

Dear New Brunswickers,

As you can imagine, we are still wringing out our wet clothes from yesterday's picket lines. Your continued kindness, support, donations and visits are fuelling our energy on the lines! Front line public service workers have your backs, and you have shown that you've got ours. We see you pushing back against the government's repeated attempts to blame CUPE for their mismanagement, lack of planning and refusal to negotiate. Thank you!

Our goal has always been to see real wage increases for public service workers. After more than 4 years of negotiations, we are now taking job action. As of Sunday, all CUPE locals who have voted in favour of strike action are on the picket lines. We have tried everything to avoid taking this step. We gave 100 days strike notice to Government. We held off on strike action for 2 weeks to accommodate the rise in COVID-19 cases in September. We made essential services agreements to maintain services in the event of job action.

On November 2nd, the MLAs are returning to the legislature. Join us for a march, starting at the Fredericton Exhibition grounds at noon, ending with a rally at the legislature, to send a loud message to government that the public supports fair wages for frontline workers.