Healthcare workers release strong strike vote result, more locals' results coming

Yesterday, CUPE Local 1252 (Healthcare) counted their strike vote ballots. Here are the results:

• CUPE Local 1252: 7279 members voted, 94% voted yes

This is the third round of results following the release of results from CUPE Locals 1840, 1866, 5017, 1418, 1251, 1253 and 2745. All members of these locals voted between 83% to 98% in favour of strike action.

CUPE Local 5026 (Collèges communautaires du N.-B.) will hold their strike votes in the parking lots of the colleges tomorrow, on Wednesday, September 29. Vote count will be held on October 1.

CUPE Local 1190 (General Labour & Trades) will hold their strike votes October 1, 2 and 4. Vote count will be held October 5.

Considering the recent rise in cases of COVID-19 in the province, all these votes will take place outdoors.

Earlier today, the Premier sent a letter responding to the centralized bargaining team's invitation back to the bargaining table and your team is discussing how to proceed with a response to Mr. Higgs.

Your centralized bargaining team knows that the rise in COVID-19 cases and the announcement of the public health emergency order creates stress and chaos in our underfunded public services. The fact that you are working under these conditions, and with expired contracts for several years, proves your unwavering commitment to New Brunswickers and to quality public services, and shows that you deserve a fair deal.

In solidarity,

The CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team

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