



# AN UPDATE ON BARGAINING TO IMPROVE OUR WORKING CONDITIONS

- For the past year, we've been talking about our public services a great deal. The pandemic has emphasized their importance. We teachers, among many others, have devoted ourselves to them. We do this to contribute to Quebec's development.
- We are currently in a round of collective bargaining affecting all public sector employees: nurses, elementary school and high school teachers, school support staff, health care professionals, etc. In total, there are over 500,000 of us.
- Bargaining is at a standstill despite our best efforts. We have been at the table with the government for over 18 months.
- This government seems to respond only to threats, such as other workers going on strike or announcing strike days.
- Despite our hesitation, we may also be forced to use this ultimate pressure tactic. If we end up going on strike, we would take no pleasure in it.
- We would do so to improve our working conditions—your learning conditions. We would also be standing up for future generations: to ensure that high-quality public services are available to all, and that they remain a social and political priority.
- Investing in education is investing in the future. This is why we are demanding better funding for our CEGEPs.
- We are fighting for public services that meet the needs of the public, for improvements to the CEGEP network and for better higher education in general. This is a collective struggle.