

# What's happening with your Teachers' pension?

A message to OTPP members from OPSEU Local 598  
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**C**ollective bargaining is about give and take – two sides working together to find solutions both can live with. Sadly, management at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan doesn't get it.

In bargaining with its own staff, the OTPP has refused to budge since January. Even an 85 per cent strike vote hasn't moved management.

The OTPP had a banner year in 2005, earning a \$14.1 billion (with a "b") return on investments. Unionized staff played a big role in that success.

**We're part of the plan! The annual cost to run the entire plan is less than one per cent of 2005 earnings. We want management to recognize our contribution to the success of the plan – and start bargaining.**



## **You can help us kick-start bargaining and end the strike at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Here's how:**

Our strike began April 22. There are three things you can do right now to help get us back on the job:

- 1) Sign the online petition. Log onto our site at [www.local598.ca](http://www.local598.ca) and click on "get involved" to sign.
- 2) Call the OTPP at the number below. Ask to speak to CEO Claude Lamoureux. Tell him you expect him to get back to the bargaining table and bargain fairly with his staff. Tell him you don't want your pension contributions used to pay scabs.
- 3) Call the OTPP. Demand to speak to a live person to get the service you pay for. Ask one of these questions:
  - Why is OTPP management unwilling to return to the negotiating table but willing to interrupt service at this most crucial time of the year?
  - How does the OTPP plan to recover from a work stoppage and its effect on the rest of the year?
  - How is the OTPP providing "outstanding service today and retirement security tomorrow" with all departments, from Client Services to Quality Assurance, at a standstill?

The members of OPSEU Local 598 administer your pension plan and invest your pension contributions on a daily basis.

We take pride in serving the teachers of Ontario, and we want to keep on doing it. With your help, we can end the strike and get back to providing the high standard of service you've got a right to expect.

Please help. Call the OTPP at (416) 226-2700 or (toll-free) at 1-800-668-0105.

In solidarity,  
OPSEU Local 598