



MEMBERS, VOTE NOW ON TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

As announced last week, MCO and the Office of the State Employer (OSE) have reached a Tentative Agreement (TA) that calls for 6% in total wage increases over two years, the return of pre-shift meetings, and enhancements to health care. Get more details in the [Collective Bargaining Review](#).

The TA covers fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Non-economic contract items were negotiated in fall 2018 and run through December 2021.

The agreement is subject to approval by members who are eligible to

vote and by the Civil Service Commission. **The bargaining team, which is the MCO Executive Board, strongly supports ratification.**

On Saturday, Oct. 12, those eligible to vote should have received an invitation to vote. This was sent to your .gov email. If you do not see an invitation, first check your junk or spam folder, then call us at (517)485-3310 to request an invitation. **You must vote on non-work time, like before or after work, on breaks or employee lunch periods. Voting closes at 8 a.m. Oct. 23.**

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NOW FOR THE CLOSER TO HOME TRANSFER LIST

Closer to Home Transfer applications are being accepted now through Oct. 31.

To be eligible to apply for a Closer to Home Transfer, employees must:

- Have status.
- Have not voluntarily transferred during the 12-month period prior to the application date.
- Have no record of disciplinary action or unsatisfactory service rating

during the two years preceding the date of the filling of position.

If you qualify, [go to our website to learn how to apply](#).

Please note:

- Not everyone who applies will be chosen. There are only 40 spots on the list.
- If you make it onto the list and subsequently refuse to transfer, no other applicant will be given your spot

MDOC FY 2019-2020 BUDGET UPDATE

Last week, [MCO posted an update](#) on the MDOC budget for fiscal year 2020.

Here's the latest: Governor Whitmer and Republican legislative leaders have come to a stalemate. Talks broke down after the governor met with House and Senate leadership Tuesday to discuss supplemental funding priorities for restoring and allocating the vetoed funds.

Last week, Senator Curtis Hertel, D-East Lansing, introduced two supplemental budget bills that would

place \$475 million into a mixture of the governor's priorities, items the governor vetoed, and things the Whitmer administration sees as not being adequately funded, like the Michigan Department of Corrections budget. Currently, the corrections budget allocates \$9.5 million for hiring and training COs; one of Hertel's bills would provide an additional \$10.46 million.

We'll keep members updated as supplemental budget negotiations continue.

NEW CHAPTER LEADERS NOTICE

New MCO chapter leaders took office Oct. 2.

Ballots were counted at the MCO central office Oct. 1. Thank you to all members who voted.

Your new chapter leaders should be posted on your union board. They are also [on our website](#).

Congratulations to all of our MCO chapter leaders. The Board and staff look forward to working with you.

on the list. This means you deprived someone else of a transfer.

- October is only the window period for applying. If you are granted a transfer, it will not happen until sometime in the following calendar year when vacancies occur.

If you have questions, contact [Stephanie Short](#) at (517)485-3310 ext. 115.

CMU honors first responders with Heroes Game Nov. 2

Central Michigan University Football is hosting its annual Heroes Day Saturday, Nov. 2. This game will offer discounted tickets to all law enforcement, fire fighters, and first responders. CMU reached out to MCO leaders and asked us to share this info with all members.

Get more info and a link where you can buy tickets in [this flyer on our website](#).

See you there!