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NOTICE TO ALL TEAMSTER SUPPORT STAFF AT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 – ABBOTSFORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

June 10, 2014

It has been brought to my attention that there are Teamster members of School District No. 34 spreading misinformation to all support staff through the School District email. In particular, I will address the email sent today by Helen Williams, Teamster Bargaining Committee member. During bargaining BCPSEA offered the same 5.5% to be added to our 2 years, making a 7 year contract. The membership clearly did not want this signed off when they were informed. There is no guarantee of more money for EA's by providing more hours of work – it speaks of a "committee" being struck to look at the possibility of whole EA jobs.

At no time did Ms. Williams extend the professionalism to me to ask if any of her accusations were true. I question why a Teamster member of School District No. 34 would be allowed to use the District's internal email system to create dissension throughout the membership by spreading such false statements. I will therefore state the facts as they occurred.

On Saturday afternoon I was indeed contacted by Rob Hewitt, CUPE negotiator and told that if I was to join the "President's Council" of CUPE that Teamsters would become part of the "deal" they were close to signing with BCPSEA. I asked what the "deal" was and was told that they could not disclose that information. I responded that in my opinion there was no place for blind faith in contract negotiations. Further I informed Mr. Hewitt that I could not agree to be part of the President's Council as I was not the President nor have I been given the right to act on the President's behalf.

I was threatened by CUPE that if I did not agree that Teamsters would be left out of the Agreement. Again I informed CUPE that I had no authority to agree or disagree and asked that we be given time to look at the offer just as they have had time in their negotiations.

Both President Hennessy and Kevin Godden received copies of the tentative agreement signed by the President's Council on late Monday afternoon. It is being discussed as we speak.

I am surprised and dismayed at the actions of some of the Support Staff that I had thought were Teamster member supporters.

I again would request that the membership not fall prey to gossip nor feed the rumor mill. Your Teamster representatives are working tirelessly to ensure that the best interests of the members are met.

Fraternally,

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