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On behalf of CUPE and all affected employees, I want to extend my sincere thanks to you for rethinking the recent decisions related to job and hour reductions for laboratory technicians, library clerks, and other valued clerical staff within School District 57.

Your willingness to listen to our concerns and to revisit these decisions demonstrates a genuine commitment to collaboration and a recognition of the vital contributions these employees make to the daily success of our schools. Your actions send a strong and meaningful message: that SD57 values all of its employees and understands the essential role support staff play in creating safe, engaging, and inclusive learning environments.

Lab technicians, library clerks, and clerical staff are often behind the scenes, yet their work directly impacts the educational experience of students and the ability of teachers to deliver high-quality instruction. Retaining these positions and restoring hours reflects an understanding that education is a team effort—and that every member of that team deserves to feel seen, heard, and supported.

While we know challenges remain, we deeply appreciate this step in the right direction. It helps foster trust and demonstrates that School District 57 is a district that leads with integrity and care for its people.

With much appreciation,

Paula Bass President, CUPE 3742