



Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

Enough is Enough!

Remember the last round of bargaining? *Who could forget!*

The last round of bargaining for the CBS Support Unit took 18 months — that's too long. The employer came to the table demanding huge concessions and takeaways, including completely gutting the job security language. It took a 97 per cent strike vote to keep the current agreement intact!

Who are they coming after this time?

The bargaining teams meets with the employer **April 21** (for the Support Unit) and **April 27** (for the Technologist Unit). Past experience tells us that they will come to the table wanting more concessions, especially around job security and hours of work.

The employer's best interests definitely do not include us. Ask the full-time Clinic Assistants in Toronto who were laid off only to have their jobs posted as part-time!



We're getting ready!

CBS Mobilizers receive training
March 30 in Toronto.

What can you do?

It's time for everyone to join the team in this round of bargaining by supporting your bargaining teams every way you can. We need your strong voice behind us to pressure the employer to negotiate a fair settlement. Show your Bargaining Teams they have your strong and undivided support.

We will not wait 18 months this time. The only way to make the

employer take us seriously is to stage a province-wide strike vote in early May. It's time to stand up and show just how strong and valuable we really are!

Your CBS Bargaining Teams

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