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Your Central Negotiations team met with the province and the Council of Trustees Association on August 19 and 20. We were only offered three more dates for bargaining before the start of school. While it was a step in the right direction, this is clearly not enough time to complete central bargaining.

As a result, we requested a no-board report from the conciliator. This request should have us in a legal strike position the first week of school. We have a leadership meeting scheduled on August 29 where we will be voting on a provincial job action strategy.

Bargaining on issues not at the central table will continue between locals and school boards. We need to know early in the process if school boards are tabling concessions for “take-aways” at local bargaining tables.

We need to find ways to support each other both centrally and locally.

CUPE education workers are finally getting press coverage in the media.

Listen for our radio ads the week of August 31. Our message will be clear – “CUPE education workers demand respect. So while we are negotiating to settle, we are prepared to strike.”

Keep yourself informed: Check our Facebook and Twitter postings as well as our website.

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