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# Provincial bargaining begins April 14

After months of training, research, consultations and discussions, the K-12 provincial bargaining committee is ready to head to the table. Today, the K-12 Presidents Council gave its overwhelming endorsement to the bargaining committee's proposals and priorities for a new provincial framework agreement.

Guided by the results of the provincial bargaining survey, the top bargaining priorities will be:

- Fair wages that recognize the value of B.C.'s over 30,000 school support workers.
- Increased hours of work available to school support workers so they can make enough to live in the communities they serve.
- Securing public child care in our public schools.
- Addressing the rising violence against school support workers in their workplaces.

Bargaining for the next Provincial Framework Agreement will begin April 14, 2025, with a 3-day meeting between the K-12 provincial bargaining committee and the B.C. Public School Employers' Association. Additional bargaining dates have been scheduled in May and June. Collective agreements for K-12 sector locals in B.C. expire on June 30, 2025.

The bargaining committee will be sending out regular bulletins as negotiations progress. Watch for them at [bcschools.cupe.ca](http://bcschools.cupe.ca), directly from your local, and on Facebook [@cupek12bc](https://www.facebook.com/cupek12bc).

Learn more about the bargaining process for K-12 school support locals in B.C.

## The K-12 provincial bargaining committee includes elected representatives from each region. They are:

Paul Simpson

### Metro

Daun Frederickson      Veronique Fleury  
Tammy Murphy          Christina Forsyth  
Sharon Mackenzie  
Alternate - David Bollen

### South Island

Amber Leonard          Shawna Abbott  
Alternate - Darren Reed

### North Island

Jeff Virtanen            Adam Clutchey  
Alternate - Andrea Craddock

### Fraser Valley

Jason Franklin          Tracey O'Hara  
Alternate - Carey Schafer

### Okanagan

Teri Wishlow            Gray Boisvert  
Alternate - Tammy Carter

### Kootenays

Melissa Ping            Wanda Anderson  
Alternate - Michelle Bennett

### North

Paula Bass                Sian Nalleweg

### Other Support Staff Unions

Jenni Waldern          Catalin Fota  
Tim DeVivo