the evening although we will add a daytime call for custodians who work in the evenings.

K-12 CLASSIFICATION GROUPINGS

1. Bussing
2. Clerical/Administrative
3. Custodians, Caretakers, Building Service Workers, and similar classifications
4. Education Assistants, SSWs, CEAs, and similar classifications
5. Other direct student support, including Indigenous Support Workers, Youth and Child Workers, library support staff and similar classifications
6. IT, Tech Support, Technicians, and similar classifications
7. Strong Start, ECEs, and similar classifications
8. Labourers, Grounds and Maintenance
9. Meal program staff and supervisors, including noon hour, crossing guard, and others
10. Trades

Stay tuned for more information on this important initiative.

Have a relaxing and safe Spring Break!

Most school districts are heading into Spring Break this coming week for a much-deserved two weeks off. We know how important and needed this time away is for members and their families.

This pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges and concerns for members. You have gone above and beyond to keep schools open and safe for students and staff.

As we move into the final months of the school year, we know this important work continues.

Thank you CUPE members for always rising to the challenge!

It is our position that K-12 workers must be vaccinated early in the essential workers group, expected in March or April. Vaccinations and better weather will help to slow down this virus and gives us reason to hope. We are almost there!

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