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CUPE Local 5523 Members,

We have been back just over a month from Winter break and in our workplace, things are ever changing. Last week we saw new guidelines put in place for K – 12 that I hope everyone will take the time to go thru. Thru this process remember to be kind to others as it is more challenging for some than others.

We received positive news of an agreement reached with BCPSEA, that will improve financial support for the majority of workers that have to self - isolate themselves due to COVID exposures. I have attached a document that provides the guidelines.

Next Friday February 12, many of those that are participating in Pro D sessions will be given the option to attend from home where applicable. Some sessions however will still require you to attend at a worksite. I expect more information from the Employer this week on this topic.

Those of you that are on a OH&S committee should have received a survey to complete that was sent to you by the Employer. The survey was put together by a provincial committee to get results to help to improve education and training for our members and hear how committees are functioning in OH&S. Please take the time to complete this survey.

Another survey that is attached is the SSEC on “survey monkey”. This survey is to help with training and professional development. Again, this is organized by another provincial committee funded thru the Provincial Framework Agreement which is part of our Collective Agreement. This survey will help to show the need for funding in future contracts to support professional development. Your opinion is needed on all these surveys.

I will be sending an updated list of our new Executive to be posted on our CUPE bulletin board at all sites. In the next couple of weeks, I will send out our Committee list and vacancies.

Thank you for all that you have done in the K – 12 Sector,

Stay safe,