



June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

Hello Folks:

I would like to thank our membership for the outstanding commitment and dedication that everyone presented during the pandemic. Many decisions were made at a provincial level and the district and local had to implement those directions to best of our ability to support staff and students. During spring break a lot of those responsibilities fell on the support staff to make sure everything was clean and safe for the return of everyone. March 13<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of an organized chaos and a new era for us all. This was on many levels not something that any of us had any control over or knowledge on how or what was the correct thing to do during a pandemic.

I would like to thank the executive team for their support and helping our members through these uncertain times by remaining calm, cool, and collected. The way support staff stuck together and did what had to be done from cleaning to childcare and everything in between was completed incredibly. I am so immensely proud of the whole of the membership. The collaboration on all levels as well as how the safety of all was the utmost concern whether it was physical or emotional was the forefront of decisions. It is and will remain to be increasingly important to keep communications open with supervisors to best support us when we retune in September and for those working over the summer.

Please accept my gratitude as well as I am to pass along Tom's gratitude, we would not have been able to have a successful transition of what we have today without the flexibility, adaptability, and dedication of our support staff. THANK YOU TO ALL!!

Please check the Local's website for any updates over the summer to remain informed of any changes that may occur from the provincial table. If there is any urgent information, we will send a message out to the home email addresses we have on file.

I hope that everyone will be able to take a little time away over the summer to recharge.

Thank you all again! Take care, be safe, be kind, and be patient.

Always In Solidarity,

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