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## Some thoughts for the weekend

Dear CUPE education workers:

At the end of another tumultuous week, I'd like to share a few words about some of the things I've learned along the way:

As education workers, we are quite lucky. We hear regularly about major layoffs in other sectors of CUPE and in other unions. Already more than 500,000 Canadians have applied for employment insurance.


In other sectors in CUPE, our fellow unionists have been laid off, whereas CUPE education workers continue to receive their wages.

We see in the health and long-term care sectors that the government has used its emergency powers to "suspend" collective agreements. It's not likely that our sector will experience the same thing, but we always remain vigilant.

We recognize that self-isolation is hard on everyone's mental health. It is more important than ever to treat one another with respect and kindness.

In the weeks to come, OSBCU will continue to work on behalf of all the members that we have the honour to represent.

In solidarity!



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