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Ms. Jacquie Griffiths, Associate Executive Director
BC Public School Employers' Association
400 – 1333 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 4C1

Dear Ms. Griffiths:

We write on behalf of our CUPE BC K-12 Presidents' Council Provincial Bargaining Committee (PBC).

The PBC seeks to initiate discussions with BCPSEA to explore the potential for a provincial approach to collective bargaining for CUPE support staff in public education. We see this provincial approach as complementary, and not a replacement to the local bargaining process currently underway.

As we have discussed, there is a strong history of provincial approaches in support staff labour relations and bargaining, including:

- The 2000 Industrial Inquiry Commission reports
- 2006 Framework Letter of Understanding
- Support Staff Education & Adjustment Committee
- Joint Education Assistant Committee
- Public Education Benefit Trust

We share a commitment to creating a respectful bargaining process. At this time, there is a significant opportunity to discuss enhancing our bargaining relationship by meeting to discuss:

- the progress of bargaining
- coordination of data & research support
- the parameters of a provincial table,

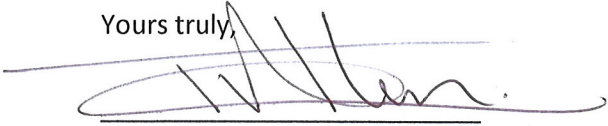
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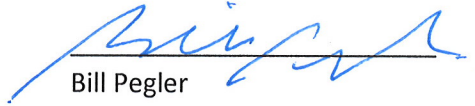


Our working group consists of seven regional representatives supported by CUPE staff. We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship in support staff bargaining. Please give me call at 778 840 4948 to discuss coordinating a meeting.

Yours truly,



Terry Allen
CHAIR, CUPE BC K-12 PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL



Bill Pegler
K-12 COORDINATOR

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