

December 23, 2024

Dear parents, guardians and families:

We are writing to provide an update on the recent Disputes Inquiry Board (DIB) process with CUPE Local 3550, which represents support staff.

As we mentioned in our last letter, members of CUPE Local 3550 were voting on the recommendations from the DIB from December 17-19, 2024.

We wanted to let you know that CUPE Local 3550 members have voted to reject the recommendations of the DIB. This means that a new collective agreement has not been reached at this time.

While the vote outcome is not what we hoped for, we respect the decision of CUPE Local 3550 members. We still remain committed to reaching an agreement and avoiding any disruption to school operations.

Next steps

It's important to note that we have not received strike notice from the union. Should they choose to pursue job action, they are legally required to provide 72 hours' notice of the date, time and initial location of where the strike will start.

We understand you may have questions about this news and while we don't have any further information to share with you at this time, we are committed to communicating with you as information becomes available.

We will continue to provide updates to families as the situation evolves. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal after the winter break.

Sincerely,



Darrel Robertson
Superintendent of Schools