

STRIKING TIMES

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Day 15

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MANAGEMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE SEMESTER COMPLETION STRATEGY REVEALED TODAY

All eyes will be focused on the Sault College cafeteria at 2 p.m. when Senior Management announces its detailed plan of semester completion for each and every student in each and every program. **It will, no doubt, be complex and thorough and each student will leave with a clear indication of where (s)he stands.** Hmm. After the Colleges' bold show of solidarity last week with their announcements trumpeted province-wide in the press, it is left for each individual college to strut its stuff. **They have offered a guarantee!! The minister has spoken of quality being the paramount consideration!!**

What's the betting at Sault College that the following scenario takes place?

Tim gives a State of the Union address that is conciliatory to everyone: "We have your best interests at heart ... shame that the faculty did not accept the 12.6% pay increase ...we have a plan ...and here's Judi!"

Judi gives an academic overview: "If the strike goes on so long we will possibly do this...if it goes on longer, then we might do something else...and, even if we have to cancel the month of August and change the date of Christmas, then we will do that... Now each program will meet with the Dean who will give the specifics."

Deans set up times to meet up with each program cluster but will be not be available "at this point" to give specifics.

Questions??

(This is just a guess!!)

We will not delay vehicles entering or leaving the College after noon today. We will walk the line as usual, but students must go to their meeting with no negative picket-crossing experiences.

SANTA? ...THE EASTER BUNNY ?
THE TOOTH FAIRY?

...No, it's Paycheck Peter distributing his goodwill from the trailer between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., so in between the Wienerfest and other picket line activities, drop in to see him.

BIG RALLY ON THURSDAY 4.P.M.

Each college in the province will have a rally. We are inviting all school teachers from all local boards, members of all OPSEU and CUPE locals and others to join us in a show of solidarity against hiring replacement workers to do our jobs. The focus is on the quality of education in all of its offerings. We are encouraging all of you who know of part time or sessional teachers in your department at the College to ask them to join us, too.

Get the word out to anyone who finds that strikebreaking activities are reprehensible and may want to join us!! Feel free to make up new picket posters.

Check out the “Members Only” section of the OPSEU 613 site. You might see yourself in “Walk the Line” Frozen Photos.

AWARDS NIGHT: The official union position is that this is a College function we will not attend. Furthermore, we do not want to be a presence that might lead to argument or disruption.

After we hear what has happened at the meeting this afternoon with the students, we'll be able to give you some "Tim Bytes."