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Dear Students of Durham College,

In light of the recent developments over the past few days, we wanted to reach out and encourage students to not give up. The strike has gone on now for 5 weeks, and with the current legislation being tabled students may finally return to class and finish their school year properly.

DC Students Inc. understands the positions taken by OPSEU and the College Employer Council (CEC), and respects both parties' platforms. Above all, we support the return to work legislation as it puts students back in the classroom, and places education as a top priority.

We want to encourage students who have felt disenfranchised by the strike, and who may have lost hope in their education —do not give up. With the opportunity to salvage our semester before us, we must accept the challenge and persevere. As the most inspiring time in one's life, we should not let the decisions of a few people affect the future of many. We want to succeed, and we want to see our fellow students succeed. By accepting this challenge and completing the semester and the rest of your schooling, graduation will be that much more rewarding.

We want to support you, and are at every meeting with Durham College leadership to develop an assistance plan for when you finally return to class. We want to make it as easy as possible to seek assistance and guidance, and will always be here when you need to voice your concerns.

We also want to encourage DC faculty as they return to work, and show our gratitude for their dedication to student's education. Durham College is a community with a diverse population, and only works when every level of the institution works together. Now more than ever it is important for faculty and staff to work together on helping students reach their full potential, and we want to be part of the solution.

Hang in there everyone, we are here for you and we want to hear from you. Please let us know how you are feeling and how we can help by contacting us at [dcsi@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:dcsi@durhamcollege.ca).

Yours truly,

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