

*Negotiations Update*  
June 22, 2015

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

Your negotiating team met with the district team today even though meeting during the summer is unprecedented. We were encouraged by a satisfactory first day of bargaining with the District and were hoping for progress to continue without an extended gap between meetings.

Despite record revenue and several years of increased, on-going funding, the District came to the table unwilling to show movement and once again proposed 3%. Furthermore, they declared impasse rather than scheduling another bargaining date with your team to make more progress.

We are frustrated that the District has gone this route after only one and a half sessions of negotiations. But we are also confident that with your support, we will be able to negotiate a contract that reflects the value of your hard work and dedication to the Evergreen community.

Our goal continues to be to work collaboratively with the district to ensure our members receive the best possible contract, while also ensuring the district remains fiscally solvent.

We hope you have a restful summer and return in the fall recharged because we have work to do.

In Solidarity,  
Suzanne Lima  
Mike Atkins  
Susana Faria  
Desiree Russell