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St. Louis County suspends strike preparations

St. Louis County leaders have suspended strike preparations, one day after agreeing to a compromise with employees in its two largest bargaining units on the issue of accumulated sick leave pay. AFSCME has notified county negotiators that it will present the latest contract offer to employees for a vote on September 12.

“We have instructed department heads to suspend strike preparations,” said County Administrator Kevin Gray. “While we recognize that employees could legally strike as early as this Friday, we expect they would not do so now that a new offer reflecting the union's bargaining position has been put forward and a vote scheduled.”

Approximately 1,000 county employees are members of the Civil Service and Merit System Basic Units. The contract they will be voting on covers the three years 2012-2014.

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