

WPAS STRIKE IS OVER

September 27, 2017

OPEIU Local 8 reached a *Tentative Agreement* with Welfare and Pension Administration Services, Inc. that was ratified by the strikers this past Monday, September 25, 2017. WPAS members voted overwhelmingly to accept the TA and return to work the next day, Tuesday, September 26. The strike was finally over after nearly 5 weeks.

Sadly, WPAS owners abruptly fired 10 of the strikers before they could return to work. Within hours after the strikers ratified their new contract, 10 workers – all of them women – were handed boxes with their personal belongings and told to leave when they showed up to work. Most had worked at WPAS for over 15 years and one member has been there for 30 years!

WPAS owners make their money from administrating Union Health and Pension Trusts. Shame on them! OPEIU Local 8 is challenging this anti-union behavior by filing an unfair labor practice charge and grievances. In the meantime, the “WPAS 10” are out of a job and over 70 strikers sacrificed their wages for over a month. Please help our WPAS brothers and sisters by donating to their “Go Fund Me” account at <https://www.gofundme.com/36vk5bs>