2018-2019 Contract Negotiations Update

Week of July 23rd

Contract negotiations for 2018-19 continue as the summer weeks come to a close. This week, instructional staff and SRP attended the Pasco School Board meeting to advocate for employee raises, and our negotiations teams met for the fifth time to pass proposals related to your working conditions.

Only limited progress was made as bargaining continued, but members of the bargaining units are encouraged to review copies of proposals that have been passed so far on the USEP and district websites. At this point, the most significant concern for Instructional staff is that the Board and Union have NOT yet reached agreement on the supporting contract language for evaluations. Proposals remain on the table, and USEP is working hard to ensure that your contract is a clear representation of the process to be used.

In the week ahead, the district will be presenting the 2018-19 budget. We have suggested members of both bargaining units ask Board members to prioritize teacher and SRP raises to ensure Pasco County can recruit and retain great employees. Call, email, or join us at the next School Board Meeting on July 31st @ 6:00 pm.

Bargaining with the District continues through the summer. As these sessions are open meetings, members of the bargaining units are encouraged to attend and observe negotiations as they unfold. USEP members are receiving detailed weekly communications from the Negotiating Teams so they can stay informed of individual agreements as they are reached.

Don’t forget: our power is in our numbers -- **we are stronger when we stand together!**

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