

## COALITION BARGAINING COMMUNIQUÉ # 13



### Tentative Agreement Reached!

**Saskatoon** - We reached a tentative agreement today with representatives of SAHO and the Regional Health Authorities.

The tentative agreement, which comes after a very long week of bargaining in both Saskatoon and Regina, covers all 25,000 health care providers represented by CUPE, SEIU-West and SGEU.

We believe we have achieved the best agreement possible in the current bargaining climate.

We are certain you understand we faced some very difficult odds:

- It was apparent throughout this process that SAHO and the Wall government do not have a great deal of respect for the valued services offered by health care providers to clients, patients and residents each day;
- We have also witnessed first-hand the effect of the government's essential services legislation on collective bargaining. This legislation is the worst in the country and serves as a real barrier to achieving a fair and equitable collective agreement.

We did not achieve all of our bargaining goals. Sacrifices were made in order to complete the process.

But we are pleased to report that we secured modest monetary gains.

Your solidarity was critical to our success. We could not have achieved this tentative agreement without your support, encouragement and involvement.

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We look forward to sharing the details of the tentative agreement with you at our ratification vote meetings. Watch for information about the union meetings in your area.

On behalf of the tri-union bargaining committee, we want to express our sincere gratitude to members for your patience, commitment and solidarity.

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