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Provincial bargaining to continue in early 2026

As we head into the holiday season, we wish to provide an update on where we are in provincial bargaining. As we reported in our last update, your provincial bargaining committee has met with the B.C. Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA) six times over the past few months.

Discussions have been collegial and respectful. Progress has been made on several key priorities but it is proving to be a particularly difficult round of bargaining.

We recognize the current challenges being faced by in the province. But our priorities at the bargaining table are not a 'wish list' and are not expendable. A fair deal is crucial, not just for us, but for the students, families and communities we serve.

Your bargaining committee is committed to holding BCPSEA and the provincial government to account to their responsibility to defend and strengthen our public education system. Healthy and safe public schools, accessible to all B.C. students, with services provided by dedicated and qualified worker that are fairly paid and treated with respect, are critical to B.C. weathering any social or economic uncertainty.

We believe a fair deal is within reach, but we will not rush into an agreement that does not address our specific priorities and the needs of our public schools. So, in the New Year, your provincial bargaining committee will be returning to the bargaining table with renewed determination to get the deal we deserve.

We are continuing to work closely with other public sector unions bargaining with the province to defend B.C. public services. We are reassured that we will have the support and solidarity of the B.C. labour movement when we reconvene bargaining early in 2026.

But the most crucial support is from our members: your engagement and contributions to bargaining have been invaluable. Together in 2026, we will get the deal we need and deserve.

We wish you all a safe and restful holiday season!