



Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

Support calls for ‘no board’ Legal strike position likely to be July 21st

After almost 30 hours of bargaining on June 28 and 29, your bargaining team asked the conciliator for a No Board Report. We expect the report will be released by the end of next week, placing us in a legal strike position on or near July 21. As soon as the No Board Report is issued, we will announce the actual strike date.

While we have made progress, major issues are still outstanding. These include job security, health and safety, the creation of full-time jobs and the protection of existing full-time positions.

We have also tabled with the Employer a comprehensive wage and benefits package that addresses the concerns you originally raised at local demand setting meetings.

At this critical stage in the

bargaining process, your team is unable to give you more specifics, since we do not want to jeopardize our bargaining strategy.

We are continuing to meet with the Employer. Our next bargaining dates are July 6 and 7 and July 14 and 15.

Our goal is to keep up the pressure so that these dates can be used to secure a deal.

Thanks to all of our mobilizers and volunteers! You have been doing a terrific job passing on information and getting the strike

committees up and running. Your hard work and the support of the entire membership are contributing to our success. We cannot let our guard down now!

Reminder:

If you haven't already filled out your Membership Personal Information Form (MPIF), please do so as soon as possible. You can contact a member of your strike committee if you need a copy of the MPIF.

Bloodletters is your direct communication resource from the OPSEU bargaining teams and is intended to keep you up to date and informed on bargaining developments. *Bloodletters* is your only accurate source of bargaining team information during this round of bargaining. If you do not read it here, you cannot be sure it is true. Do not rely on gossip and rumours. We will provide the facts. *Bloodletters* will be available by e-mail and on the OPSEU website at <http://www.opseu.org/bps/health/cbs/index.htm>

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