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Aramark VCHA bargaining committee reviews vote results and next steps

Committee members and staff to take stock of members' key concerns, with goal of reaching a negotiated settlement

HEU members working for Aramark in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority recently voted 51 per cent to reject the terms of settlement negotiated in a proposed collective agreement with their employer.

The bargaining committee will meet on June 4 to review and discuss the key issues that members raised throughout the ratification process. This includes challenges with the locations and times of ratification meetings.

It is important for members to know that Aramark has confirmed that they will return to the bargaining table.

HEU's position is that additional negotiations are a necessary next step, rather than issuing strike notice, at this time. Aramark has not indicated to the union that they plan to issue a lock-out notice.

HEU maintains the expectation that the best outcome for members will be achieved through a negotiated settlement with the employer.

All votes were counted and announced on May 26. Members working for Compass in the Vancouver Island Health Authority also voted to reject the terms of settlement. Their bargaining committee will review members' concerns, with the goal of reaching a negotiated settlement.

HEU members working for Sodexo in the Vancouver Coastal and Fraser health authorities, and at several stand-alone sites, voted to accept the terms of their agreement. Members employed by Compass in the Provincial Health Services Authority also voted in favour of ratification.

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A message for members on access to bargaining news

Members have recently raised concerns about the distribution of comprehensive reports and other bargaining information. The union takes these issues seriously and places a high priority on member communications.

Work is being done to determine why bargaining information did not reach all members as planned, and how improvements can be made as bargaining goes forward.

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