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### **College Students Don't Want a Province-wide Faculty Strike**

**Toronto, ON**—Full-time faculty at Ontario's 24 publicly-funded colleges could be without a collective agreement if one is not reached by the end of day, says the College Student Alliance (CSA).

"College and college/university students across the province are keeping their fingers crossed that both sides will be able to reach an agreement without a province-wide strike," says Justin Fox, President of the College Student Alliance (CSA). "Students still remember the province-wide strike that almost cost students their year."

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) and the College Compensation and Appointments Council (the Council) have been bargaining since June in the hopes of reaching a new collective agreement. The bargaining process in the college system has not always been smooth sailing; back in 2006 after months of negotiating talks broke off and students were left out in the cold for three weeks.

"We are optimistic that a strike can be avoided, given that OPSEU has not held a strike vote to date," adds Fox. "We are encouraging both sides to stay at the table as long as possible to hammer out a new agreement that works for everyone, including students."

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The College Student Alliance (CSA) is an advocacy and services organization which has been proudly serving Ontario's college and college/university students since 1967. The CSA currently represents 16 colleges and 23 student councils with over 110,000 full-time student members throughout the province.

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