



Provincial bargaining reaching critical stage

As you may have heard from our teacher colleagues, the BCTF provincial bargaining committee is returning to negotiations. We hope this is a positive development for them and all public sector unions in bargaining with the province. We know you'll join the Presidents Council in wishing them good luck and solidarity in getting the fair deal they deserve.

We also want to thank you all for showing your support to our fellow union members in the BCTF this past week. At rallies, social media and in the workplace, CUPE and other unions have shown we can work together on our collective goals – better schools, a stronger public education system, and respect for all public education workers.

Our own provincial bargaining committee is also preparing for a return to the table with BCPSEA (BC Public School Employers' Association).

We believe our next bargaining session will be crucial to getting the fair deal we deserve—a collective agreement that recognizes the vital role K-12 school support workers play in the success of B.C. students, families and communities.

A fair deal is within reach. Your provincial bargaining committee is ready to do what it takes to get an agreement that provides for more resources and supports for our members. We will not let our members be short-changed in wages and our ability to support our families in the communities we serve.

Your support and engagement is more important than ever. The Presidents Council and union staff are working to ensure our bargaining committee and all K-12 school support locals have the support they need for the work ahead.

Please ensure your emails and other contact information is up to date with your local and encourage co-workers to do the same. Updates can also be found at bcschools.cupe.ca and on our Facebook page [@CUPEK12BC](https://www.facebook.com/CUPEK12BC).