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To: CUPE BC Locals & District Councils

From: Paul Faoro, Secretary-Treasurer
CUPE BC Division

Re: CUPE BC Education Sector Conference
"The Future of Public Education: Telling our Story"
NOVEMBER 27 – 29, 2013, WESTIN BAYSHORE, VANCOUVER, BC

Join CUPE BC sisters and brothers across our province for an exciting conference on the future of public education. Celebrating 50 years of advancing quality, accessible public education for all, CUPE BC's *"The Future of Public Education: Telling Our Story"* conference will build on that legacy and help write the next chapter for BC's schools, colleges and universities.

This conference invites members to learn solutions together by engaging in a big conversation about CUPE's story - past, present, and future.

As we look forward, and in recognition of CUPE BC's 50th Anniversary year, this conference **offers a \$50 discount for first-time delegates** to a union conference. Please let members know about this great opportunity to get involved in shaping a vision for the future of public education in BC.

The opening session will start **on Wednesday, November 27th, 2013 at 7:00 pm** with keynote speaker, Kevin Millsip, Co-founder of "Check Your Head" and the Coordinator for the Sustainability at Vancouver School Board. **Registration will open at 4:00 pm.**

There will be a panel discussion on the morning of **November 28th** on the *"The Future of Public Education"*. We are pleased to have David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey and critic for Advanced Education, Patti Bacchus, Chair of Vancouver School Board and Don Wright, former President of BCIT as our panelists.

The following day and half will be workshops concluding on **November 29th** with a **closing plenary and adjournment at 5:00 pm**. The conference has been organized so that the K-12 delegates have specific workshops to deal with their issues and a separate set of workshops designed for the post secondary delegates. Attached please find [workshop descriptions](#) and [registration form](#). Each delegate will register for 3 workshops and 1 alternate workshop.

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CONFERENCE FEE AND ACCOMODATION:

The fee for the conference is \$100.00 or \$50.00 if you are a first time delegate to a CUPE BC conference.

Flights and accommodation can be booked on-line with WE Travel at www.wetravel.net or by calling 604-969-5585 or toll free 1-800-663-4703.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:

The deadline to register both for the conference and for accommodation is **October 25, 2013.**

POST SECONDARY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

CUPE BC Education Sector Conference
“The Future of Public Education: Telling our Story”
November 27-29, 2013
Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver

1) Increasing Workloads in the face of Shrinking Funding

An opportunity for each group working in the post secondary education sector to discuss both the issues they are facing and potential solutions. This is an interactive, hands on workshop - discover ways to deal with workload issues and the downloading of government initiatives in our universities and colleges such as an increase to International Students without additional resources.

2) Effective Communications at Work

Each day members working in post-secondary are faced with having to communicate at work with students, bosses, co-workers and families. This workshop will provide the skills, strategies, and perspectives to become a good communicator. Learn simple but effective tools to improve your communications, assertiveness, handling conflict and criticism, and defining acceptable behaviour.

3) Engaging and Motivating CUPE Members

Learn and share ideas on motivating and educating a new generation of CUPE members, social media and other techniques, succession planning, communicating the “union advantage” and engaging young and new members.

4) Valuing CUPE Jobs into the Future

Learn more about the work being done every day by CUPE members and the work that has been done in the past. Explore strategies we can use in order to keep our work in house and ways in which we can bring work back into CUPE bargaining units. This is an opportunity to look at the future, including issues around shared services and public - public partnerships.

