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The McGuinty government announced an increase of more than \$100 million in operating funding for colleges this year and set a long-term schedule for fiscal improvement through to 2009-10.

The colleges are constantly telling us how valuable we are. Flush with this new funding, you'd think the colleges would stop playing poor and come to the table with an increase that reflects this value. In short, now that they can, we are suggesting they should put their money where their mouth is.

But that's not the case.

Our proposed wage increase for the first year is less than 10 per cent of the \$100 million dollars.

In fact, our demands amount to less than what it cost the colleges to give management their whopping increases last year.

Should we accept less than inflation as the gap widens between management and support staff? Do we need to earn less in real dollars so that management can earn more?

We are being reasonable. Our proposals will not put the colleges in financial difficulty.

Support Staff are tired of seeing scraps of what is leftover once other employee groups get their wage increases.

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When the colleges asked for our support towards their campaign for increased public funding, we were there. Now that they can finally afford to recognize our contributions, where are they?

On August 4, vote no to this contract offer, and vote yes to back your team with a strike vote.

On August 4
Vote NO to the offer
Yes to the strike mandate

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