REPORT ON BARGAINING

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As you are aware our current Collective Agreement expired on August 31, 2016. Over the past few months, your Bargaining Committee members have been meeting and preparing for the bargaining process, as well as fielding various questions from the membership regarding the progress in collective bargaining and the status of the situation. To ensure all members are as informed as possible about the bargaining process, the Bargaining Committee provides the following summary of events to date.

Earlier this fall, bargaining dates were tentatively set by Management and provided to the Bargaining Committee. These dates were late in October and two sets of dates in November. Early in October, Management confirmed postponement of the first set of bargaining dates, and shortly thereafter, confirmed cancellation of all scheduled bargaining dates. The Bargaining Committee recognizes that the Cabinet shuffle that occurred, in conjunction with, the appointment of a new Minister of Education, may have been some of the contributing factors that lead to the cancellation in bargaining dates.

As of this date, Management has not proposed any new bargaining dates. However, the Bargaining Committee is anticipating new proposed bargaining dates in early 2017. Your Bargaining Committee is prepared to begin bargaining anytime and looks forward to negotiating a new Collective Agreement as soon as possible.

We remind all members that the current Collective Agreement, even though expired, remains in force and active until a new Collective Agreement can be achieved and ratified by the membership and all parties. Then, and only then, will the current Collective Agreement cease to be in effect.

Should anyone have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of your Bargaining Chairs or our SGEU Labour Relations Officer.

We would like to extend greetings for a joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

In Solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee Members,

Marney Robinson, North West College Lisa Cadieux de Larios, Parkland College Brigitte Monteith, Great Plains College Debbie Turgeon, Southeast College Lynette Gerski, Cumberland College Doreen Stevens, Carlton Trail College Kathy Mahussier, Labour Relations Officer, SGEU