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Contracting-Out Our Bus Services, Not an Option! says CUPE

CHARLOTTETOWN – Employees of the Transportation Group of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, (CUPE) Local 1145 on Prince Edward Island, are extremely concerned by comments which were recently made by both City Officials, and the Eastern School District, with regards to them looking into the option of transporting students via our City’s Transit System ,” says Myles Noye, President.

“Not only would this be in direct violation of our Collective Agreement, which prohibits the contracting out of our work, but this scenario simply disregards the safety and best interest of our island students. Comments referring to this possibility (which were made late last week), came as a total surprise to us, as we were recently reassured by the Eastern School District that our bus drivers would not lose their jobs as a result of these potential school closures. Yet, the very next day, the media reported again, that there was a possibility of using the public transit system to transport students. To say that we were disappointed at hearing these comments once again, would be an understatement. CUPE Local 1145 is prepared to fight for its members, and to prevent this from ever occurring. As well, CUPE will ensure that this issue is on the agenda, for our next meeting with government officials” says Noye.

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