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Tentative Agreement

EAs, ECEs, and para-professionals reach deal with WECDSB

(Windsor, Ontario, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020) – Educational Assistants, Designated Early Childhood Educators, and professional/para-professionals like Child and Youth Workers, psychologists and Speech and Language Pathologists have reached a new tentative agreement with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

The board reached the deal today with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1358, whose two units represent about 450 employees. Terms of the agreement will not be released, as it still needs to be ratified by the board and the union's members.

"We believe this is a fair agreement for the board and for our employees," said Terry Lyons, Director of Education. "It acknowledges the value of the contributions that these employees make in the lives of our students and their families, but also recognizes the reality of our present financial circumstances."

"We're very pleased to have reached this tentative agreement with the board," said Darlene Sawchuk, President of CUPE Local 1358. "It was a challenging round of bargaining, but we were able to find common ground. I look forward to presenting this agreement to our membership."

The agreement still needs to be ratified by the union's membership and the Board of Trustees. Ratification dates are still to be determined by both parties.

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