

A major victory in the struggle against public-private partnerships

The FIQ has welcomed the decision not to use the PPP approach in the future development of the CHUM. The government has also decided to review the question of public-private partnerships in depth. A broad coalition against PPP in university hospitals had called on the government to withdraw from any project under the PPP approach in university hospitals. This is a big step in the right direction. However, the struggle will continue, because the FIQ wants the government to put an end to any project under the PPP approach in the public health network.

Privatization of the CHSLDs – a battle to continue

The President of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, participated in a rally in front of *CHSLD des Résidences Soleil* to denounce the privatization of eldercare services. Here is an excerpt from her address when she was invited to speak: “This is one more reason to redouble our efforts and, through activities like the one today, help put an end, once and for all, to PPPs, a vast enterprise for diversion of public funds to the private sector. However, this struggle cannot be victorious without bringing together all progressive forces in Quebec, as well as the support of everyone with a little common sense. The FIQ has already demonstrated in front of the *Agence de santé de la Montérégie* to denounce the project that brings us here today once again. We cannot simply accept that the quality of care and servi-



ces delivered to seniors will be sacrificed in the name of the private sector’s right to profit. It is therefore an honour for me to be with you today. You can be sure that the FIQ will always be in the front line, at your side, to fight for a society based on greater justice, equity and solidarity, and especially without PPP.”

Consultation on the FIQ draft collective agreement

The consultation of all the members ends on June 29. The results will be compiled at the beginning of July and the next Federal Council in September will adapt the final version of the FIQ sectoral draft collective agreement.

Second meeting between the SISP-CSN-FTQ Common Front and the Conseil du trésor

Another meeting was held between the representatives of the Common Front and the Conseil du trésor. Everything seems to be in place for a negotiation of intersectoral matters within the deadlines proposed by the Common Front, before the decree expires. The negotiations regarding union leave are on the right track. The FIQ Negotiating Committee thus will soon be able to dedicate its full-time efforts to the mandate assigned to it, the negotiation of the FIQ’s sectoral draft collective agreement. Stay tuned.

Summer period

FIQ Express will not take a break during the summer period. However, it will not be published every two weeks. One publication will go online on Wednesday, July 22 and another on Wednesday, August 19.

Starting September 2, FIQ Express will again be published every second Wednesday.

Have a good vacation.