



Learning from the pandemic, planning for the future

Bus drivers, transportation staff and local Presidents and Unit Chairs from across BC took part in the first of a series of Zoom calls for support staff in the K-12 public education system. Calling in from communities across the province, bus drivers shared their experiences on the job during the pandemic, discussed common issues in their workplaces, and looked forward with ideas on the upcoming round of K-12 bargaining. The discussion touched on a wide range of issues including bus safety – both from the perspective of COVID-19 protection measures in school buses, and continued concerns over road safety and access to safety related information for students they are transporting. Members are strongly encouraged to

report any and all health and safety concerns they have to their Joint Health and Safety Committee and local union. Meeting participants also discussed issues they'd like to see addressed in the next round of provincial collective bargaining. We'd like to thank the members, local Presidents and Unit Chairs for their active participation in the meeting, which resulted in such a productive dialogue.

These Zoom calls — hosted by the CUPE K-12 Presidents Council and CUPE National staff — will continue through-out April and May. Members are encouraged to take part in this exciting opportunity to hear from others who do the same or similar work, and to share information and priorities.

How to register

Each call has a unique Zoom link which will take you to a separate registration form. You must register for each call you wish to attend. You will receive an email with your call information after you register. If you have any problem, please email: closito@cupe.ca

- April 13** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Clerical/Administrative](#)
- April 15** [Noon – 2 pm](#) Custodians, Caretakers, Building Service Workers, and similar classifications
[5:30 – 7:30 pm](#) (Choose one of two options.)
- April 20** 5:30 – 7:30 pm Education Assistants, SSWs, CEAs, and similar classifications
[working in the Okanagan and Kootenays](#)
- April 22** 5:30 – 7:30 pm Education Assistants, SSWs, CEAs, and similar classifications
[working in Northern B.C.](#)
- April 27** 5:30 – 7:30 pm Education Assistants, SSWs, CEAs, and similar classifications
[working on Vancouver Island and in island communities](#)
- April 29** 5:30 – 7:30 pm Education Assistants, SSWs, CEAs, and similar classifications
[working in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley](#)
- May 4** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Indigenous Support Workers, Youth and Family Workers, Library Support Staff and other direct student support classifications](#)
- May 6** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Tech Support, Technicians, and similar classifications](#)
- May 11** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Labourers, Grounds and Maintenance](#)
- May 13** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Meal Program Staff & Supervisors, including noon hour, Crossing Guards & others](#)
- May 17** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Strong Start, ECEs, and similar classifications](#)
- May 18** 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Trades](#)

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