



Job Action in Saskatoon Continues

Saskatoon (June 14, 2011) - More than four-hundred specialized health care professionals in the *Saskatoon Health Region* will be on strike at eight o'clock this morning (Tuesday), Health Sciences Association President, Cathy Dickson has announced.

“Strike action will continue in Saskatoon for a third straight day. Strike action will continue as long as SAHO and the Wall government refuse to return to the bargaining table to negotiate in good faith or until they agree to send our contract dispute to independent, interest-based, binding arbitration,” Dickson said.

“How long these specialized health care professionals will remain on strike, and where and when additional job action will be launched, will be announced by the union later this week. However, unless there is movement by SAHO and the Wall government in the next 48 hours, strike action in multiple communities is quite likely the next step,” Dickson said.

“A wide variety of health care professionals will be off the job in the *Saskatoon Health Region* today with picket lines set up at two Saskatoon locations: Saskatoon City Hospital, and Royal University Hospital,” Dickson added.

“The specialized health care professionals who are members of the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan have turned to strike action as a last resort, after more than two years of unsuccessful contract negotiations with SAHO and the Wall government. We do not want to be on strike, but they have given us no choice,” Dickson said.

“Patients who are concerned about the disruption of health care services can help us to get the message out by contacting their nearest Wall government MLA with a request for action. We hope patients will call on the government to force SAHO back to the bargaining table to negotiate in good faith or agree to submit our lengthy contract dispute to independent, binding arbitration,” Dickson concluded.

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