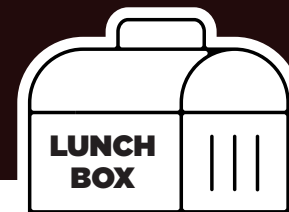






2024 NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTION REPORT CARD



ATT: CUPE MEMBERS FROM LOCALS 1190, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1866, 2745, 963, NBCNHU

When discussing the following subjects with our political participants, we were generally pleased with the responses of those involved, including actions these individuals would take in the next four years in the New Brunswick legislature. Much to our disappointment though, Premier Higgs (while invited) did not respond to our request to meet.

SUBJECTS

CUPE leaders whose locals were in active bargaining met with political leaders on August 20th	 Susan Holt	 Alex White	 David Coon	 Blaine Higgs
Flat rate Wage Adjustments Percentage increases are leaving our lowest paid workers behind. Would you commit to flat rate increases?	Yes	Yes \$6 per hour over 4 years	Yes \$6 per hour over 4 years	No
Bill 17 In 2023, the PC majority pushed through risky pension legislation that breaks a 2021 CUPE signed contract. What would you do?	Repeal	Repeal	Repeal	See comment below
Bill 23 The PSLR legislation infringes the terms and conditions around collective bargaining, strikes and lockouts. What would you do?	Squash	Repeal	Abolish	See comment below
Labour Relations Labour relations have been at its lowest point in years. Will you work with Unions for the betterment of New Brunswick?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Actions speak for themselves
PSLRA Review Are you willing to review and modernize the Public Service Labour Relations Act, in consultation with Unions?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No comment
Wages increases above inflation Workers and New Brunswick are struggling to make ends meet. Will you commit to wage increases to meet inflationary challenges?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



FAILING MARKS

We cannot recommend that Premier Higgs and his Progressive Conservative party form government for the next four years in New Brunswick. Not only did Mr. Higgs fail to attend this important meeting, his party's regressive policies in both Bill 17 and 23 are attacks on workers. The PC's continual dismantling of the rights of unions are making sure wages are not sufficient for our members to make ends meet. For these reasons, we have to give them a failing grade.