

# Special Benefits Update

## For Laid Off Local 730 Workers From Grand Rapids Metal Plant

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Are you laid off from Local 730? Have you exhausted your 26 weeks of Unemployment? If so, you need to apply for TRA benefits (the money, not the schooling), in order to continue receiving SUB or TSP. This is because there are no state or federal Unemployment extensions available at this time.

This new process is mandatory:

First, meet with your case manager and turn in your packet. (Most of you did this at the end of your TAA/TRA meeting at the Union Hall.) If you are uncertain whether or not you are registered for TRA benefits, you can call your case manager:

Ruben – assisting last names A thru E 616-234-4997

Karen – assisting last names F thru L 616-336-4913

Ennis – assisting last names M thru R 616-234-4605

Melissa – assisting last names S thru Z 616-336-3791

After you are registered with TRA, and after you make your LAST call to Marvin, you can get your TRA payments started by calling the TRA office in Detroit at 1-866-241-0152. (Note: this line is extremely busy, so you will have to keep trying.)

TRA will then send you information with forms and an explanation of how to apply bi-weekly for benefits. The process usually takes a couple of weeks, so you'll want to return forms quickly.

Additionally, you'll need to re-start SUB or TSP. Gather these documents: 1) your monetary determination from the TRA, 2) proof of TRA payment, and 3) a paper SUB/TSP application (available at [www.layoffbenefits.com](http://www.layoffbenefits.com)), and mail them to the address on the SUB/TSP application. (Note: GRMP plant CISCO is 48063). You will receive a letter detailing this process.