

# **Unprecedented Strike action!**



What an incredible experience to have been on the picket lines this week. Thank you for all of your efforts and for showing up day after day after day!

We took part in one of the largest strikes with almost half a million people out all over Quebec. The public is definitely becoming <u>aware of our issues</u> and their support is effident.

As we get back into our classrooms, and prepare for the holidays, we know that the financial cost of these past days of strike are at the forefront of all of our minds. RTU will be following up with RSB to ensure the appropriate deductions are made. Our current expectation is that for the 5 days, 5 days will be deducted from all teachers at their teaching percentage (at the 1/200 rate) on the December 21, 2023 pay.

Our January 4, 2024 pay, covering our holiday weeks off, **<u>will not be affected</u>** by the strike.



### Health & Safety School Board/School Committees

We now have a CNESST Inspector involved in trying to help get something going. We had a meeting on December 1, 2023 with the CNESST Inspector and representatives from all unions. The school board and the unions have some homework to do before our next meeting with the inspector in February.

In the meantime, according to the school board, all schools should have resumed their Health & Safety meetings. If your school does not currently have a committee or plans to restart the committee, please inform us at RTU.

All health and safety issues at your school, including violent incidents, should be discussed at this committee (as well as filling out the CNESST booklet at your school), and the minutes shared with RTU (<u>schoolminutes@rtu-ser.com</u>), the OHS rep Olivier Giocondese (<u>prevention@rsb.qc.ca</u>), and John McLaren (<u>jmclaren@rsb.qc.ca</u>).

#### Student Teacher Money

Student Teacher Money for the 2022-2023 school year was paid out on the December 7th pay under "Comp.other duties". Check your pay stubs, if there was an issue, let us know.

#### We need your personal email address!

Employers often lock out employees from employer based email during longer strikes. If we do not have your personal email address at RTU we will be unable to contact you with updates, news and zoom links. <u>Please update us here</u>.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We at RTU would like to extend our best wishes to all of our members. Hope the holidays are full of joy and blessings and may 2024 be a calmer year all around.

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