# Union **★** Update



For Local 8 Members at Washington Federation of State Employees

January 2, 2025

## **Bargaining Date Scheduled**

Your Bargaining Team will be meeting with the management team on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> to continue working through the outstanding issues we have on the table. These issues include compensation, vacation, auto related expectations, training, and much more.

#### **Contract Extension**

At the conclusion of our last bargaining session on December 18<sup>th</sup>, we had presented a Contract Extension to management that included retroactive wages and an extended timeline (through March). Management declined to sign this, indicating that they felt retroactive wages were part of negotiations. They presented us with an extension through January. This has been signed and sent to them. If we are unable to conclude our negotiations at our next meeting, we will revisit the extension that we had originally presented.

### **Contract Action Team**

The CAT will be meeting early next week to develop a plan moving forward and they will most definitely need your support. This has been a challenging negotiation, and we need to continue to remind management that your priorities are important!

#### **Debrief Meeting**

As always, we will host a 30-minute Zoom debrief meeting the evening of negotiations.

Friday, January 10 6:30 - 7:00 pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883420204

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