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As we head into the summer months, we want to wish all of our members a wonderful, happy summer season!

A huge thank you for everything you do throughout the year—your dedication is appreciated more than words can say. Please take this time to stay safe, relax, and completely recharge. You've more than earned it!

**Important Notice: Employment Insurance (EI) and ROE Information:**

As the school year comes to a close, here is important information regarding how your Record of Employment (ROE) will be handled and how it impacts the Employment Insurance application process.

ROE Submission Timeline

The WRDSB will begin submitting ROEs electronically to Service Canada starting July 6th. These are sent automatically, so you do not need to request them.

The Process for Those on Medical Leave

For staff members on an approved medical leave at the end of the school year, the ROE will indicate this medical status. Service Canada processes applications based on that designation:

Regular Benefits vs. Sickness Benefits: To qualify for Regular EI benefits, Service Canada requires individuals to be capable of and available for work. Because a medical leave indicates an inability to work, the standard process is to route these claims through EI Sickness Benefits.

Service Canada Review: If an application for Regular Benefits is submitted while the ROE shows an active medical leave, Service Canada's system flags the discrepancy. Representatives typically call the applicant to clarify their ability to work before releasing any funds, which can delay claim processing.

Tip: You can monitor your My Service Canada Account (MSCA) to see exactly when the WRDSB has uploaded your ROE and to view the real-time status of your file.



June 4, our EWAO Central Team formally submitted our Notice to Bargain to the government and trustee associations.

Next Steps & Union Solidarity

Summer Meetings: Our bargaining team will meet with the government over the summer to establish ground rules and begin negotiations. We are fully committed to securing a fair contract that reflects the invaluable work you do.

Standing Together: It has been incredibly encouraging to see all education worker unions supporting one another. Our collective solidarity is our greatest strength as we send a unified message to the province.

How You Can Help & Stay Informed

- **Check Your Email:** Please check your inbox regularly for official updates and encourage your colleagues to do the same.
- **Amplify Our Voice:** Like and share EAA social media posts to showcase our unity to the wider community.
- **School Site Contacts Needed:** It is critical that we have a main contact person at every school. If your site doesn't have one, please consider stepping up.
- **No Permanent Worksite?** If you are a casual supply worker and need support, please reach out directly to Sue MacLeod (EA Rep) or Laura Parker (CYW Rep).

Thank you for your continued dedication and solidarity. Have a safe, wonderful summer, and look forward to more updates soon!



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