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NOTICE TO ALL TEAMSTER LOCAL 31 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 SUPPORT STAFF

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to attend the June 16, 2014 meetings at the Abby Arts Center and Arts Center Addition.

I realize that with the teacher's strike ahead of us, frustration levels can rise but I was pleased and proud to hear so many supportive and positive statements from our Teamster members of the audience. As President Hennessy stated at the meetings, now is truly the time for the membership to band together in solidarity and stay unified in our voices as we move toward the next round of bargaining.

Some questions that arose from yesterday were surrounding application and eligibility for Employment Insurance.

Chapter 8 of the EI Benefits/Entitlement speaks at length about entitlement vs disentanglement should you wish to read personally. Section 8.6.3 explains that when you honor the picket line at your work site you are "participating" in the labor dispute. However, I have spoken to Marnie Wright with regard to the 10 month employee's regular lay off and she ensures me that all ROEs will be submitted electronically to EI as is done annually and that those 10 month employees should apply for EI benefits as per the dates that were given them by the Human Resources Dept. If you are in receipt of "Lost Wages" provided by Teamsters Canada and Local 31, you must report that as income.

Another question was asked regarding whether the teachers plan to strike throughout the summer. I contacted Doug Smuland of the Abbotsford District Teachers Association and he informs me that there has been no concrete decision made at this time but the answer should be available shortly.

I have placards of "Teamster Support the Teacher's Strike" available if anyone wishes to be visual in their support of the teacher picket lines at their worksites. The Teamster 31 local office number is: 604-504-4520. Leave me your name and your worksite and I will ensure as many as you wish are delivered to you or left with the picket captain of your site.

When contacting me by email, please ensure you do not use my old Abbynet address. I no longer have access to that account. To reach me by email please send to: amunoz@teamsters31.ca

Feel free to contact me either by phone or email and I will do my best to reply as quickly as possible.

Fraternally,

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