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MEMO

**TO: All Education Assistants, Aboriginal Education Assistants
& Child, Youth and Family Support Workers (Nanaimo Region)**

DATE: April 22, 2008

RE: CUPE Education Assistants Survey – Bargaining 2010

On behalf of CUPE BC, CUPE Local 606 is asking all Education Assistants, Aboriginal Education Assistants and Child, Youth and Family Support Workers to complete a survey which focuses on the issue of unpaid work performed routinely and on a voluntary basis. This information is essential for the Bargaining Committees.

Please complete this survey at the following website:

www.bceducationassistants.ca

The survey is easy to navigate and should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Please complete this time sensitive survey by May 30, 2008.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the CUPE Local 606 office by phoning (250) 729-0842 for assistance in responding to this survey.

April 17, 2008

CUPE launches Education Assistants survey

BURNABY—CUPE has launched a long-awaited survey into the unpaid work performed by Education Assistants (EAs) in B.C.'s K-12 sector.

CUPE has over 13,000 members working as education assistants in B.C. public schools making this job classification the largest in the sector. K-12 workers who provide educational services to students, under the general supervision of teachers or administrators and who are paid by the hour, are encouraged to visit www.bceducationassistants.ca and click on the survey link. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

CUPE's survey focuses squarely on the issue of unpaid work performed routinely and on a voluntary basis by EAs. It seeks to answer a number of questions, including how much and when unpaid work is performed, why EAs perform unpaid work, and how much the public school system encourages, facilitates or pressures EAs to donate free work time.

The survey also covers other important issues. CUPE would like all EAs receiving this message to pass it along to other education assistant colleagues and union members so that the largest number possible visit the web site and complete the survey. While we would prefer the survey to be completed online, we are also making a hard copy of the survey available online with instructions on how to complete and forward to the union.

It is critically important that we are able to get the maximum number of education assistants to complete the survey. Only by fully documenting the nature and extent of the problem of unpaid work will we as a union be able to determine what concrete steps we need to take to rectify this problem.

Please assist us by completing the survey.

Make sure that all EAs you know are aware of the survey and complete it as well.

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