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BARGAINING UPDATE 2019

Bulletin #10

STRIKE VOTE RESULTS

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

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

Today CUPE and OSBCU tallied the final results of the strike votes that were taken across 109 bargaining in 68 locals.

CUPE education workers voted by a 93 percent majority for job action that is part of the fight to protect services for students in Ontario schools. The results of the votes confirm that we will be in a legal strike position as of September 30.

CUPE members also turned out in record numbers to deliver this stinging rebuke to the Ford government: we will not accept cuts that hurt the services we deliver to Ontario students.

CUPE local leaders, locals' strike committees and CUPE national staff have worked hard to get locals' strike blueprints in place.

Remember, our plan for job action is about standing up for students and protecting the services that CUPE education workers deliver across the province.

Your central bargaining team will meet this week with the Council of Trustees' Associations, the province and the mediator on September 17 and 18. We'll continue to do everything we can to avoid a labour disruption, but the strike vote results announced today are a confirmation that CUPE members are ready to stand up for students, services and workers.

Please continue talking to parents, families and community allies; tell them that we are preparing for job action so that we can deliver the high-quality services that Ontario students deserve.

If there are any questions, please reach out to your OSBCU executive and National Staff Representative.

In Solidarity,

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