Sky Lakes Update – March 7, 2023

INCENTIVES SIDE LETTER EXTENDED UNTIL MAY

Please see the message below from Megan Romero, our ONA-SKY bargaining unit chair. The extension can be found <here>. It has the same language as before, with an extension to May 6, 2023.

Hello everyone!

I wanted to let you know that we were successful in getting the employer to extend the LOA to May 6th to line up with the expiration of the public health emergency on May 11th. Admin made it known that this is the last extension they intend to do.

Thank you for all you do. Your executive team will be shifting our focus toward preparing for negotiations this fall. My hope is we will be able to form a united front. The 2017 negotiations had unprecedented growth in the dues-paying bargaining unit. We won our top 3 asks! In the following negotiations, we had limited representation from the BU. This was for a myriad of reasons, but I think we can agree on the lackluster results (e.g. insufficient COLA raises) despite the executive committee’s long hours of hard work and tears.

All this to be said, success in bargaining will not be made by your executive committee, it will be made by YOU. The involvement of the collective BU is what will bring success this fall.

My call to action is this. Evaluate what you are willing to do to participate in upcoming negotiations. What can YOU do to support your fellow SLMC nurses? It could be as little as unity actions like button days, etc. A job could be becoming a CAT member or joining the nurse staffing committee. Or the big leap helping to fill in the holes on the executive committee for the remainder of the term (February 2024). So please, think about it. If you have questions contact any member of your executive committee, or our labor rep, Gary. Let’s make this bargaining our most successful.

I am honored to work beside every one of you, and to serve as your Chair. Thank you for all you do.

Megan Romero
SLMC BU-Chair

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