

# EAs' response makes survey a success



## Over 40 per cent of EAs participate

CUPE's education assistants' survey of unpaid work got responses from over 40 per cent of EAs in the province. The high level of participation will ensure that a wide diversity of voices and perspectives are reflected in survey findings and analysis. EAs can participate in the online survey until June 30. Hard copies of the survey must be received in the CUPE office by July 18 (*more information below.*)

The survey was developed at the end of K-12 contract negotiations in 2006. It is an important tool to fully document the pressing issue of education assistants performing unpaid work within the public school system.

## Thanks for your help!

Thanks to EA's who filled in the survey. Thanks also to CUPE K-12 sector local presidents, activists and staff who contributed to the survey's success.

CUPE's EA Resource Committee, with CUPE and non-CUPE locals, helped develop a survey that would cover all EA concerns. The Committee is: Susan Blair (CUPE 2098), Kenny Brett (CUPE 15), Ayn Cargill (CUPE 606), Lori Russell (CUPE 440), Sandi Taylor (CUPE 4177), Dee Beattie (CUPE 728), and Barb Clapton (CMAW 2545).

## Survey deadline

Online and hard copy surveys continue to come in. The online survey – found at [www.bceducationassistants.ca](http://www.bceducationassistants.ca) – will close on Monday, June 30. Hard copy surveys can be downloaded from the links section of the site and mailed to CUPE's BC Regional Office (c/o John Malcolmson). These surveys must be received in the BCRO by no later than Friday, July 18.

## What's next?

Survey data will provide CUPE and BC Public School Employers' Association representatives on the Education Assistants Committee with solid information in developing positive proposals for the upcoming 2010 round of bargaining. CUPE committee reps are Kathryn Farr (CUPE 441) and Trish Mack (CUPE National Representative.)

A detailed provincial report of survey findings will be prepared in August and released in the early fall. More specialized reports – including individual school district reports for local unions – will be produced through the fall.

***Thanks again to everyone who made the survey a resounding success!***