



## **E Bulletin June 2011**

### **CUPE 997 OFFICE – SUMMER 2011**

Voice mail and e-mails will be checked on a regular basis (not necessarily on a daily basis) during the summer months. Phone: 705-286-1156 – Toll Free: **1-877-838-CUPE (2873)**.

Need to contact us – contact information for the 997 Office and our Chief Stewards is available on our web site – [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca) – select “Contact Us” and/or “About Us – Executive”.

### **CUPE 997 WEB SITE – [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca)**

We will be updating our Fact – Information sheets during the summer. We welcome suggestions for additional Fact – Information sheets regarding items from our agreements or TLDSB Policies/Procedures – don’t hesitate to call – e-mail the 997 Office.

### **EI INFORMATION [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca)**

The Poster from Service Canada is available on First Class – from your First Class Desktop open Staff Lounge – open “Payroll News” – Bonnie Mitchell E-Mail – June 9, 2011 “Applying For EI Benefits Commencing June 2011”

Reference Code: **3511012011201112**

As per Bonnie Mitchell’s e-mail – “The reference code will remain in place until May 31, 2012. Only **layoff** applicants should use this code - sick benefits or maternity/parental benefits - do not use this code.

All of the Records of Employment will be issued electronically and sent to Services Canada via the web after your final pay has been processed.”

Important Information regarding Employment Insurance Benefits – From our CUPE OSBCC School Board Co-ordinator:

It is critical that our members understand these four points:

“They remain entitled to receive EI Benefits this year.

They are not engaged in the occupation of teaching if they are a CUPE member working for a school board regardless of what they are told by their board or EI officials.

Do Not pick any item from the drop downs that says you are a teacher or are teaching or have been teaching in the past.

On the application answer NO to the question: Have you taught any part of the school curriculum at any of the following levels in the last 2 years?

If they are denied benefits they must file an appeal and indicate that your local, with the assistance of your CUPE National Representative, will be representing them at the Board of Referees hearing.”

## **BUILDING AUDITS**

Thank you to all who forwarded information and a copy of the worksite Building Audits. We have received confirmation from the Board all Building Audits completed this past Spring are being withdrawn. The Board will be seeking input regarding a process to be implemented for the 2011-2012 school year. Please do not hesitate to contact Herb Pounder or Lynn Raback for further information.

## **CUPE 997 BY-LAWS REVIEW**

Contact your Steward or the CUPE 997 Office if you have suggestions or questions regarding our By-Laws. Our By-Laws are posted on our web site – [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca) – CUPE 997 By-Laws.

**Check out the MEMBER RESOURCES – MEETING INFORMATION** section on our web site [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca) for a copy of Minutes and Committee Reports.

## **CUPE COMPUTER INITIATIVE**

This Fall there will be an addition of one and for our larger sites two laptop computers in our schools. Principals will be discussing with all CUPE staff where the computers will be placed for access-usage by CUPE staff only. Thanks to Committee Members: Brenda McAdam, Deb Northmore, Doug Smith, Joe McMenemy, Lisa Wokral, Fiona Williams.

## **AND THE SURVEY SAYS**

Thanks to participants of the Blue Cross Survey – a copy of the results is available on our web site – [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca) – Member Resources – Meeting Information – May 14, 2011 – Regular General Meeting – Survey Results – Blue Cross Benefits.

## **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS**

A copy of the memo's forwarded to Principals: one regarding the 7 hour day and another re 6 PA Days for Educational Assistants commencing September 1, 2011 are

posted on our web site - [www.cupe997.ca](http://www.cupe997.ca) – Members – Educational Assistants Information.

## **SUMMER 2011!**

Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful summer.

## **DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?**

Don't hesitate to contact the 997 Office – 705-286-1156 – Toll Free – 1-877-838-CUPE (2873) or your Chief Steward for assistance regarding our collective agreements, TLDSB Procedures.

Don't hesitate to contact us via First Class or our alternate e-mail addresses:

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