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TEAMSTERS NEGOTIATE DEAL WITH DURHAM TO END STRIKE AND RETURN TO WORK

Wednesday, April 29, 2026: Teamsters Local 959 and Durham School Services came to a tentative agreement today for a contract that, if ratified by the membership, would end the ongoing school bus worker strike in the Mat-Su Valley. The Teamsters negotiating team will present the tentative agreement to the bargaining unit this week, and a ratification vote will be conducted. Should that vote pass, the school busing service could resume as soon as Monday, May 4, 2026.

The tentative agreement addresses healthcare and medical screening issues, essential professional development and training, and, most importantly, will lead to safer, more accountable school bus service for our community.

Teamsters want to thank the families of the Mat-Su Valley for their patience during this strike and understand the stress it has put on so many families. If ratified, this contract will improve the procedures, training, and culture, leading to safer busing for the Mat-Su School District. Please accept our biggest thank you to all who supported the strike and our members on the strike line.

We will send out another press release after the vote, which will include the date that school bus service will resume.

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

