



CUPE BC Welcomes BC NDP's Commitment to Affordable, Seamless Childcare and Enhanced Classroom Support

CUPE BC released the following bulletin on the BC NDP platform.

CUPE BC is pleased to express its strong support for the BC NDP's platform announcement, which includes a key commitment to deliver affordable before- and after-school care in every school district. This commitment aligns closely with CUPE BC's longstanding advocacy for a Seamless Day childcare model that uses existing public school infrastructure and education support staff to provide much-needed, accessible childcare for families across the province.

As outlined in the [BC NDP's platform](#), the plan aims to reduce childcare costs for families with children up to age 12 by working with school districts, Educational Assistants, and other trusted staff to provide affordable before- and after-school care. This model ensures that children receive care in safe, familiar environments, and reflects CUPE BC's vision for expanding public childcare within the education system.

The plan also includes increased support for students in Kindergarten to Grade 3, with additional Educational Assistants (EAs) in classrooms to meet complex needs and help integrate the childcare program into the school day.

"CUPE BC welcomes the BC NDP's commitment to affordable, accessible childcare in every school district," said Karen Ranalletta, President of CUPE BC. "Our members—particularly the Educational Assistants who are vital to supporting students—are excited to see their expertise recognized as part of the solution. This plan not only benefits children and families, but also strengthens public education by creating a more supportive and caring environment for students."

CUPE BC looks forward to working with the BC NDP and school districts to implement these crucial programs that will make life more affordable for families while ensuring that students receive the support they need in the classroom.