

OPEIU Local 8 ***Union Update***

For Trade Section Employees

June 18, 2019



Making Progress No Ratification Vote Next Week

Your Bargaining Team – **Christine Landon** with AFT Washington, **Jessie Newland** with IBEW Local 46, **Betsy Thew** with IBEW Local 77 and **Suzanne Mode** with your Union, met with the employers' representatives yesterday, Monday June 17. Although we made some progress towards reaching an acceptable settlement, the employers were not prepared to give us a complete economic response.

We are pleased to report that the Employers withdrew several proposals that we could never expect to ratify – including eliminating all past practices in each individual office. They also made movements in the right direction on sick leave provisions, probationary periods and a revised grievance procedure. We are still apart on wages, retirement contributions and the contract duration. (see the attached "Major Outstanding Issues")

Because we believe we are close to reaching an acceptable settlement, your Bargaining Team is postponing the Contract Vote that was scheduled for next Wednesday, June 26. The Union will still hold the meeting to answer any questions but there will be no vote.

**Wednesday, June 26
5:30 p.m.
IBEW Building
19415 International Blvd. S
SeaTac
Downstairs Conference Room**

Questions? Call Suzanne Mode at OPEIU Local 8: 206-441-8880 ext. 101