

Labour Day message to K-12 members from Paul Faoro

Dear K-12 CUPE members,

Let me begin this message by thanking you. More than 30,000 CUPE members work in British Columbia's public K-12 school system, and I want to thank each and every one of you. Thank you for everything you did to help kids get back to school this past June, and thank you in advance for your dedication and hard work to get schools across our province ready for next week's restart.

Things in schools will be different for everybody this September—and for the foreseeable future, but I'm confident that if we continue to follow the guidance of Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and her team, the re-opening will be safe for students and all staff.

I know that there is some uncertainty about how schools will operate during this pandemic, but I also know the incredibly detailed and well-thought out local safety plans that have been developed at the District level through the hard work of our amazing K-12 Locals, CUPE members and CUPE National staff, along with all our partners in education.

On behalf of all your fellow CUPE members across the province, as well as our provincial executive board, I wish you all a Happy Labour Day and hope you enjoy a restful (and safe) weekend with your families and friends.

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