



## COMMUNICATION

June 22, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Another long and challenging academic year is almost complete. I am sure that you are all looking forward to the sunshine of the summer months ahead.

Before we all transition into our summer routines either at work or on vacation, we want to share a few items of importance:

### **PTU Office – Summer Months**

- The PTU Office will be closed as of June 29. We will reopen on Tuesday, August 22.
- Even though the office is closed, Erica, Pasquale and I will still be working to verify next year's staffing and to wrap up any outstanding items in the first days of July.
- As of June 29, the best way to get in touch with us is by email. We will be monitoring our emails over the summer months for any emergency situations, but will also be using the summer months to rest and recharge for the return in August.
- We encourage you to reach out to us by email using **only** our @ptusep.com email addresses going forward. In particular, the @pearsonteachersunion.com domain will stop working in the fall.
- We encourage you to reach out directly to Payroll with any salary concerns during the summer months. You may find the extension number of the appropriate payroll agent in the HR Directory on SSO, under the Human Resources tab.

### **Negotiations 2023**

There has been very little progress at both levels of provincial negotiations. Our chief negotiator at QPAT continues to report that they seem to be speaking a different language than the employer's representatives when it comes to addressing our class composition and workload concerns.

Equally alarming is the tone coming from the intersectorial tables, which govern all public sector workers. The government has not improved their salary offer (it remains an unacceptable 9% over 5 years). Even more concerning are the government's proposals to change our pension plan to force workers to stay in the job market longer. [You may see the latest INFO-NEGO from the Common Front here to see what the impact of these proposals would be.](#) In short, these are absolutely unacceptable, and the Treasury Board has been told as much.

We will need to send a strong message to the government in the fall. Please mark your calendars: a major Common Front demonstration is being planned on **Saturday, September 23** starting at Jeanne-Mance Park in Montreal. The Common Front is aiming for 100 000 participants!

You should also anticipate a call to a general assembly in late September or early October regarding potential strike action. [More information will be shared in due course, but you may read about the current context at the intersectorial bargaining tables here.](#)

Strike action is certainly a last resort... all the more reason to join us on September 23 in Montreal!

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To end on a more positive note, our now-retired former colleague Ann Granger takes part in a dragon boat team for breast cancer survivors: they are always looking for new team members! [More information may be found here if interested.](#)

I want to wish you and your families a safe and restful summer. Thank you for your hard work throughout this academic year. I hope that you can enjoy some well-deserved peace and quiet over the summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Wilson". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Matt Wilson  
PTU President