



## Provincial Bargaining Update

January 31, 2022

### Ready to bargain: first day Feb. 8

After months of training, research, consultations and discussions, the K-12 sector provincial bargaining committee is confident it's ready to start negotiations. This week, the K-12 Presidents Council gave its overwhelming endorsement to the bargaining committee's proposals and priorities for a Provincial Framework Agreement.

Guided by the results of the provincial bargaining survey, the top bargaining priority will be fair wages that recognize the expertise, experience, and dedication of the provinces over 30,000 school support workers.

The bargaining committee met for several days in January to review the provincial bargaining survey results and draft proposals to best address the concerns raised by members.

The message from the survey and input from K-12 local presidents is clear- school support workers need and deserve fair wages and supports to keep providing vital services to this province's students, families, schools, and communities.

Current talks for the Provincial Framework Agreement will begin on February 8 and continue until March 3.

The bargaining committee will open negotiations with the B.C. Public School Employers' Association on February 8<sup>th</sup>, with nine days of negotiations scheduled between then and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The bargaining committee will be sending out regular bulletins as negotiations progress.

**The K-12 sector provincial bargaining committee includes representatives from each region. They are:**  
(a)= alternate

**Paul Simpson, Chair**

**Metro:** Christina Forsyth, Daun Frederickson, Dave Bollen, Warren Williams, Tammy Murphy, Francine Brisson (a)

**South Island:** Amber Leonard, Jane Massy, Paul Knapik (a)

**North Island:** Denise Bullock, Jeff Virtanen, Andrew Schneider (a)

**Fraser Valley:** Jason Franklin, Tracey O'Hara, Tracey Dahlin (a)

**Okanagan:** Gray Boisvert, Tammy Carter, James Fox (a)

**Kootenays:** Michelle Bennett, Pattie Pocha, Heather Skarbo (a)

**North:** Jeanette Beauvillier, Monica Brady, Ken Evans (a)

**Other Support Staff Unions:** Haement Sawh, Tim De Vivo