

Tentative Agreement at Pepsi-Cola NY

The Local 812 Negotiation Committee at Pepsi-Cola NY contract talks.



After months of tough contract negotiations, the Local 812 Negotiation Committee voted to recommend a new 5-year contract on May 19th. The vote was unanimous. The proposed contract achieves the Committees main objectives – preserving health and retirement benefits, annual wage increases with no givebacks.

The most contentious issue was increased employer payments to the Local 812 Healthcare Fund. With the new contribution rates, Pepsi-Cola NY members and their families will be able to hold on to all of their healthcare benefits at no added costs to workers. Local 812 President Vitta explained, “Our members, both active and retired, will be able to rely on our Fund benefits for years to come. And they won’t have their wage gains reduced by having to pay higher co-pays, co-insurance or deductibles.”

The annual wage increases total more than 20% over the life of the contract. That is in addi-

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tion to a number of increases in various differentials, certifications and title-specific bumps. During a union caucus, Local 812 Secretary Treasurer John Visconti said, “This is the first time in all my years in the union, that we’ve seen annual wage increases of 4 or 5 percent at Pepsi. This contract recognizes the critical role our members play in the company’s success.”

The proposed contract will next go to a vote of Pepsi-Cola NY members for ratification. Contract details will also be distributed. Contact your Steward or Business Agent with any contract questions.

