



Ulster County Employees

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Update on Thursday's negotiations

CSEA met with negotiators for the County on Thursday, March 27, 2008. This meeting focused mainly on hearing the County's response to our recent wage counterproposals.

On Thursday, the County returned with a proposed three-year contract with wages at 2.5%, 2.5%, & 3%. They also offered some increases in uniform allowances, meal allowances and tuition reimbursement, in addition to offering the same vision plan management has.

We told the representatives from the County that their wage offer was UNACCEPTABLE. We maintained our proposal regarding longevity increases and gave another counterproposal on wages. We return to the table on April 17, 2008, at which time we expect the county to have another wage counterproposal.

As of this moment, CSEA feels confident that the County WILL increase their wage proposals, but the negotiators are required to meet with the County Negotiations Committee before making another offer.

We must stay united throughout this process, so please stay in touch with us through our website at www.cseainit8950.org and by checking your bulletin boards and home mail for contract updates. We know this is a long process, but remember, "UNITED WE BARGAIN!"