

REGIONAL DISPARITIES

Acute labour shortages, breaks in services, skyrocketing use of personnel from agencies, major cost increases borne by taxpayers – simply put, the situation in remote regions is a disaster.

Despite its claims, the Legault government doesn't care about Québec's regions. It's been shamefully silent about regional disparities for the past 18 months. Communities are being abandoned. How can the government justify what it's doing?

At the bargaining table, the APTS-FIQ alliance is alone in demanding concrete, immediate changes to attract and retain health and social services personnel and stabilize work teams in remote regions.

The following measures are imperative:

- **Extend the scope of the 8% retention premium so that it includes, among others, all Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Côte-Nord employees.**
- **Create regional working committees to find local solutions to personnel attraction and retention problems.**
- **Add localities in some sectors where isolation and remoteness premiums apply.**
- **Provide greater access to trips out, without regard for where employees are recruited.**
- **Require the employer to fully mitigate tax losses related to benefits.**
- **Modify leave without pay for work in a northern institution in order to make it more accessible and extend its length.**



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