



eUpdate

The Latest Information to Keep YOU Informed



Welcome back to another school year!

This summer for me was full of rest and reflection. In my 25 years as an educator and advocate, I've witnessed tremendous changes in our school system — from increased student needs to insufficient support to evolving technology, and everything in between.

The expectations placed on today's educators can feel overwhelming. That's why now, more than ever, we need collaboration. Our current education landscape requires all stakeholders to come together and find meaningful solutions. Together, we can ensure our public schools remain positive learning environments for students and safe, supportive workplaces for staff.

I look forward to these meetings.

I'm also excited to begin this new school year alongside our incredible new EAA Executive Team. They've been hard at work throughout the summer preparing for 2025–2026, and they are here to support you. Please don't hesitate to reach out — visit our [EAA website](https://www.eaa.wrdsbeaa.com) or contact us directly at office@wrdsbeaa.com

Finally, as we step into this new school year, I want to express my deep appreciation for each and every Educational Assistant and Child and Youth Worker. Your commitment, compassion, and unwavering support for students make a lasting impact. Your skills and energy are essential to student success — and do not go unnoticed.

Thank you for everything you do.
Wishing you a smooth and successful school year!

In Solidarity,
Lisa Weiler Haskins
President
Educational Assistants Association

EXTENDED DAY and BASS

Starting Sept 2nd WRDSB extended day programs have hired BASS workers to support ratio.

Under the direction of a DECE, a B.A.S.S. temporary employee will be responsible for supervising children for ratio purposes amongst other things. BASS workers are not hired to toilet, lift, work in a 1:1 assignment or initiate BMS protocols.

Always bring your questions and concerns to your immediate supervisor and follow up with the EAA if you require additional support.

The EAA and the Board have exhausted the internal grievance process surrounding our concerns with the new BASS position and will be entering into arbitration. A date for that arbitration has not been set yet.

**IMPORTANT**

Welcome back to another school year! Each new year brings new students and situations that you may have never dealt with before. If you have ANY questions or concerns about your health and safety at school please reach out to me. We have a right to a safe workplace. I am happy to work with you to make sure you feel safe at school.

Lynn Wilson
Vice President
EAA

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the year ahead. I'm here to support you--especially when it comes to questions around leaves, including medical leaves and WSIB. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need guidance or support. Wishing you a strong and successful start to the year!

In Solidarity,
Chris Letizi
Vice President
EAA



Information is KEY!

Support and get involved in your union.

Consider becoming a Key representative at your school.

All current Keys and anyone interested in becoming a Key please sign up

[here!](#)

Thank you and we look forward to working with you!



September 30, 2025 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 10, 2025 - Professional Development Day

October 13, 2025 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 17, 2025 - EAA PD Day at Bingeman's



A reminder that it is your responsibility to keep an eye on your pay stubs and absences in your self service portal.

From time to time errors happen and it is important to address them as soon as they arise.

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