



Update from the K-12 Presidents Council

The K-12 Presidents Council met last Thursday, May 26, 2022, for updates and discussions on several issues, including the provincial bargaining, the Learning Improvement Fund, and the implementation of the new paid sick leave in the K-12 sector.

Provincial Bargaining Update

There are no new dates scheduled for provincial bargaining at this time. While we expect to reach a Provincial Framework Agreement with the B.C. Public School Employers' Association at the provincial table, we understand that some employers and locals may wish to commence local bargaining before a PFA renewal has been reached. Please ensure that you discuss this with your National Representative before beginning discussions with the employer.

Learning Improvement Fund

The Ministry of Education has informed school districts that Classroom Enhancement Fund Year-End Reporting

is due by July 15, 2022. This report includes an update on the status of consultation on the use of Learning Improvement Funds for the 2022-23 school year. If your school district is not genuinely consulting with your local on the use of Learning Improvement Funds, please advise your National Representative. Information on the distribution of [LIF for 2022-23 is on the BC government website](#).

Paid Sick Leave

As districts implement the new *Employment Standards Act* legislation providing all workers with a minimum of five paid days of sick leave, many questions are arising regarding eligibility, particularly in cases of casuals on spare boards. If you believe an employee was eligible for sick leave and was denied it, please contact your National Representative. We continue to raise this issue with the BCPSEA to ensure all school support workers have access to their sick leave entitlements under *the Act*.