



# Congratulations BCTF

On behalf of over 30,000 school support members, the K-12 Presidents Council is pleased to congratulate the BC Teachers' Federation and its members on reaching a tentative agreement.

CUPE and the K-12 Presidents Council is proud to stand in solidarity with the BCTF. We are even more proud of the support and solidarity our members have shown to their teacher colleagues in this round of bargaining. We hope our support has helped secure a fair deal for teachers and advanced our shared goal of strengthening this province's public education system.

Our own provincial bargaining committee is set to return to the bargaining table with the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) on February 17. We are encouraged by the progress the BCTF has made at the table, and hopeful this means our employer and the province are ready to acknowledge the vital role school support workers play in our public schools.

The BCTF's tentative agreement shows a fair deal is within reach at our own table. While we are pleased the BCTF was successful, your bargaining committee and the K-12 Presidents Council are not taking anything for granted in preparing our return to bargaining. We are firm and resolute – we will not accept any less than what other public sector unions have gained at the table. We will not let our members be short-changed in wages and our ability to support our families in the communities we serve.

Now more than ever we must show the employer and the province we are united and determined to get the fair deal we need and deserve.

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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](https://bcschools.cupe.ca) and on our Facebook page [@CUPEK12BC](https://www.facebook.com/CUPEK12BC).