## Frustrating Exchanges - Government is Not Taking Members' Needs Seriously Enough

Two weeks ago, we were invited by the Premier to bargain centrally on general economic increases. We agreed to this, in good faith, to reach fair wages for all.

Though Premier Higgs left us last week with the impression that negotiations would be productive, what happened today is another story. We are very disappointed to tell you that the employer demands rollbacks on benefits and no fair general economic increases for our members.

This was insulting and unreasonable. Does Premier Higgs not understand how tired, angry, and frustrated our members are? Our bargaining team maintained their position that the central bargaining team will negotiate on general economic increases and told the employer to come back with a real offer as soon as possible.

In Solidarity,

The CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team

**BARGAINING FORWARD** 

