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Reissue of 2025-2026 D/BU #157 Local Bargaining Mobilization Fund

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Gary Fenn, Interim Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Information

This is a reissue of D/BU #157 from 2025-2026. The Provincial Executive has created a Local Bargaining Mobilization Fund that can be accessed by Districts and/or Bargaining Units under the School Board Collective Bargaining Act (SBCBA). This funding is designed to assist local leaders to implement organizing and mobilizing actions related to bargaining and member mobilization.

Embedded in this plan is an understanding and awareness that:

- Member mobilization is a source of our power: Enduring change starts at the grassroots and comes from the leadership and action of our local leaders and Members in their worksites.
- Social solidarity is our source of strength: Solidarity within our Membership, across communities, and among domestic and international unions help to define our collective purpose and amplify our collective action.

If your District or Bargaining Unit has not yet appointed a Local Organizing Lead, please do so. Applications must be approved by Provincial Office. Once approved and completed, Districts/Bargaining Units will be able to claim funds by submitting receipts for reimbursement.

Districts can access funding of up to \$500 per Bargaining Unit, plus \$5 per FTE, as per the attached Application Form. Districts are to use their FTE for 2026-2027, distributed at April 2026 Provincial Council, when requesting funding. Bargaining Units within a District are strongly encouraged to work together when applicable. The local plan and funding receipts must be submitted by April 30, 2027.

Districts and Bargaining Units may apply for part of their funding eligibility in one submission and then make a later submission for any remaining eligible funding they have, but they may not claim another \$500 in base funding.

Funding may be used for:

- Worksite visits to inform and engage members on bargaining
- Production and distribution of affiliate lawn and window signs, or other Provincial materials to members or the public
- Shared costs associated with member mobilization activities in affiliate or community coalition work to support bargaining
- Additional time release and travel for activities related to labour action preparation, member contact drives, and bargaining/collective action member training and education

Funding may **not** be used for:

- Capital purchases (e.g. laptops, printers), software and subscriptions
- Branded clothing/materials (e.g. shirts for members), gift cards or prizes
- Time release and travel already provided by the district/bargaining unit or other provincial or employer funding

Since this is a reissue, should you have previously applied and have been approved for the funding from D/BU #157 2025-2026, you cannot reapply for this again.

If you have any questions about this D/BU memo or the application process, please contact Jessica Burnie, Director of the Communications and Political Action Department, at Provincial Office (jessica.burnie@osstf.ca).

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