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To: Hello Fellow Union Members
From: Milton T. Gilbert, CSEA Unit #8950 President, & Negotiating Team
Re: Exactly Where We Stand With Negotiations

I was waiting to have something concrete to tell all of you about our pending contract; however, all I have is the truth. Most of you know, and for those who don't, in December our side (your CSEA negotiating team) made our counter offers to the County. Due to the holidays and the election of Chairman and various committees all talks came to a halt.

Since that time the ball has been on the County's side. Every January a Chairman of the Legislature must be elected or re-elected, and he/she picks all of the committees that handle County business.

On January 8th we received notice that Chairman Donaldson was re-elected as Chairman. I spoke to Chairman Donaldson and he told me he hoped that we would be returning to the bargaining table soon.

Howard Baul, our Labor Relations Specialist, has made several phone calls to County Attorney William Wallens to schedule a date to return to the bargaining table. As of today we haven't received a call back. We will continue to call Mr. Wallens and Chairman Donaldson to schedule a date. I do not have a rock-hard answer to give all of you, but I hope we will be back at the table before the last week of February.

What I can tell you is that we will be fighting for retro pay back to January 2008, and we will do everything we can to negotiate the best contract for you to vote on.

Thank you all for your input and hang tough. Remember "United We Bargain, Divided We Beg." We are 1700 strong. Remember that! Stand strong, stand proud, we will get the job done.