

## **Professional Services Bargaining Unit**

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Your Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU) bargaining committee was scheduled to meet with the employer last week. However, we mutually agreed to postpone this session.

We still have several non-monetary proposals to resolve but the major outstanding issue is the monetary offer currently on the table.

As most of you are aware, the government has held firm on its wage mandate, leaving the employer little room to negotiate. Some unions are currently on strike or locked out because they are frustrated with the government's position. Others, including SGEU's Public Service/Government Employment bargaining unit, are currently voting on whether or not to accept an agreement that includes zeros in the wage offer. We, and other elected leaders in SGEU, will monitor the vote results, and with input from our members, we can determine the best course of action for PSBU and other bargaining units (who are still at the bargaining table).

Although your bargaining committee is ready to return to the bargaining table to press for resolution of the remaining issues, the speed at which we are able to reach a tentative agreement can be shortened if the government changes its mandate to allow for a fair and reasonable monetary offer for our members.

We will continue to provide updates to our members about the status of bargaining, and will advise you as soon as we reach a tentative agreement we feel comfortable taking out to the membership for a ratification vote.

Please be sure you have submitted a personal email address to SGEU at [MIS@sgeu.org](mailto:MIS@sgeu.org) so you receive the most up-to-date information about bargaining and other important matters.

In solidarity,  
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