

It's about Support



Bargaining news for OPSEU members in CAAT Support Issue sheet

Cheap labour?

For years, the colleges have been hiring folks, mostly students, over the summer to work, mostly at minimum wage.

Now an arbitration award out of Sault College says that all the terms and conditions of our collective agreement apply to “persons employed temporarily during the College vacation periods.”

The arbitration means that we represent these summer workers. This is great good news on two fronts.

It gives us a chance to get a much better deal for student workers. And it enables us to limit the way the colleges can undercut our bargaining unit.

We're up for the challenge, but watch for the colleges to resist.

Watch for the colleges to cut summer workers back under 24 hours a week so they can keep them out of the union and out of our contract.

Watch for the colleges to say it only applies to Sault College.

Watch for them to resist in the courts. Watch for them to stall in every way they can.

And watch us stand up for these workers. Now that we have the opportunity to represent them, we'll do our best to show them how a union can make working life better.

Getting a good deal for them is a good deal for all of us.

Not if we can help it!

For more information: www.opseu.org or talk to your local president.

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