Bargaining Bulletin

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OSSTF/FEESO Central Bargaining Update

This week, OSSTF/FEESO met at the Education Worker central bargaining table with representatives from the government and the Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA) on October 10. From October 11-12, we met with representatives from the government and Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA) at the Teacher/Occasional Teacher central bargaining table.

Negotiations at the Education Worker central table were very productive as the parties reached agreement on many outstanding issues and identified those items that will likely be sent to binding interest arbitration.

Meaningful discussions also took place at the Teacher/Occasional Teacher central table on several important issues for Member working conditions and student learning conditions. OSSTF/FEESO is hopeful that more progress will be made at the central bargaining tables as we continue to bargain centrally until October 27.

As set out in the bargaining pathway that Members voted in favour of last month, any outstanding items at central bargaining will be sent to binding arbitration after October 27. Local bargaining will continue with school board employers up to March 28. Any unresolved local issues will also go to binding arbitration as per the agreed upon bargaining pathway with the government.

In addition to discussions at the central tables, OSSTF/FEESO is also working with the Crown to secure a date for arbitration on a remedy for wages lost under Bill 124. More information will be shared once a date has been confirmed.

Future Bargaining Dates

OSSTF/FEESO's remaining central bargaining dates are October 19, 23, and 24.

You can find more information on voluntary binding interest arbitration the <u>Bargaining Pathway</u> page in the Members-only section of OSSTF/FEESO website as well as an <u>article on logging into myOSSTF</u> and ensuring your contact details are up to date.

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