IN SOLIDARITY WITH IUOE LOCAL 963

COPE stands with the **IUOE Local 963** workers following a 96.9% vote in favour of a strike if necessary, as negotiations with Vancouver School Board management have stalled due to management's concession demands.

These workers keep our schools safe and clean, our students well fed, and supervised during recess and lunch time.

The union's demands are simple: ensuring trained workers serve our kids and our schools, job security for those workers, and the safety and quality of their working conditions.

The School Board is trying to undermine the required qualifications of trade certifications for power engineers for our schools, devalue their jobs, and lower their wages. Our power engineers are qualified, let's keep it that way.

Food workers are facing job insecurity due to a funding model that relies on grants and donations, rather than funding from the School Board. Let us be clear, city staff should never have to rely on donations to maintain their jobs. **COPE believes our cafeterias and meal programs should be funded by the School Board, not by unpredictable goodwill donations.**

COPE knows it's possible to fully fund these programs – these workers can have job security and kids can count on hot meals at school. COPE school board trustee Suzie Mah fought for 4 years for more stable funding for these programs.

COPE always stands on the side of workers, and COPE's Candidates for School Board trustee will always stand with union workers at the VSB.

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