



Still no movement

Your Central/Unified and Corrections Bargaining Teams continue to meet at the negotiating table. Unfortunately, the employer is still refusing to move off of their opening monetary positions despite our best attempts to persuade them otherwise.

Last Saturday, the Central/Unified team met with the conciliator who is there to provide assistance. However, given that the two sides are still extremely far apart, any help that the conciliator has been able to provide is limited, at best.

We are getting their attention

We thank all the members who staged workplace actions, demonstrations and MPP pickets this week. While it has not yet produced any movement at the bargaining tables, it is definitely getting the employers attention.

We need to continue and increase the pressure. Please continue holding as many actions and demonstrations as possible. We know that many members have already stepped down from acting management positions. **We ask, again, that ALL members step down from any acting management assignments at this time and return to their home bargaining unit positions.**

Your teams need every bit of help we can get to negotiate a fair and reasonable collective agreement.

The employer and the union have agreed we won't bargain Essential and Emergency Services prior to January 19, **a deadline the employer insisted upon.** This does not necessarily mean EESA bargaining will start on the 19th. It means the two sides will not negotiate EES agreements prior to the 19th. Notwithstanding this, our mandate is to negotiate a collective agreement, not a strike. Our intent is to stay at the bargaining table and continue to make every effort to negotiate an agreement.

Stay tuned

OPSEU Communications will send out bargaining bulletins with updated information during OPS negotiations.

Stay informed, get involved, and show your solidarity. Together we will get a fair and decent contract!!

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