



# Ontario Council of Educational Workers (OCEW) Bargaining Update

October 26, 2015

On Friday, Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Minister of Education held a meeting with representatives from ETFO, OSSTF and CUPE.

The OCEW was not invited.

We are deeply disappointed with the government's lack of respect for our members. Representatives from the government offered a sincere apology in person to OCEW representatives. The rationale offered for our exclusion was that only those unions currently in a legal strike position and conducting job actions were included.

Subsequent to the meeting, Premier Wynne announced the government will take action against ETFO, OSSTF and CUPE members if settlements are not reached by November 1, 2015. These actions include a reduction in pay and other changes in the terms of employment.

We have sought and received assurance from the government that these actions **DO NOT** apply to members represented by the OCEW.

The OCEW met in Toronto with the Council of Trustees Association and the Crown on October 22nd and 23rd and made some progress at the bargaining table.

OCEW continues to bargain in good faith and have scheduled additional central negotiation dates for October 29th and November 3rd.

*The Ontario Council of Educational Workers is a partnership of unions committed to achieving a strong central collective agreement for its constituent members who do critical work in Ontario's education sector.*