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## ***We have a deal: provincial bargaining committee reaches tentative agreement***

Your K-12 provincial bargaining committee is pleased to announce we have reached a tentative provincial framework agreement with the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

"This was a tough round of bargaining, but our committee worked hard and was determined to get a fair deal for our members that was in line with other provincial public sector agreements," says Paul Simpson, president of the K-12 Presidents Council. "This framework agreement recognizes the vital role school support workers play every day in our public schools and represents a step-forward in strengthening this province's public education system for all students."

Further details on the tentative framework agreement will be released when presented to the K-12 Presidents Council for endorsement next week.

When endorsed, the 4-year provincial framework agreement (PFA) will then be incorporated into the local collective agreements negotiated by school support locals and their respective school districts. Members will ratify provisions of the framework as part of their local collective agreement.

This tentative agreement would not be possible without your engagement, support, and patience. The bargaining committee is confident this framework is a solid foundation for locals to address their own priorities at local table bargaining with their respective school districts. Provincial bargaining is a collective effort of members, activists, leaders and staff. Our solidarity leads to success at our local bargaining tables.