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NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

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We are now in Day 8 of the **Strike for Teacher Justice and Respect**. Our picket lines are incredibly strong and our teachers are solidly behind the ACT Negotiating Team.

Both Teams met Wednesday, September 14th and exchanged proposals. Some items were agreed to. As of 9:00 P.M. Wednesday evening, some 51 items remained on the bargaining table. Among them :

Extended Leave which now covers 3 semesters would be cut to 20 weeks. If a teacher is unable to return, that teacher's job is gone. If the teacher returns within the 20 weeks, there cannot be another Extended Leave for 5 years.

Anonymous statements can be used in a disciplinary action against a teacher.

Bumping for Constriction would be limited to 2 teachers per department or 10% of the total school faculty.

Use of part-time teachers and how that would affect the jobs of full-time teachers

Elimination of all past practices – the Zipper Clause

Discipline and Discharge clauses

Extending the work day and work year without additional compensation

Salary, Benefits and Stipends

To get this contract dispute resolved, we need to get rid of the punitive proposals and the ones that threaten job security.

Negotiations resume today at 11:00 A.M. The ACT Team and our attorneys are standing firm on the issues that you, our teachers, told us are necessary for a contract ratification and a return to work.

We will do everything we can to get you back to work as soon as possible. However, it takes two. Keep in mind that the Association's offer to have our teachers return to work if the Archdiocese agrees to mediation stands.

It is important for the Archdiocese to understand that you can't teach for the 21st Century if you ignore what Jesus taught us in the 1st.

STAY STRONG!

Rita

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