

CLEAN SAFE SCHOOLS

CUPE BC K-12 Public Sector is working to ensure clean safe schools for students and staff this fall. The Canadian Union of Public Employees is calling for daytime custodial services to be provided in all school districts along with mandatory masks for staff and students.

High touch cleaning of services by custodial staff during the day had very positive results in keeping staff, students, families, and communities safer during the pandemic. These services provide a major part in preventing the spread of viruses in our schools and into the communities.

In addition, CUPE is calling for:

- Adequate isolation protocols for students that are ill or showing symptoms and for 2020/2021 COVID19 Provincial Health Guidelines to be maintained in the new school year.
- The province and school districts work to ensure ventilation systems are working properly, and system improvements are a priority in long term infrastructure planning.
- Mandatory masks for staff and students in all environments including classrooms and buses.

CUPE representatives have been advocating for CUPE members, and the students and communities they serve.

CUPE represents over 30,000 education workers across BC, including Education Assistants, School Secretaries, Custodians, Indigenous Support Workers, Caretakers, Strong Start Facilitators, Trades and Maintenance Workers, and Bus Drivers.