

## Some Progress Made in Bargaining, Dates Secured for Next Week

On Wednesday and Thursday, the CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team conducted bargaining on wages with the NB Treasury Board.

After frustrating but productive sessions, the CUPE Team met Premier Blaine Higgs on Thursday Afternoon. Every provincial CUPE leader told the Premier that the path to successful bargaining is through wage increases. He was receptive to members' frustration in their workplaces and their inability to keep up with increases in the cost of living.

Future bargaining dates were secured for next week, starting on Tuesday, August 31.

Despite this encouraging movement, we must continue our strike vote preparation efforts, in order to support the Centralized Bargaining Team's push for a fair deal.

In Solidarity,

*The CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team*

**BARGAINING FORWARD**

