

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

A Win For PEI's Early Learning Sector

UPSE is pleased to see the provincial government reverse its planned 25% cut and extend full funding for Pedagogical Support staff until March 2027. A special thank you to our UPSE members working in the early learning sector, including those at the Morell Early Learning Centre and Holland College Early Learning Centre, who shared their experiences and helped highlight the impact these cuts would have had on educators, children, and families.

We also want to recognize the Early Childhood Development Association of P.E.I. for their leadership and advocacy throughout this process. This is what happens when the early learning sector, workers, families, and communities speak up and stand together. UPSE will continue to advocate for stable, long-term funding and strong investment in early learning.

Karen Jackson,
UPSE President



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Convention Call: PEI Federation of Labour

The PEI Federation of Labour is hosting its 61st Annual Convention on **Friday November 6** (6:15 pm registration), **and Saturday, November 7, 2026** (9:00 am start), at Rodd Royalty, 14 Capital Drive, Charlottetown.

If you are interested in attending, please note that mileage and meals will be paid. Hotel rooms will be provided to those who reside over 40 km away from Charlottetown. Please advise the UPSE office if you require a hotel room *(or if you have special dietary needs)*.

Contact the UPSE office by **October 5, 2026** to express interest in attending the *Federation of Labour's Annual Convention*. Call **902-892-5335**, toll free **1-800-897-8773** or e-mail peiupse@peiupse.ca.



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Steward Level II

The **Steward Level II** course is an informative follow-up to the Level 1 offering.

- *knowing your membership, steward as activist, liaison between your workplace and the Union office*
- *working with your Local executive, duty of fair representation*
- *problem solving and conflict resolution*
- *understanding your role as a Steward and representing UPSE*

Date: **November 19, 2026, 9:00 to 4:00 pm** at the **UPSE office** (Contact UPSE by **November 9**, to register at **902-892-5335** or email **peiupse@peiupse.ca**)

Prerequisite: must be elected as a Steward (at a Local meeting) and have Welcome to UPSE and Steward Level I

Course: Welcome to UPSE

The **Welcome to UPSE** course is perfect for getting to know your union better.

- *learn about UPSE's history, evolution, the union's structure and how it works, and about the benefits of belonging to a Union*
- *learn about the tools you need to carry out your role within the union effectively*
- *learn about your collective agreement rights*



Date: **November 24, 2026 from 9:00 to 4:00 pm**
at the UPSE office (Contact UPSE by **November 13, 2026** to register, at **902-892-5335** or email **peiupse@peiupse.ca**).

Would you like to receive an e-copy of *The Accent*? Please contact UPSE by emailing (**peiupse@peiupse.ca**) or call the UPSE office at **902-892-5335**, or toll free at **1-800-897-8773**.

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