



Provincial Bargaining Update #3

February 18, 2022

Bargaining continues, pivotal meeting ahead

The K-12 provincial bargaining committee met this week with their counterparts from the B.C. Public School Employers' Association ("BCPSEA") for another three days of discussions.

Talks continued on a wide range of topics during face-to-face, safely distanced meetings. Agreements were tentatively reached at the table on several non-monetary issues for a new provincial framework agreement.

Bargaining will resume with three more days of talks scheduled for March 1st through to the 3rd. The K-12 committee expects this to be a pivotal phase of bargaining and are planning to tackle our significant monetary proposals.

The K-12 committee remains committed to reaching a deal at the table. From the start of this round, the K-12 bargaining committee has been clear that the top priority for K-12 school support workers is the need for wage increases that recognize the vital role they play in our communities. A renewed provincial framework agreement will greatly depend on advancement of this issue.

Following this next bargaining session with BCPSEA, the bargaining committee will be meeting with the K-12 Presidents' Council to either ratify a tentative agreement or to discuss strategies for the next steps in the bargaining process.

**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: Haemant Sawh, Tim De Vivo