

August 30, 2007

Dear Local 2748 Member,

Your Professional Social Services bargaining team met with the State's negotiators this week to continue talks on non-economic issues.

Discussion involved professional development matters and how to incorporate arbitration decisions into the contract language, so that both our members and their managers have a clear understanding of employee rights.

The Union intends to preserve the valuable educational benefits which are available to Professional Social Services members.

Our bargaining team also met with this week in preparation for upcoming negotiations concerning home based workers in DHFS.

The major battle concerning the state budget is still being played out at the Capitol. It is important to keep in mind that bargaining for wage increases can not take place until that process is finished.

We need all union members to continue their contacts with individual State Senators and Assembly Representatives. Please tell them to maintain the compensation reserve fund as proposed in the Governor's budget and to reject attacks on sick leave, health insurance and our pensions.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts so far. Your continued involvement is critical to a successful outcome.

In Solidarity,

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Amy Huss
Bill Brockmiller
Dave Kopplin
Laura Welle