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We are sending this joint communication to our respective members to let you know that representatives of the employer, unions, and the provincial government are working together to the best extent possible on employment-related issues and concerns arising from the quickly evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

We know there are many questions being fielded right now regarding matters such as El eligibility, continuity of work and, in some cases, employment status.

We want to assure you that we are liaising with the Ministry of Education and the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat (Ministry of Finance) to address your questions and get answers to you as quickly as possible. In particular, we appreciate the concerns regarding continuity of pay and benefits, and we are working to communicate a response on this issue that is fair and consistent with the approach in the broader public sector.

This coordinated effort will ensure that information provided to you is accurate and reliable.

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