

## Wear black on Friday

Your OPSEU leadership team is asking members at MPAC to wear black on Friday, March 21. We've declared it a Day of Mourning to mark the loss of the latest group of our co-workers to the Futures downsizing plan.

## Grievance issues

Layoff grievances resulting from the Feb. 21 surplus are our highest priority now and are being fast-tracked.

If you have a Futures Job Competition grievance in, get your file ready. Collect:

- your files, resumes, and PAR stories used;
- the location you requested, if asked;
- results of the post-interview check with your manager (if you had one); and
- anything else you feel is relevant.

If you have more than one competition grievance in, please prioritize them. If you have the job you like and don't want to pursue a grievance, let your steward know. The UMC contacts will be contacting the stewards.

Help us help you and settle your grievance faster by doing the following:

- If you need to call a team member, call the one assigned to your office.
- Use your shop steward to keep in touch with your team contact – more than one person in your office may have the same question.
- Don't call Ann Lee unless she has contacted you – we need her to be working on grievances.
- Don't call OPSEU lawyers unless they contact you. When there is news, you'll know.

## OPSEU Convention

Plan to attend the MPAC caucus meeting on April 3 at 12:00 noon, in the Region 3 hospitality suite.

## Health & Safety

Please report back to us about the status of your

Local Health and Safety Committee. Do you have an active committee? Are there certified members on it?

## BPS Conference

Info on OPSEU's Broader Public Service conference this June will soon be mailed out to highest-ranking BPS members in each Local. The MPAC group in each Local is entitled to send a delegate (or more if the Local has over 100 MPAC members). Ask your highest-ranking Local BPS member for details.

## Keep in touch!

To keep in touch with your OPSEU union-management committee, contact the member responsible for communication with your office. For confidentiality, please use our home e-mail addresses, listed below:

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