

## Ontario reaches tentative agreement With CUPE education workers

A strike has been averted with a tentative agreement between the Province and CUPE. This is the first tentative central agreement reached through the 2022 round of central collective bargaining in the education sector. Throughout these negotiations, our government's focus has always been keeping students in the classroom without disruption, said Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. I am pleased to formally announce that the Crown, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and the school board trustee associations, have reached a tentative agreement that keeps schools open so that kids can stay in class. I know this is welcome news to all students, parents, and workers alike, who now have the certainty they've been looking for. This is not a win for governments or education unions, it's a win for Ontario families who finally have peace of mind knowing their children will remain in the classroom. After two and a half years of unprecedented disruptions, nothing matters more than stability in our schools. We are pleased to have reached a deal today that will make sure kids are in class catching up on their learning.