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Provincial Framework Agreement Reached with K-12 Public Education Support Staff Unions

We are pleased to advise that late last night, arising from six days of positive and collaborative bargaining sessions, BCPSEA and representatives of the sector’s support staff unions (covering approximately 33,000 employees) achieved a tentative Provincial Framework Agreement (PFA) under the mandate established by the provincial government.

As we previously reported in *Support Staff Bargaining Bulletin* No. 2018-01, the employer bargaining team including BCPSEA, Public Sector Employers’ Council Secretariat, and school district representatives met with the union bargaining team, which includes representatives of the support staff unions in the K-12 public education sector, to engage in provincial discussions complementary to local district discussions under the delegated authority model for support staff bargaining in the K-12 public education sector.

The purpose of these discussions was to develop a provincial-level agreement in principle that can then form part of any memorandum of settlement achieved during local school district–local support staff union bargaining. The PFA paves the way for local bargaining to be completed prior to expiry of the collective agreements on June 30, 2019. It should be noted that inclusion of the PFA in the collective agreement is voluntary on the part of the local school district and their local union

Conference Call and Details

A conference call to review the PFA is scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018
Time: 9:30 am PDT
Number: 1 866 428 1156
Participant code: 673224#

Details of the PFA will be provided to boards of education prior to the call. Thanks to the BC School Trustees Association for making their conference call capability available for this call.

If you have any questions, please contact your BCPSEA [labour relations liaison](#).