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Dear ACT Member,

The current contract expired at midnight last night. The ACT Negotiating Team continues to work to secure a new contract by Tuesday, September 5.

Last Friday, the Negotiating Team met with the ACT Executive Board and the Union's attorney. We talked at length about the status of negotiations. Our attorney put forth a proposal that would have had the System and the Association hire a mediator to sit at negotiations as an observer/facilitator to, hopefully, get the talks back on track. The Board unanimously approved the proposal and we submitted it to the System. The System's answer was no.

The letters sent to teachers and parents this week by the Secretary for Catholic Education, unfortunately, did nothing to move negotiations forward either and sessions on Tuesday and Thursday failed to reach an agreement. Talks are scheduled for Sunday, September 3 and Monday, September 4, Labor Day.

All ACT members should report to Penns Landing Caterers on Tuesday, September 5, at 9:30 A.M. for the General Membership Meeting. The results of negotiations will be presented at that time for a vote by the ACT members.

Please continue your prayers for both the Association and the System negotiating teams as we enter the most critical phase of contract talks.

Sincerely,

Rita C. Schwartz
President