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The Latest Information to Keep YOU Informed

Dear Members:

As you may have already heard, CUPE has announced a further strike of its Members commencing Monday November 21, 2022 if a deal is not reached.

Our Union bargains provincially as part of the Education Workers Alliance of Ontario (EWAO). This is a different and separate organization from CUPE. Which is to say that our Members are not part of CUPE and as such CUPEs decision to strike does not mean that we are going on strike (at least not at this time).

EWAO is at a different stage of bargaining than CUPE. CUPE moved quickly into bargaining at the beginning of the summer. EWAO has been moving forward with bargaining more cautiously and at this time we are still discussing which aspects of the Collective Agreement (CA) we want to deal with provincially vs locally. We have not yet shared our proposals with the Government. Our next bargaining date is Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

To be clear, our Union and EWAO are not planning to go on strike at this time. As such, you are required to attend work as usual unless or until directed otherwise by the School Board. You may however show CUPE Members your support and join their pickets during your free time starting Monday – and we encourage you to do so.

We will continue to send out updates regarding the status of bargaining as things unfold. If you have further questions, please send them

In solidarity,

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