

IUOE Bargaining Unit 12 Negotiations Update #8 – June 4, 2020

We met again with the State on Thursday, June 4th. The State finally had their proposals in written format. Up until now, their proposals were just conceptual. As we expected, they proposed the PLP Program which involves a 16 hour (9.24%) cut in pay each month with the employees getting 16 hours of PLP leave time each month in exchange for the cut. They also proposed suspending the employees' contribution to OPEB for the length of the PLP Program. The length of the contract extension would be for twelve months. They proposed covering the 80/20 split for the health care increases in January if there are any. And they proposed having a contract reopener in the event they are successful in getting more federal stimulus monies or there is a significant improvement in the economy which results in an increased flow of revenues into the State coffers.

In light of the Senate and Assembly's desire not to cut State workers' pay as we have heard in the last couple of days, we will be closely monitoring the budget discussions between them and the Governor until the budget deadline of June 15th.

Keep those phone calls going to your local elected officials and let them know that this budget should not be balanced on State employees' backs.

And remind them that they are not going to have their pay cut so why should our members have theirs cut.

We return to the table next Wednesday and Thursday.

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