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2015 negotiations: It's a go!

At the Federal Council meeting held November 18-22, 2013 in Sherbrooke, delegates from FSSS-CSN unions in the public sector elected their representatives on the four bargaining committees. They will begin their mandates soon with the support of the FSSS vice-presidents responsible for their respective sectors and a team of FSSS staff union representatives.

These committees will prepare the next round of collective bargaining, beginning with round of consultations to be held early in 2014. They defend our bargaining priorities at the bargaining tables for the public sector in health care and social services. As well, they constitute the FSSS-CSN

delegation to the CCSPP (the CSN's Comité de coordination des secteurs public et parapublic, or co-ordinating committee for the public and parapublic sectors), where the FSSS develops solidarity with employees in education and government agencies and with CEGEP teachers, who also belong to unions affiliated with the CSN. The objective is to co-ordinate collective bargaining on certain matters at the various tables and to co-ordinate

the action and information plans in accordance with the mandates voted by the decision-making bodies concerned.

This means that the four CSN publicsector federations are now on the move towards collective bargaining in 2015. At the Federal Council, FSSS-CSN unions examined current conditions and agreed to mandate the federation

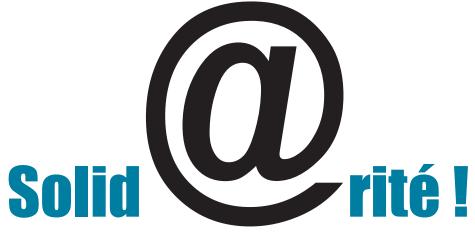
to make pay the priority in this round of bargaining. As well, the FSSS will seek to forge the broadest p o s s i b I e alliances with the other union organizations on this basis.



Various unions in the Federation's private sectors will also join forces with public-sector unions in the next round of bargaining, since any settlement

on pay will apply to them too. This is the case with the pre-hospital sector, early childhood centres (CPEs), home childcare providers (RSGs) and intermediate and family-type resources (RI-RTFs). We think that it is important for these unions to have a say in the matter and to unite our forces. They will each have their own bargaining table, of course.





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