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NO-BOARD REPORT

To: Local Presidents

Today CUPE received its no-board notice from Ontario's Ministry of Labour. We received the notice a week later than we anticipated and it means that CUPE education workers will now be in a legal strike position at 12.01 a.m. on Monday, September 30.

What happens now?

- 1. The last strike votes are taking place in CUPE locals. We will be able to announce the results of the province-wide votes on the afternoon of September 16.
- 2. We ask you, the leaders of CUPE school board locals, to encourage your members to keep talking to family, friends and neighbours about the cuts to education services in Ontario schools and how these cuts are affecting students, families and workers.
- 3. Make sure your local's blueprint for job action is in place; if it's not, work with your executive and CUPE National staff representative to get it ready.
- 4. Central bargaining continues: the OSBCU/CUPE negotiations team will meet again on September 17 and 18 with the Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA), the Crown and mediator William Kaplan. We remain ready to bargain more days if necessary.
- 5. OSBCU plans a town hall call on the evening of Wednesday, 18 September; more details to follow.

The delay to the no-board report gives us another week to plan and prepare for job action. Please use that time to make sure your local's members are ready to defend the services they provide to Ontario's students, families and communities.

If there are any questions, please reach out to your OSBCU executive and National Staff Representative.

In Solidarity,

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