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## CUPE Ontario to join Carleton U workers' strike with election call for more post-secondary funding

**OTTAWA, Ont.** – Leaders from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Ontario will join striking Carleton University workers on the picket lines today to highlight the Ontario government's continued and severe underfunding of post-secondary education.

"CUPE workers should not continue to be short-changed by the Carleton administration and backed against a wall every two years when it comes time to negotiate their contracts," says Fred Hahn, Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE Ontario. "Nor should these workers bear the brunt of successive policies by the Liberal and Conservative governments that have led to Ontario being ranked second-last in provincial funding for post-secondary education."

The 700 professional, office, technical and support staff represented by CUPE 2424 set up picket lines on Wednesday, September 5. Carleton's administration has offered CUPE workers far less than the wage settlement they recently awarded faculty. The administration has forced CUPE workers to a strike deadline in every contract negotiation for the last 10 years.

At this media conference:

Date: Thursday, September 6, 2007  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Carleton University  
Main Entrance – Bronson & Sunnyside  
(in front of picketers)

Speakers will include:

- Fred Hahn, Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Ontario
- Janice Folk-Dawson, Chair of CUPE Ontario's University Workers' Coordinating Committee (OUWCC)
- Spokesperson from CUPE 2424

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