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Important information re: 2019's round of collective bargaining

To all CUPE-OSBCU locals and CUPE staff servicing school board locals

Today Ontario's Ministry of Education announced that it had filed Regulation 59/19, in accordance with the [School Boards Collective Bargaining Amendment Act, 2017](#).

This regulation provides

- the definition of CUPE's bargaining table
- the designation of CUPE/OSBCU as the bargaining agency for all CUPE school board locals and bargaining units in the province
- a provision for notice to bargain, which may be given on or after April 29, 2019.

This announcement may have come as a surprise, but it was not unexpected. It should also be considered in the context of the coming provincial budget on April 11 and the release of the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs), which is expected at the end of April. Along with today's announcement, this information will give us a clearer picture of what the government has in store for education in Ontario and will allow us to take effective action to defend services and jobs.

At the earliest possible date, OSBCU will share more information with locals regarding implications of this announcement for notice to bargain (both central and local) and plans for mobilization, strike prep training, and political action to support bargaining.

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