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DURHAM LEAVES STATE WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT TO END STRIKE

Thursday, March 19, 2026: After three weeks of striking, Durham School Services left negotiations without an agreement. Durham's negotiation team turned down the request by the Union to extend their negotiation dates and stay until the end of the week, opting to return to the lower 48 on Wednesday night.

Despite having a federal mediator available for the last three weeks, Durham has not been able to dedicate additional time or extend agreed dates to negotiate, reflecting their lack of dedication to the community. Durham has agreed to one day of negotiations on March 26, 2026, virtually. As always, Teamsters are willing to meet and negotiate any time, including weekends, with a mediator to come to an agreement.

Durham's unwillingness to make any movement or come to a negotiation session prepared will mean the strike continues as workers fight for safer, more efficient busing. Teamsters Local 959 understands the toll this strike is taking on the community and are working hard to get Durham to agree to more dates to negotiate and come to an agreement.

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

