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

We are pleased to advise that in the early morning hours today, July 12, 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.

Background

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 — including the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the largest union representing K-12 support staff — to engage in provincial discussions complementary to local district discussions under the delegated authority model for support staff bargaining in the sector.

The purpose of these discussions was to develop a provincial-level agreement in principle for voluntary inclusion by the local parties in any memorandum of settlement achieved during local school district–local support staff union bargaining.

As reported in *Support Staff Bargaining Bulletin* No. 2018-03 dated June 22, the CUPE K-12 Presidents' Council had determined **NOT** to recommend to its members the tentative PFA previously achieved on June 14. That led the parties to return to the bargaining table on July 11.

The tentative PFA achieved today is the result of a long day of collaborative effort by both bargaining teams.

Conference Call

A conference call with boards of education will be scheduled; details of the call will be distributed shortly.

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