

April 3, 2018

CUPE Local 3903, York University

On behalf of the BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, I am writing to express our support for your job action. The BCITFSA sends their support to the members of your locals.

At CAUT's recent Bargaining Town Hall, information on two strikes affecting our sector was shared. Contract Academic Staff represented by CUPE 3903 at York University and Support Staff represented by CUPE 2424 at Carleton University. While the CUPE 2424 strike appears to be concluding, the CUPE 3903 strike is continuing. More information on both strikes and the opportunity to show support can be found on their web sites.

The BCITFSA is concerned that many instructors and staff at Canada's post-secondary institutions, including here at BCIT, are working in increasingly precarious, short-term contract roles, and the number seems to be growing. We are also concerned that rights, secured by those who fought before, such as pensions are under attack.

The BCIT Faculty and Staff Association truly appreciates the sacrifices you are making to improve the conditions of your workers and the education conditions at public, post-secondary institutions across Canada.

We wish you all the best in bargaining.

Stay united and strong.

In solidarity,

Kenzie Woodbridge (Pronouns: they/them/theirs)

Vice President, for

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