

AMENDED: School Psychologists

Further to the distribution of BCPSEA @issue No. 2017-20 on November 20 regarding what we then understood to be new requirements for School Psychologists to become members of the College of Psychologists of BC (CPBC) in order to continue practicing in their current capacity with school districts, **we have now been advised —and confirmed with the CPBC — that those requirements are NOT presently scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2018, nor has any other date been established for such a transition.**

In any event, it continues to be possible that some local unions may approach school districts to discuss the prospect of the employer paying for School Psychologist membership fees or other professional expenses.

If you are approached by your local union about this issue, please contact BCPSEA to discuss how to appropriately respond. Many school districts do not have language that requires the employer to pay for professional memberships and/or dues, so if a local is seeking this benefit for its members it would have to be negotiated and approved by BCPSEA.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your BCPSEA labour relations liaison.