

# Nego Bulletin

## Recent Progress at Sectoral Tables

FNEEQ made significant progress at the sectoral negotiation table on the weekend. It was successful in getting our employer to drop many of its outstanding demands that threatened teachers' working conditions, including greater restrictions on the acquisition of tenure, the defunding of union release from the teaching allocation, and restrictions on eligibility for short-term disability insurance for new teachers.

At the same time, FNEEQ has managed to keep main tenets of its demands on the table: greater job security for Continue Education teachers and resources for their participation in departmental activities; extra resources for students with disabilities and/or special needs; and the reduction of maximum CI to 85 from 88 for all teachers.

With most of our employer's regressive demands out of the way, our negotiators are confident that they are well-positioned to make some real gains at the sectoral table, where our demands will finally get the attention they deserve. FNEEQ holds steadfast to its position that new resources must be injected into the system in any deal that we accept. Talks are ongoing this week.

## Mobilization turns to Central Table

With significant breakthroughs at the sectoral table for FNEEQ (which corresponded with similar breakthroughs in other sectors such as health and social services), JACFA will turn its mobilization efforts in the coming days to our Central Table demands.

While the government has ceded on some of their positions on pension reform, they have budged little on salaries. Their current offer of **0, 1%, 1%, 1%, 0 salary increase is simply unacceptable**, because it means the **continued impoverishment of workers**, this, after years of public sector wage increases that have not kept up with real cost of living increases. While they are crying poor, the government is [doling out \\$billions](#) to multinational corporations such as Bombardier—the same company that [laid off 1750 Canadian workers](#) just this year, and hiding \$ billions in what they call a “Generations Fund” (more details on this in the coming days).