



**TEAMSTERS  
LOCAL 959  
STATE OF ALASKA**

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## **FEDERAL AGENCY OFFERS MEDIATOR IMMEDIATELY TO TRY AND BREAK IMPASSE BETWEEN DURHAM AND TEAMSTERS**

Friday February 27, 2026 The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) contacted Teamsters Local 959 and offered to provide a mediator to work with the parties starting this weekend. Teamsters are hoping involvement from a mediator will help break the impasse that has been in place between Durham and Teamsters for several months.

To avoid a strike, Teamsters Local 959 will need a tentative agreement (TA) with Durham School Services by the end of the day Sunday. The participation of a federal mediator will hopefully prompt Durham to bargain in good faith and can break the parties' months-long impasse. The Teamster bargaining committee, representing the school bus workers, is ready to work all weekend, at any time, to reach an agreement. It is the school bus workers' sincere hope that we can find common ground, and avoid a strike.

Teamsters Local 959 will keep the families of the Mat-Su School District updated and will have an update on Sunday evening regarding negotiations and next steps.

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

