Bargaining Update

Today in bargaining we addressed several proposals and reached a tentative agreement on Floating language.

SDMC also gave us a wage proposal with a reduction in the wages of staff Nurse I, Per Diems, and a wage freeze for some of the steps on the wage scale.

Our December strike was very successful; we continue to pressure Sutter to drop their massive take aways. Our fight continues at the bargaining table and in the facilities.

There have been rumors about an upcoming strike. The facts are that a non-RN union that represents Kaiser workers has announced that they will be striking Kaiser hospitals on January 31; Kaiser RNs supported their strike last September, and plan to do so again. Although Sutter nurses will not be striking that day, we encourage nurses to show up at the Kaiser picket lines (7am-7pm) to show support, as they have showed support for our strikes.

On the Continuing Education Leave policy put out by SDMC dated January 12, we have told them the policy is a direct violation of our contract and they must cease and desist.

Our next bargaining dates are February 3 and 27. As always, we will keep you updated on any developments. If you hear rumors about anything, please check with your nurse reps and bargaining team members before believing what you’ve heard.