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NOTICE TO ALL TEAMSTER LOCAL 31 SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 34 SUPPORT STAFF

DAILY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM ARLENE MUNOZ – BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

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Q: Why am I experiencing problems with my EI benefits?

A: EI has contacted me regarding the “lost wages” given to the membership from Teamsters Canada and Local 31 during the teacher’s strike with questions regarding the amounts given. The question ended being what the monies were for? Were they earnings? No they were not. Members were not expected or asked to picket – no sign in sheets required – essentially the members did nothing to “earn” these monies. EI was reminded that in 2005 the Teamsters Union also issued monies to the support staff when the teachers were picketing and access to worksites was not open. Just as those monies were not reported as “earnings” neither should the June 16 – 27, 2014 Teamster monies. EI informed me that as soon as they reached a decision I would be contacted. To date that has not happened.

Q: Will Teamsters continue with “lost wages” payments if the teachers continue to strike in September and support staff honors the pickets?

A: Yes, Local 31 President Stan Hennessy has had conversation and assurance from Teamsters Canada President, Robert Bouvier that funds will be made available should this occur.

Q: Will the teachers continue to picket in September?

A: To date the teachers continue to negotiate with the government. The teacher “reps” are meeting this weekend and I’m sure this will be a hot topic. Unfortunately we will not know for sure what September will look like until notification given by BCTF.

Fraternally,

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