



Upcoming dates:

March 31st, 2015 – last of province-wide strike votes completed

April 1st, 2015 – case management hearing at the OLRB regarding central bargaining

November 23rd, 2015 – charter challenge (with other unions) on Bill 115

March 2015

Strike votes in full swing

Thanks to all those locals who have already held their strike votes. Turnout has been robust across the province so far. Once the last locals have held their votes on March 31st, we'll tally the results and we'll decide how best to communicate out results centrally.

It has been impressive to watch how quickly all of you have been mobilizing and heeding our call to “negotiate to settle, prepare to strike.” We know that a strong, clear strike mandate is the best way to back ourselves up at the bargaining table.

Concessions at the other tables

News shared by our colleagues at the teacher federations about what they are facing at their bargaining tables has only confirmed our sense that we are heading for a very rough round of negotiations. The government management team has tabled big concessions at the OECTA table. Given the resistance we've faced to even discussing several of our issues at the central table, we expect to face similar concessionary demands.

Dispute resolution process at the OLRB

As you know, we have invoked the dispute resolution process through the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) in an attempt to reach agreement on what is bargained centrally vs. what is bargained locally. The management team's submissions are in and we now have a case management date at the Board: April 1st, 2015. We'll communicate out shortly after that with any updates.

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