

The banner features a stylized landscape with green hills, dark blue mountains, and several green pine trees. In the foreground, there is an orange school bus, three orange stick figures representing children, and a large orange school building with a gabled roof and many windows. The text 'Caring for B.C. students and public schools' is written in white across the top right of the banner.

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## Progress being made on framework

Your bargaining committee met with the employer this week, March 25-26. Over two very long days, we had productive discussions with the BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA). But we still have work to do on some of our key priorities, and it has been challenging to reach a consensus at the table.

As you know, many of the issues we prioritized are very complex. We are spending a significant amount of time and effort in our deliberations as a committee. Our membership has an extensive array of diverse jobs and classifications in 59 districts. So, we are being diligent to ensure our proposals are not only fair, but fair for everyone throughout our sector.

We are going back to the table shortly, meeting with BCPSEA April 9-10. Your bargaining committee remains optimistic that we are coming closer to a tentative framework agreement. We are strongly united and committed to getting the best deal we can and are prepared to put in the time and work to get it right. We want to thank all members for their patience during this very long and tough round of bargaining.

Thank you for your on-going engagement, support and solidarity. We will update you shortly after the April session, or if there are any new developments. Please ensure your contact information is up to date with your local and encourage your colleagues to do the same.