



Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board to face 'triple whammy' of cuts

A second year in a row of budget cuts to the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board (CBVRSB) amounts to a triple whammy for students and staff.

These cuts are going to affect every single aspect of the board's operations.

While teachers are obviously a vital part of the system, they simply could not function without the 1,300 CUPE school board workers who are the glue that holds the system together.

And CBVRSB is one of just three boards that will face the maximum cut of 2.1%. They've also been told they must absorb inflation (currently running at close to 3%) and any wage increases.

To put the new cuts in perspective, last year's cuts of 1.65% resulted in 92 CUPE positions being lost in the Cape Breton-Victoria board alone. It is undeniable that classrooms are being affected.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Ramona Jennex is attempting to hide behind the idea of attrition. We'd like to remind people that attrition is just a fancy word for layoffs.

If you share our view that the Dexter government's decision to continue down this road is a bad one, we ask you to contact one or both of the NDP MLAs in Cape Breton and let them know:

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