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SCHOOL BUS WORKERS ANNOUNCE STRIKE DATE AS DURHAM CONTINUES DELAYS

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – School bus workers for Durham School Services in the Mat-Su Valley will initiate a work stoppage starting Monday, March 2, 2026. This unfortunate work stoppage is the result of Durham's unwillingness to make the movement needed to reach an agreement, its failure to promptly return to the bargaining table, and its unwillingness to timely provide information requested by the Union.

Negotiations commenced in June of 2025, with Durham often arriving unprepared and unable to start negotiations on time. When Durham presented a final offer in January that did not address the members' concerns, it was rejected. Despite our efforts and availability, it has been almost six weeks since Durham last met with the Union for negotiations. Durham refused to meet this week. The Union will hold next week open in case Durham chooses to take this situation seriously and bargain in good faith. Teamsters are open to mediation if Durham is interested and able to arrange for a mediator to participate. What the Union is not willing to do is delay this process further.

Durham's disappointing approach has left no choice but for the workers at Durham School Services to exercise their right to strike. Durham has been fully aware since February 18, 2026, that a strike could happen on March 2, 2026, and still did nothing to make themselves available for negotiations before that date.

Teamsters Local 959 understands the inconvenience this is causing for families of the Mat-Su Valley, but our community deserves better than what is being provided by Durham School Services. Starting Monday, school bus services will not be operating.

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

