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SCHOOL BUS WORKERS IN THE MAT-SU VALLEY VOTE TO AUTHORIZE STRIKE

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, school bus workers in the Mat-Su Valley voted to authorize a strike against Durham School Services. Durham School Services and Teamsters Local 959 have been in negotiations since June 2025, with the company (Durham) refusing to address many issues that, if addressed, would lead to a more reliable, efficient, and safer Mat-Su bussing system for the community, and most importantly, the students.

“When you see strike authorization votes pass by margins like this, it shows the solidarity of the employees and a group that is motivated to have better working conditions.” – Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 959.

Negotiations are scheduled to continue through the rest of the week with hopes of reaching an agreement before a work stoppage affects the families of the Mat-Su School District.

For any questions or press inquiries, contact Local 959’s Political Coordinator, Patrick Fitzgerald, at (907) 230-8809.

