

Public-Sector Negotiations: Where Do We Stand?

Negotiation meetings at the central table and the sectoral tables continued over the summer. Topics discussed at the central table included, in particular, the issues of skilled workers and salary relativity. Discussions were effective. However, very little progress was made in the identification of possible grounds for agreement, since employer negotiators don't have any real leeway.

Delegates of the CSQ General Negotiations Council will meet on September 2 to assess the situation and decide on seeking strike mandates. This meeting will mark the beginning of the second phase of bargaining, during which pressure tactics will be intensified, possibly including the exercise of the mandates secured.

What you can do

Achieving this objective means defining a bargaining strategy, but above all it means sustaining the bargaining power required to conclude a new labour contract. This fall, you will be frequently asked to turn out in large numbers to take part in a range of job actions and union assemblies. Your participation will be very important because it is at the heart of the mobilization required for successful negotiations.

Demonstration L'école à bout de bras



Members of the CSQ-affiliated school network federations, i.e., the FSE-CSQ, the FPPE-CSQ and the FPSS-CSQ, demonstrated on August 25, in front of the Montréal offices of the Premier of Québec. The demonstrators reminded him that they have been bearing the weight of the school system for several years and denounced the dismantling of Québec's public education system. Consult the [press release](#).

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