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CUPE 1522 Lord Selkirk School Division Support Staff – Enter Conciliation in Advance of Strike Notice

WINNIPEG, TREATY 1 – CUPE 1522, the union representing Lord Selkirk School Division Support Workers have received a strong strike mandate from its members following a bargaining stalemate.

The strike vote comes as Lord Selkirk School Division refuses to remove heavy concessions from the bargaining table while other similar groups have already settled for improved contracts.

Issues at the table include wage increases equal to that of similar school divisions, addressing issues that lead to reductions in care to students with exceptional needs, and elimination of employer proposed concessions that would leave workers further behind.

“Lord Selkirk School Division families want to see their support staff treated fairly,” said Angela Mortimer, President of CUPE 1522. “They expect the School Division to support its employees, not push them out on strike.”

Conciliation dates have been set for April 28, 29 and 30, 2026. Next steps will include information pickets in advance of a strike date being set, which could occur within weeks.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees is Canada’s largest union representing more than 800,000 members. In Manitoba, CUPE represents approximately 40,000 members working in health care facilities, personal care homes, home care, school divisions, municipal services, social services, disability support services, child care centres, public utilities, libraries, and family emergency services.

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