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OSBCC Bargaining Update 2012

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Sisters and Brothers,

The OSBCC Bargaining Committee, representing over 50,000 CUPE education workers across Ontario, met with the government and the four school board trustees' associations on Thursday, May 17, 2012.

While the government was intrigued by some of our ideas, the discussions continue to be a struggle – we remain committed to our agenda of protecting our members' rights but it has become increasingly difficult to do so in the current Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) process.

Both CUPE and the school boards have requested the government reconvene the School Operations Committee to discuss and review the impact of the drastic changes in school operations funding.

We are aware that a memo from both the education minister and deputy minister has been forwarded to school board chairs and directors in the province with regards to back office efficiency (administrative functions, i.e. IT and payroll) and amalgamation. We ask that you advise your CUPE National Representative immediately should you hear of discussions in your board surrounding the amalgamation of services and/or school boards.

Additional dates have been secured for May 30 and 31 to continue PDT discussions and we will provide you with an update following those meetings.

We would like to once again thank locals who have provided us with information on layoffs for their respective boards. We encourage you to keep sending any information pertaining to layoffs – not only those caused by budget cuts but layoffs due to declining enrollment and attrition as well – to Paul O'Donnell at podonnell@cupe.ca and Terri Preston at terri.preston@cupe4400.org.

For locals sending representatives to the CUPE Ontario Division Convention, please remember the school board caucus for Wednesday, May 23 has been re-scheduled to **2:30 p.m.** in the Mecuri Room.

We would like to remind everyone that the deadline to register for the June 9 OSBCC Leadership Meeting is **May 25, 2012**. We look forward to seeing you in Toronto so we can discuss ways to move forward.

We count on you to maintain clear and consistent messaging to our members. Please distribute our Bargaining and Mobilization Updates to your members. Information is power and a well-informed membership is the key to our success at the bargaining table.

In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee

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