



# CUPE 4153 Update

July 16th, 2024

## OPSEU LCBO Workers

Well, we're into another week of what could be a long, hot, dry summer in most places. Ford seems to be hell bent on driving his booze agenda while neglecting things that really matter. He's got money for a slick and interactive website telling us where to buy booze and reduce the money going into the provincial piggy banks but we don't have a website that tells us what wait times are in local hospitals or where to find a doctor that's taking new patients. Striking LCBO workers need our support and every little bit helps! If you stop by a picket line - snap a pic and send it to the office so we can share our involvement with OPSEU and their workers! In the words of former Local President Archie Walker - "I will not only refuse to buy beer from a convenience store, I will buy nothing at all from a store that sells it. Period. No bread, chocolate, nothing!"

Go to [opseu.org](http://opseu.org) and send a letter to Premier Ford. Locate a picket line - stop by before or after work and walk with them, bring some cold drinks or freezies maybe? Use supportive images on your X, Instagram or Facebook pages to show your support.



## Is Your Ventilation Running?

No, this isn't one of those old telephone jokes where you prank call someone and say "Excuse me sir/maam, is your refrigerator running?" and when the person answers "Why yes it is" you yell into the phone "Well you better go catch it!" and laugh hysterically while hanging up the phone. Not that I ever did that as a kid....

But seriously, please check the ventilation systems in your school and make sure they are running. I've heard comments from members that their circulation is starting later in the morning and shutting off before the daycare kids are all picked up.

If your school doesn't have a daycare or late shift working - HVAC systems should be on from 6am to 2pm. If you have a daycare, your system should be on from 6am to 7 or 8pm.

If your system is not running during those hours, it is increasing health risks for anyone working especially during a heat event. The chemicals we mix and use especially during summer cleaning all advise to use them in well ventilated areas. Instead of saving hydro by shutting systems down where our members are working, how about turning the air conditioning up a few degrees or more at the Ed Center and save some money there?



System not running while our members are working? Your first contact is to be your FOS. Let them know in writing that the HVAC is not running on a proper schedule and it needs to be adjusted according to your work hours. If you don't hear back from your FOS within 2 business days, please email the office and let us know.

## Contacting Your Local

While our office is closed for the summer, the office phone and emails are being checked at least once daily between Monday and Friday. When calls or emails are received, they are handed off to whoever should be dealing with the issue - stewards for investigations & grievances, health & safety members for green book violations and your Executive is ready to step in and assist at any point or take the lead if others are enjoying some much needed vacation.

You can reach the office the following ways,

Phone - 905-544-7733

Email - [cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca](mailto:cupelocal4153@bellnet.ca)

All elected union reps have been asked to have their voicemail direct members to call the office while they are on holidays over the summer. Please use the office contact number or email so we can keep track of questions and issues. Contacting elected reps using their personal social media is discouraged as we have had issues in the past where things were forgotten or neglected and that's what we're trying to not do anymore. All inquiries to the office should have a response within 48 hours for general info.

As always, emergencies or workplace concerns must be reported to your FOS/Supervisor first. They have an obligation under provincial legislation to deal with workplace issues. The Local cannot intervene before an issue has been reported to a supervisor.

Cheers,

Blake