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OSBCC Bargaining Update 2012

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Sisters and Brothers:

As we move forward in this process, we remain committed to keeping you informed and thank you for your ongoing support. It is vital to the success of any provincial bargaining effort that we stay in constant communication and keep members up-to-date.

On Sunday, March 25, CUPE school board local presidents, OSBCC committee members and alternates and CUPE staff assigned to school boards participated in a conference call. The purpose of the call was to give an update on where things stand at the bargaining table but also to ensure that everyone had a clear understanding of the government's proposals.

The bargaining committee met for three days last week to review information received from the government. We also reviewed the proposals you endorsed for central bargaining at the OSBCC conference and are well-prepared to present and discuss them.

A meeting with the government and school board trustee associations is scheduled for Monday, April 2 where we will exchange proposals. We have requested and are waiting for confirmation of additional dates.

Part of the meeting was also spent with government facilitators who presented a technical briefing on their sick leave proposal. We asked a number of questions about how the plan would work and remain astounded by the government's inability to answer these questions. In a nutshell, there is nothing we learned that makes this proposal any more interesting to us.

Many thanks to the Bargaining Support Committee for their work in coordinating member mobilization efforts in their areas. It is essential each local develop mechanisms for communicating directly and quickly with their members.

Please share our written bulletins with members in your locals, if you have not already done so and be on the lookout for future updates.

In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee

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