



School Board Sector Meeting

Vancouver Convention Centre
West Building
Rooms 109-110

Sunday October 30, 2011

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon)

This meeting will provide education support staff an opportunity to share bargaining and campaign experiences. Early learning programs, cuts to educational assistant positions and province-wide bargaining are still ongoing issues. Privatization and declining enrolment remains a challenge in this sector. In addition, members will have an opportunity to inform others of resolutions concerning the school board sector coming to the convention floor.

AGENDA

1. Greetings/Welcome
2. Panel Discussion on Proposed Cuts to Educational Assistants

Leanne MacMillan: CUPE Research Representative, Nova Scotia. Author of a response to the Levin Report that recommended substantial cuts to the number of educational assistants employed in the province.

Jackie Christianson: Chair, Education Workers Steering Committee, Saskatchewan. Leader of the campaign to fightback against EA cuts proposed by the Saskatchewan government.
3. Cross-country checkup: provincial leaders will give a brief summary of important events, campaigns, policies, etc. affecting school board members over the past year or so.
4. Scan of provincial/coordinated bargaining structures. Increasingly, CUPE school board workers are bargaining at provincial or common tables. Staff coordinators from various provinces will give a quick summary of school sector bargaining structures, their strengths and weaknesses, and the challenges facing the central structures.
5. Review of resolutions from school board locals.