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#### Encore!

June 16, 2014

Check out your bulletin boards! RCHSD is on the move with their all time favorite- the dreaded 8-hour shift threat!!

This listless negotiations tactic has been used in the past but no nurse has ever been forced to change to an 8-hour shift. Yet we see this again and again.

Why? Well, when you don't know what to do, go back to a plan that worked. Oh, wait, this plan has never worked.

Remember that question on the employee survey-"I feel valued by my employer"...uh, not so much.

### Why does the Hospital threaten you with 8-hour shifts?

This tactic is designed to put pressure on your negotiating team and urge them to accept a substandard contract rather than go to 8 hour shifts. We are not so easily manipulated. What will probably happen instead of 8-hour shifts?

One side will negotiate in good faith (guess which one) until we reach a tentative agreement or until



Do not panic!

This is just the reaction

RCHSD is

looking for.

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we reach impasse. If we reach an agreement, it will be sent out for membership approval. If we do not reach an agreement, a federal mediator will be called in to help.

## What if there is no agreement through mediation?

Even if the contract expires, if the parties are actively bargaining, they can agree to keep the terms of the current contract in force for a designated amount of time. We have done this successfully in the past.

If there is no agreement, you will lose your contract (and all its protections) and have very unfavorable terms, with many takeaways, imposed by RCHSD.

# What can we do to prevent imposition if there is no agreement?

**Strike**. Before the contract expires, we will have a **strike** vote, seeking authorization from the members to call a strike. We will give the Hospital 10-day advanced notice. We will identify a few key areas that will be excluded for patient safety.

Let's hope it doesn't come to this.



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for this contract ratification.
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5:00PM - 9:00PM in the dinning rooms and we will introduce to this new

Now voting will be available to more members than ever.

procedure.