



Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

Bargaining team seeks strong mandate – Vote Yes!

The bargaining team for the CBS provincial support unit is calling on all unit members to get out and vote Yes in the forthcoming strike votes.

After 10 days at the bargaining table, the union team continues to resist pressure by the employer to make concessions to the hours of work, overtime and consecutive weekends.



“This employer is not prepared to reach a settlement with our members” says Brenda Thompson, president of local 210 and chair of the bargaining team.

It’s time to increase the pressure so that when we meet in conciliation management will be prepared to reach a deal. With a strong strike vote we can head back to the table with a mandate to tell the employer to back off its position.

The next conciliation dates are scheduled for June 23, 24 and 25 with conciliation officer J. Quinn assigned to help the parties reach a settlement.

Members can attend bargaining information sessions and strike votes around the province. For the exact time and location of a strike vote near you please visit:

http://www.opseu.org/bps/health/cbs/Bloodletters%20v3%20Issue4%2022May2009_b.pdf

Let’s demonstrate our solidarity. Show CBS that you expect a fair deal at the table.

VOTE YES!

I will authorize the bargaining team to call a strike if necessary in order to achieve an acceptable collective agreement.

In Solidarity,

Brenda Thompson, Local 210 Chair
Cathie Bergie-Richards, Local 160
John (Reid) Macdonald, Local 477
Cindy Kissick, Local 5103
Tom Goddard, Local 5103

Please post and circulate!

Approved for distribution by
Warren (Smokey) Thomas, OPSEU President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Thomas".

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