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Members Update for August 22nd, 2022

OSBCU Leadership Conference - Over the weekend, Michelle Madley, Laurie Penner and myself were in Toronto all weekend for an OSBCU Conference on the state of our Central Bargaining progress, the possibility of a Central Strike and many other current issues. I want to thank Michelle and Laurie for giving up an entire weekend and family time to stay informed and up to date and also for helping me (after being away without cell service for a week) to get caught up on everything myself. It's members like these two strong women who make our Local what it is and keep everything running for all of us. If nobody gave up some time or their talents and sat back and just waited for things to be handed to them – nothing would ever get done.

I can share with you that Local leaders from across the province unanimously approved a call for Locals to take a Central Strike Vote in September from all 55,000 OSBCU members. That doesn't mean we are going on strike no matter what Skinny Jeans Lecce says in the media. It means that every single one of you will have the opportunity to tell this government what you think of their ridiculous proposed wage increases, job security language, staffing levels and supports for students.

IF we are in a position to strike, there are a TON of things that need to be done. We need people to take attendance on picket lines, monitor what's happening, deal with problems, direct media questions to the proper people, etc etc. It doesn't matter what your seniority is – if you want to be involved, we will find you a place to help out! You can contact Laurie Penner at

We've got a great start with a great team but we can always use more helping hands to get it done. YOU can be part of that team which will be the glue that holds us together if we are on strike. If you're interested or just want to know more about being a picket captain without signing up and committing to it – there's a meeting tonight at 6pm you should log in and listen to.

You'll need to register for the meeting here -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdeivriMpEt0npDUbfxEHXYsWh4UBOKu4>

I hope you've all been getting the OSBCU updates and staying up to date with what's going on. I was disgusted at the government's response to our proposals and that's why I cut my vacation short early to be in Toronto this weekend – because our jobs are at stake, our ability to enjoy life is at stake, our ability to provide for our families is at stake. And I'm not about to believe this government's BS offers that there's no money for us without a fight to make it better for every single one of us. I hope you'll join me in standing up for us.

I'll have a more comprehensive update for you later this week but for now, I'm going to try and enjoy the next few days before returning to work.....

Cheers,

Blake