



THE QUEST FOR STRIKE MANDATES!

Last week, the CSN Federations and CSQ decision-making bodies, within the context of the ongoing public sector negotiations, launched a consultation exercise amongst their affiliated Unions' general meetings to secure a strike mandate. They are not alone, seeing as all the Common Front components are doing the same in their quest for strike mandates. The consultation process is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

WHY A STRIKE?

At a certain point in negotiations, your bargaining committees, both the ASPPC committee and the one representing you at central bargaining table, need the tools to increase their clout and leverage. As to be expected, the

Couillard Government, in negotiations, demonstrates the same intransigence as in their application of their notorious austerity measures. Negotiations may well have been going on for nearly nine months now, but nothing has really been resolved. Things just have to get moving!

The strike is a means to readjust the balance of power between government employees and the Government within the framework of modernizing their working conditions. It is the ultimate instrument, set out in the law, that enables us to express our frustration regarding the contempt that this Government shows us. Even if we don't eventually exercise our right to strike, the fact that we would secure mandates to

do so, would already give our bargaining teams more clout and leverage at their respective tables. Without this weapon, we would find ourselves in a position of weakness.

IT'S NOW OUR TURN...

The Federations now have their mandates... but the general memberships meetings are the ones who will have the final say! It's up to us, we teachers, to speak up loud and clear that we want to put an immediate stop to management's aspirations to roll back our working conditions.

It's up to us to stand tall and make it perfectly clear that we will not let the Couillard Government pull the plug on our job security system, our retirement, or

our professional autonomy. It's up to us to vote convincingly to tell them that we deserve better than salary offers that aren't more generous than 3% over 5 years! It's up to us to defend the college system and accessibility to graduate programs all across the Province. It's up to us to say an emphatic NO to the proliferation of job insecurity, already too present in our ranks, NO to it becoming even more widespread!

Let's show up in huge numbers at our general meetings to vote in favour of convincing strike mandates, to provide the tools to our bargaining committees and thereby boost our clout and leverage!

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AVEC nous DANS LA RUE!



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MANIFESTATION DU FRONT COMMUN

Rassemblement au parc
du Mont-Royal (coin Parc et des Pins)
Montréal, 3 octobre 2015
à 12 h

LIST OF THE UNIONS WITH STRIKE MANDATES

Syndicat des professeurs du Collège Gérald-Godin

Syndicat des enseignantes et enseignants du Cégep Montmorency

Syndicat du personnel enseignant du Cégep de Sherbrooke – CSN

Syndicat des professeurs du Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel du Vieux Montréal

Syndicat des enseignantes et enseignants du Cégep de Drummondville

NEW WEB SITE

It's henceforth possible to view all the material produced in connection with sector-based bargaining for CEGEP teachers on the Web site at: www.profsennego.org.

WITH US IN THE STREET!

While we're preparing ourselves to go on strike, it's essential that we demonstrate our strength and determination to the Treasury Board, we the 400,000 workers that make up the Common Front. On October 3, let's show up in force, thousands and thousands of us in the streets of Montreal for the national demonstration!

INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

Next October 5, International Teachers Day will be taking place. While we're right in the midst of negotiations, this will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of our solidarity. We will be putting up picket lines that will be disbanded once courses begin. For more details, please contact your Union.

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