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## **SCHOOL SUPPORT WORKERS' WEEK: SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2, 2015**

**WINNIPEG** – This week, CUPE is encouraging school divisions and the public to take time to recognize school support workers in Manitoba. The provincial government has proclaimed School Support Staff Recognition Week to do just that.

“As Manitobans settle into their fall routines, I would like to remind them of the important work performed by school support workers,” says Kelly Moist, President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees – Manitoba.

“CUPE members in the Kindergarten to Grade 12 education sector keep the lights on, perform cleaning, custodial, maintenance, courier, mechanical, and utility work, provide clerical support to teachers and administrators, support learning and student inclusion and attendance in the classroom and the community, bus children and teachers to and from schools and on field trips, help keep school libraries relevant and organized, support learning through information technology systems, work to improve literacy, support food services in schools, and support fundraising, sports, extra-curricular and community activities,” added Moist. “Most of all, CUPE school support staff help make our schools a safe, clean, positive place of learning and development for students, families, and the wider community.”

CUPE is pleased to join the Province of Manitoba in recognizing the important work of our more than 5,600 members in school divisions across the province during School Support Staff Recognition Week from Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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