

EXIT STRATEGIES --- DO YOU HAVE ANY IN PLACE ?

If we are **legislated back** what are the facts regarding our contract ?with regards to negotiations?

If the Board **lifts the lock-out**, I sense that teachers will head back to the classroom. Many see this as a no- win situation and the only reason they are walking is because they are locked out.

The lock out was a surprise to all of us. 30 years later for me and this is a first !!!! (at my age I can still have a first) What other surprises do you anticipate in the next week or so and how can we prepare for it (them)?

The people on our line look to the Rep and the strike captains for, **leadership, answers and hope**. I hope that you can respond to my queries so that I can be better informed to inform them. At this time, a turning point in the picket line walk, it is extremely important that the facts be known, that people have a sense of the direction TSU is going, that they are informed to the point of overload with the facts and the pertinent issues at this moment in time.

You all know that I support all of your efforts and it is imperative for me and all other members to understand why I continue to walk and others are in the class as negotiations continue. Some are making the comment that we are carrying the province at a very big cost to each of us personally and collectively.

Is there a **meeting** happening in the very near future for all members to attend? There is a difference in hearing information from the executive/negotiations committee and the Rep. I feel it is very important to have a meeting and to get a sense of where the members stand now. I know you have various means to find out but I feel the members need to know they are being heard at this crucial time. It might be the difference between full support and divisiveness.

I speak to many people on the various lines and I sense a growing frustration and question the value of what we are doing now. We have been 'done in, in the past by the Gov't ' and the fear is there that it may happen again. Please let us know what to expect in the near future.

Do we have any other choice other than the picket line? What about Labor Laws ?

I do have faith in the Negotiating Team and know that this is not a pleasant experience. The personal jibes that seem to be increasing now between us and the Board hurt. We do not need to play the same game. Let us maintain our professional status and negotiate the issues not the personal digs.

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Thanks, Mary