

Mobilization at the CSSS d'Ahuntsic et Montréal-Nord

The healthcare professionals at the *Centre de santé et de services sociaux d'Ahuntsic et Montréal-Nord* are revolted by the situation that the citizens in their area are living with. In fact, the direction taken by the Minister of Health, Réjean Hébert, to develop home care and care in the community is detrimental to the CLSCs and the health institutions which are impacted by a lack of human and financial resources. The SIAM-FIQ is mobilizing in an inter-union group with the APTS and the CSN. A file to be followed.

Return to school for children in Quebec City

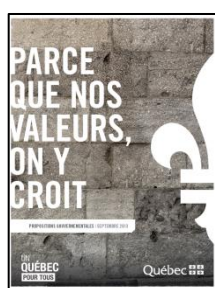
The return to school can become a financial burden for some families. For this reason, the Capitale-Nationale Regional Action and Consensus Building Table (TRAC), composed of the unions in the Quebec City institutions, have decided, this year, to support the community organization, *Évasion St-Pie X* that helps families in difficulty.



On August 22nd, in addition to holding information booths on health and the unions, the TRAC members distributed school supplies to the children who brought their lists for just that purpose!

Charter of Québec Values! What do you think?

On September 24, the FIQ will consult its affiliated unions on the Charter of Québec Values, presented by Minister Bernard Drainville. The FIQ already made a recommendation in 2007 within the framework of the Bouchard-Taylor Commission hearings (name of the co-chairmen) after a survey conducted with its members. If you want to share your opinion on this societal subject, don't hesitate to talk about it with your union representatives.

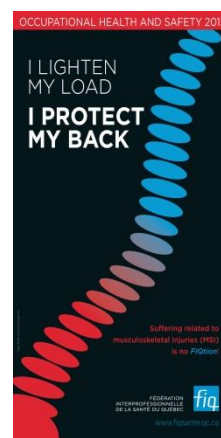


To read the FIQ brief (French only):

<http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/publicfiles/documents/fiq-memoire-accommodements-071212.pdf>

Don't miss OHS Week from October 20 to 26, 2013

Did you know that musculoskeletal injuries (MSI) represent more than half of the injuries compensated by the CSST? What are the long-term effects? If you would like to learn more, read the editorial from the FIQ OHS Committee who has chosen to make the healthcare professionals aware of the problem of MSI and their long-term effects. Still have questions? Take a little time also to meet your local FIQ representatives at the local union office or at the booth set up in your institution for OHS Week. A special publication on the subject as well as a little surprise will be waiting for you.



<http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/fr/lists/editosst.html>

Saving for retirement?

Last May, the *Parti Québécois* government presented a draft bill for creating Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans (VRSP). As the name for these plans indicates, they are voluntary and individual. Similar to RSVs that already exist, the VRSPs are financial products that require workers to save during their years of service. Thus, those people with the lowest incomes will certainly have difficulty accessing this type of retirement savings! The FIQ questions the creation of these new plans, which are mainly administered by the financial institutions, while the government can improve the so-called collective plans. To learn more, read the FIQ brief:

<http://www.fiqsante.qc.ca/publicfiles/documents/fiq-memoire-projet-de-loi-39-regimes-volontaires-depargne-retraite.pdf>

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