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**Update for Local presidents – please share with CUPE local members**

### Bargaining just got real

Your central bargaining team met Tuesday and Wednesday this week with the Crown and the Council of Trustees' Association (CTA). The tone of the sessions held this week were markedly different from previous dates.

With "housekeeping matters" dealt with and out of the way, the parties began to deal in earnest with some of the substantive bargaining priorities, including job security and sick leave.

There was some plain speaking on both sides of the table when talk turned to sick leave. CUPE members will understand that we cannot reveal details about proposals or discussions, but we can be absolutely clear – as we have been with the CTA and the Crown – that CUPE bargains *forward* – and that means **no concessions**.

On job security, OSBCU-CUPE is linking the issue directly to the services we provide to our students, schools and communities. It is our position that strong job security language provides stable, quality, publicly funded, publicly delivered services.

We return to the table on July 29 and 30 for additional talks.

In Solidarity,



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