



## *Press release*

# School support workers reach tentative deal with BC public schools

A tentative provincial framework agreement has been reached between the unions representing B.C.'s 40,000 school support workers and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

"Our bargaining committees worked hard to reach this tentative agreement," says Paul Simpson, president of the K-12 Presidents Council. "Working together, we were able to reach an agreement that recognizes the vital role our members have in providing this province's students the highest quality of education in healthy schools."

Further details on the tentative agreement will not be made public until presented to K-12 school support members. Once endorsed by the K-12 Presidents Council, the 3-year provincial framework agreement (PFA) will form the provincial agreement portion of proposals that will go forward in local bargaining between local unions and their respective school districts.

The K-12 Presidents Council represents locals in school districts across British Columbia. These locals represent approximately 40,000 school support workers including: education assistants, school secretaries, custodians/caretakers, Indigenous support workers, child/youth/family support workers, IT workers, library technicians, Strong Start facilitators & early childhood educators, trades & maintenance workers, and bus drivers.