

We are #DoneWaiting for Fairness in Moose Jaw

Moose Jaw – Members of SEIU-West who live and work in Moose Jaw and surrounding areas are demonstrating outside of facilities in the city to express their frustration with the lack of progress in negotiations with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) due to the Sask Party government's refusal to fund a fair deal.

"The people of this province value the services our members provide in the health care sector, but it's high time the government demonstrated real gratitude as well," says Treasurer of SEIU-West, Janice Platzke. "We all know that the Sask Party government needs to instruct SAHO to forward an improved offer with a renewed mandate. Our members are tired of the words of thanks from government leaders during this pandemic; such lip service seems completely hollow based on their inactions to date."

SEIU-West leaders and members have been doing everything in their power to highlight their dissatisfaction with the proposed deal in the hopes that their elected representatives, the Health Minister, and the Premier will end this austerity mandate and stop passing the buck to SAHO.

"Our health care members have been key to bending and flattening the curve of the pandemic in this province despite the shameful state of understaffing," adds Platzke. "I'm extremely proud of the dedication our members have displayed to their patients, clients, and residents in their communities. It's too bad the government continues to take health care providers for granted. It's disrespectful and is cause for our members to reach out and seek public support in their effort to achieve fairness."

During these demonstrations, the members of SEIU-West are following Public Health orders by physically distancing, wearing masks, practicing good hand hygiene, and attempting to maintain a maximum of 30 people in any given demonstration area.

SEIU-West members working for the SHA have been without a contract since March 31, 2017.

Service Employees International Union West (SEIU-West) represents over 13,000 people across Saskatchewan. They include people who work in health care, education, municipalities, community-based organizations, retirement homes and other sectors. They are joined by one colour – purple – and one union – SEIU-West. Visit PurpleWorks.ca to find out more about SEIU-West members.

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