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LOCAL 959  
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## **NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT**

Friday, January 16th, 2026, negotiations between Teamsters Local 959 and Durham School Services concluded Thursday evening without a tentative agreement in place. Durham has yet to inform Teamsters Local 959 when they will be available again for negotiations. The Teamsters bargaining committee stands ready to negotiate at any time to avoid a work stoppage.

Since the start of negotiations in June 2025, Durham has continually cancelled negotiations or left meetings without progress being made. Teamsters are encouraging members of the public to reach out to the Mat-Su School District and School Board representatives to implore them, as the party responsible for the Durham contract, to ask Durham to set dates for negotiations and return to the bargaining table.

School busing services will continue until further notice.

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

