

Further Dates Set to Continue Provincial Discussions

The BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) along with school district representatives, met with representatives of the support staff unions on August 16 and 17 to continue collective bargaining discussions.

A complete and complex proposal on education assistants' (EA) hours of work, which includes increased weekly hours for EAs and consultation and preparation time, was received. BCPSEA presented proposals that addressed the employers' need for greater flexibility as it relates to hours of work and increased continuity and consistency of service.

The meetings to date have been positive and productive as the parties work towards a potential framework agreement, as was the case in 2006.

Please be reminded – BCPSEA, CUPE and other support staff unions agreed to recommend to its members that these items be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the provincial discussions. If you are in negotiations, please contact us to discuss how to proceed given the current provincial discussions.

The parties have agreed to meet on Tuesday, August 30 as well as an additional three days in the early fall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact:

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