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OSBCU/CUPE REQUEST FOR NO-BOARD REPORT

To: Local Presidents and Executives, Bargaining Committees and Membership.

***** Please share with CUPE local members *****

Your central negotiations team met with the Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA) and the Crown with support of the conciliation officer today, Thursday, September 5.

We discussed conflicting messages coming from the Minister of Education. We referred to his statements in the media and compared them to the discussions we are having at the bargaining table. We specifically mentioned the most recent comprehensive pass from the CTA and the Crown.

Once again, the Crown and CTA confirmed that their position remains unchanged. They will not move from proposals that hurt students by cutting their services. They will not consider proposals that will ensure a fairer deal for CUPE education workers, so that we can deliver high-quality services. They refuse to work with us towards an agreement that will guarantee Ontario students a well supported, well rounded, publicly funded and publicly delivered education.

As a result, CUPE and OSBCU requested that the conciliation officer file a no-board report. This request should put in a legal strike position the week of September 23.

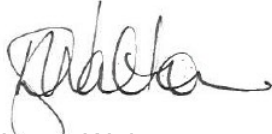
We have further bargaining dates scheduled for September 16 and 17 and we were clear with the CTA and Crown that we will keep these dates because we are committed to achieving an agreement for our members through the collective bargaining process. It is the best and fairest way toward a better deal for our members and to ensure that students have high-quality services in Ontario's schools.

Our mobilization efforts surrounding strike votes have been yielding excellent results. We encourage members to continue to reach out to colleagues and encourage them attend the strike votes scheduled in your locals.

Of equal importance is the community outreach that has been taking place. Please ensure that you are speaking with parents, guardians, allies and community members about the importance of our services and the negative impact of the cuts have to our students, schools and communities.

We'll send further updates soon. If there are any questions, please reach out to your OSBCU executive and National Staff Representative.

In Solidarity,



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