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VERY IMPORTANT M E M O

TO: All CUPE 606 Members (Cowichan Valley)
FROM: Rob Zver, President
DATE: April 7, 2009
RE: Proposal Extra Week Off at Spring Break 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Due to a budget shortfall in the 2009/2010 school year, the Cowichan Valley Board of Education has requested input as to whether or not you're in favour of an extra week off at Spring Break 2010. The Board is considering closing schools for one week just before or just after Spring Break. This will be a direct impact on CUPE members.

On your behalf, at the April 6th Cowichan Valley School District public meeting, I made a presentation explaining the impact this extra week off would have on the membership and community.

Your Local and Regional Executive are asking you to please take the time to express your view on opposing such an action by going to the website below and completing the Board's short survey. Your responses will be anonymous. I have attached a copy of this survey for you.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=TRU6pQbWVQE1u7SDpVbfgg_3d_3d

Let's work together to stop this from happening.

In Solidarity

Rob Zver
President of CUPE Local 606
RZ/dm
Attachment

C: Cowichan Region Executive and Stewards

Cowichan Valley School District 2009 - 2010 Budget

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The Cowichan Valley School District is facing a shortfall in funding of about \$1.5 million for the 2009 - 2010 School Year.

The Board of Education would like your opinion about closing schools for one week just before or just after Spring Break to help meet that shortfall. This would save about \$250,000 in wages, utilities, fuel and other costs. Depending on which school, this may mean a few minutes' adjustment to the school day.

1. Are you in favour of closing the schools in the Cowichan Valley School District for an extra week at Spring Break?** Yes No**2. Do you have any other suggestions for the School District for balancing the 2009 - 2010 budget?*3. Do you have any suggestions for the School District about how to get additional funding to operate our school system?**[Next](#)

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2. Tell us about yourself

***1. Please tell us about your connection to the Cowichan Valley School District.**

<input type="radio"/> I am a student attending one of SD79's schools.
<input type="radio"/> A parent of a student attending one of SD79's schools.
<input type="radio"/> Neither of above.

***2. Are you an employee of the Cowichan Valley School District?**

<input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Yes (teacher)
<input type="radio"/> Yes (support staff)

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3. Thank You

Thank you for your input. It will help the Board of Education set the priorities for the 2009 - 2010 budget.

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