

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL CUPE 3260



## Welcome!

I would like to take a moment to welcome all returning and new CUPE 3260 members back to school! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

## New Staff

To all our new hires, we look forward to working with you! This year, we are moving to a virtual "New Members Kit". It is a work in progress and will be found on our website (see "Important Links" below). In the mean time, if you have questions, please reach out to your area VP (see [CUPE3260](#))

## Get Involved!

We are currently looking for committee members for open positions. If interested, please reach out to area VPs for more details!

## Know Your Rights!

- You have the right to union representation at ANY meeting with your supervisor, Principal or member of the PSB. All you have to do is ask!
- You have the right to refuse work that you reasonably believe will cause a danger to your health and safety, or that of another person.

## Important Links

[CUPE 3260 Webpage](#)

[CUPE PEI](#)

[EAP Program](#)

[2025/26 School Calendar](#)

## **Social Media**

Please be advised that CUPE 3260 does not currently use any social media platforms. Any platform using the designation of "3260" is not sanctioned by the union nor does the union have any responsibility in what is posted, shared, written or commented on.

Also, please be advised that as an employee of the Public Schools Branch of PEI, you are required to sign and follow their social media and online policies. Be mindful of what you share on any social media platforms.

See policy [here](#)

## **Independent Review of the Education Authorities**

The Minister of Education appointed the Hon. David Jenkins as Commissioner to review concerns related to the safety of students and the handling of complaints or incidents of sexual misconduct by school staff in the public education system

The Commissioner invites all interested members of the public and public organizations to make written submissions until Sept. 29, 2025 to: Attn: Education Act Review  
[educationactreview@gov.pe.ca](mailto:educationactreview@gov.pe.ca)  
(902)213-3480, PO Box 1176,  
Ch'town, C1A 4K9

## **AWARDS!!**

Last call for nominations for the Making a Difference Award. An email has been sent out by your area VP. Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> for submissions.

### **SPOTLIGHT AWARD**

Coming soon!! Keep a look out for an email from your area VP.

## **Your Area VPs**

Brenda Doucette: West Area

Trudy DesRoche: Central West Area

April Gallant: Central East Urban

Kelly Watts: Central East Rural

Andrea Garlick: East Area

Kim Hood: French Board

## A Call to Action!

As some of you may know, while we were relaxing on our well deserved break, our union brothers and sisters of Local 830 were walking the picket line. They have been on strike now for over 45 days! Local 3260 has been on the front lines with them throughout the summer, supporting their efforts for a fair and reasonable contract.

**Their success will directly impact our successful bargaining in the future.** It is for this reason that we ask for your support. Here's what you can do:

- Show your support by visiting this [link](#) and tell the city of Charlottetown to get back to the table and bargain fairly!
- [Learn](#) about what the City of Charlottetown is doing to prevent Local 830 in getting a fair deal.
- Like & Share the links from CUPE PEI on your social media!
- Call City Hall! Here's a [link](#)!
- If you are in the Charlottetown area and see CUPE 830 walking the picket line, please give them a honk or wave of support. Better yet, stop and talk to them!
- If you are so inclined, financial support can be sent to CUPE Local 830, c/o CUPE Charlottetown Area Office, 26 Paramount Drive, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, C1E 0C7. Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) can be sent to [local830cupe@gmail.com](mailto:local830cupe@gmail.com).



### My Goal for 2025/26 School Year

**As your new President, my focus is on keeping our union open, visible, and connected. I'll share more of the work happening behind the scenes, provide regular updates and show that we are here working for you!**

**Together, we'll build a stronger, more united voice.  
Wishing you all a great start to the new school year!**

Sincerely,

*Colleen Jackson*