

To: All State Workers
From: CWA Bargaining Team*

May 11, 2011 Bargaining Report:

Two months after the first day of bargaining, we had the sixth bargaining session with the Christie Administration.

We have not signed off on a single article to date. Governor Christie has made NO proposal on healthcare and has not responded to our proposal.

It turns out that the Governor who “loves collective bargaining” continues to little else other than to delay, delay, delay.

We also filed an Unfair Labor Practice charge today, over the Governor’s refusal to negotiate healthcare – a mandatory subject of collective bargaining.

We have another session scheduled for May 25, 2011. It is time to hit the streets and demand that Governor “I love collective bargaining” get serious. May 25 will be a Day of Worksite Action around Collective Bargaining. Your Local and Shop Stewards will be in touch with you with details for your worksite.

Update on PLB days:

We have been trying to resolve the issue of PLB days. It continues to be our position that PLB days can be carried over indefinitely. The State maintains its position that the Civil Service rule says they can only be carried over for one year, until June 30, 2012. We have challenged that rule in Appellate Court.

If you are being told that you need to take your PLB days before June 30, 2011, submit a memo requesting that they be carried over to 2012. We do not expect any problems with that, however, if you are told that you cannot carry over your PLB days, ask for that in writing and contact your Local.

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