

BETTER SUPPORTS, SAFER SCHOOLS

Ending violence against school support workers in BC

Welcome back to a busy year ahead

We want to welcome back everyone as we get ready for another school year. It is going to be a busy one for all of us.

Collective bargaining

Preparations are already underway for the next round of collective bargaining. While we are still a few months away from heading to the table to negotiate a new provincial framework agreement, we have a lot of work to ahead to get ready.

Elections for regional representatives to the provincial bargaining committee are underway, and locals across B.C. are putting together their own local committees. You should be seeing bargaining survey's reaching your personal emails sometime mid-fall.

Better supports, better schools

The K12 Presidents Council is also launching our campaign against violence in our workplaces. *Better supports, better schools* is a province-wide,

sector-wide campaign – the largest ever undertaken by B.C. school support workers. Our goal is to send a clear message to the provincial government: school support workers deserve to be safe at work, and school support workers demand the resources needed for safe schools for all in B.C.

The campaign will be recruiting member mobilizers from all regions to help. No experience is necessary – all you need is a desire to make our schools better, safer places. If you are interested, please reach out to your local executive about setting up a member mobilizer planning session for your local.

With a provincial election on the horizon, the campaign will help K-12 members send a message to the next Minister of Education. We know that there are solutions to make schools safer, and the next Minister needs to work with us to end violence in our workplaces – our public schools!

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