

ER #3. OPSEU College Faculty Strike

Submitted by Peel Regional Labour Council and OPSEU

Whereas 12,000 OPSEU community college faculty launched a provincewide strike on October 15 for fairness for contract faculty, more full-time jobs, academic freedom and quality education for 500,000 Ontario students; and

Whereas the College Employer Council (CEC) refused to bargain on these issues, dragged out the strike and forced a supervised vote on a concessionary “final offer”; and

Whereas 6 hours after the faculty’s resounding 86% NO vote on this offer, the provincial government failed to direct the employer to bargain a fair deal, and instead announced legislation to end the strike and impose binding arbitration;

Therefore be it resolved that the OFL condemns the use of back-to-work legislation to end the OPSEU college faculty strike;

And be it further resolved that the OFL reaffirms its support for the constitutionally protected right to free collective bargaining, including the right to strike, as a fundamental principle of the labour movement and our fight for economic and social justice for working people.

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