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**FACULTY AT VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WILL RESPECT CUPE'S PICKET LINE TUESDAY**

To initiate their strike the staff union at VCC, CUPE 4627, has announced a full day of morning to night picketing on Tuesday October 30th.

"The VCCFA fully supports the efforts of our staff colleagues to achieve a renewed collective agreement", said President Frank Cosco.

"That they haven't been able to get anywhere with their reasonable demands for over two years tells one all they need to know about this government's barren and sterile approach to public sector bargaining. Their last agreement ended in 2010!"

"VCCFA members have been instructed not to cross any picket line they meet tomorrow. We understand that partly in response to the unified stances of the unions that the College has decided to cancel all classes, which will make things more clear for students."

"We will continue to support the staff union should that be necessary. Because the government has taken monetary control of bargaining away from the College, we call upon the government to stop this cynical approach and make a deal so that no further disruption is caused."

Cosco added that, "The VCCFA and other faculty unions are entering into bargaining for the renewal of their agreements as well and this stonewalling does not bode well for them."

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The VCCFA represents over 600 faculty, librarians and counselors at VCC's campuses at Victory Square and on East Broadway. VCC has well over 10,000 students.