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HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

THE HEART OF HEALTH CARE

HEU's PE encourages members to ratify tentative agreement

Votes to take place over the next two weeks

The HEU Provincial Executive is recommending that members vote in favour of ratifying a tentative agreement reached with B.C.'s health employers earlier this week.

PE members from across B.C. gathered Friday in Richmond to review the tentative contract reached with health employers and to plan for ratification meetings that will take place over the next two weeks.

"The leadership of this union set out to achieve a negotiated settlement that members can support," says HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

"We've accomplished that goal by bargaining an agreement that provides decent wage increases, recognition of our roles on the health care team, and better ways to tackle workload.

"There's also better protection for jobs and services through a lower average annual cap

on contracting out, enhanced severance and expanded job opportunities for those who've lost their jobs to privatization."

In preparation for ratification votes that will start Wednesday, March 22 and conclude March 30, comprehensive reports on the terms of settlement are being distributed to locals this week.

The report is also available at www.heu.org along with a series of fact sheets on specific areas of the settlement.

"It's been a long time since HEU members have had an opportunity to vote on the renewal of their contract," says Darcy.

"I encourage every single member of this union to study the settlement, attend their local meeting – and vote."

Check your local bulletin board for details on the ratification meeting being held at your local.

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