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CUPE looks for a voice in the Avis Glaze Review Process

(New Glasgow) CUPE was pleased to hear yesterday that Avis Glaze is a supporter of local democracy and the need for schools (and their Boards) to reflect their communities. CUPE National Representative Grant Dart says, “This is a very positive sign and relieves a lot of fears in local communities after what Nova Scotians have recently gone through with the Health Authority in the province.

“The amalgamation of the Health Authorities has been a continued experiment in throwing good money away after bad by the Liberal Government, starting with the way the process was started. Hundreds of thousands have been spent on studies, all the work by Arbitrator Dorsey was ultimately ignored and tossed aside, the current state of our hospital system is still costing more than it was, and emergency room closures and wait times continue to increase.”

Says Mary Jessome, Chair of the Nova Scotia School Board Council of Unions, “CUPE believes that changing the current structure of the School Boards in the province will only lead our education system down the same path as our ailing Health Care system.

“CUPE has front line workers in every School Board across the province, and as such, would welcome the opportunity to sit and discuss its thoughts with Avis Glaze. Who better to discuss the working of our children’s schools and chances to improve that system than the employees who keep those schools running and maintained on a daily basis?”

Grant Dart suggests, “CUPE sees first-hand the duplications and redundancies in place currently in the education system as we deal across all boards in this province. We would be happy to share our thoughts in this review process. CUPE represents all non-teaching front-line staff in the education sector, including educational assistants and teaching assistants, school secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, early childhood educators, trades persons, mechanics, librarians and grounds keepers.

“CUPE believes that the redundancies in administration and the current flawed funding model to the school boards are some of the biggest problems facing the education system, and we would be happy to discuss productive and create suggestions on making our education system one our children here in Nova Scotia deserve.”

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