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**To: Local Presidents and Executives, Bargaining Committees and Membership.
*** Please share with CUPE local members only *****

Your central bargaining team spent two full days in negotiations with mediator William Kaplan, the Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA) and the provincial government.

However, in the end, the Ford provincial government and the Council of Trustees' Associations refused to bargain a fair collective agreement that protects services for students. As a result, 55,000 CUPE members will begin legal work-to-rule job action tomorrow, Monday, September 30.

Please talk to your local leadership, mobilization committee and OSBCU area mobilizers regarding any work-to-rule questions.

We appreciate the support and solidarity we've received from our own members, other CUPE sectors, students, parents, labour allies and our communities.

We encourage you to continue your discussions with our allies about the services we provide and their vital importance to students' learning experience. We know that solidarity and support will only grow as CUPE education workers take this action to ensure publicly delivered services for students, fair working conditions in our schools and good jobs in our communities.

Your central bargaining team will communicate and provide further details of next steps for locals and members.

Finally, thanks to CUPE school board members who are standing strong on the issues that are so vital to high-quality services in our public education services.

In Solidarity,



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