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# Tentative agreement

## *Deal reached with WECDSB's secondary teachers*

(Windsor, Ontario, Friday November 12, 2021) – The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has arrived at a new tentative labour agreement with the union that represents its 500 secondary teachers.

The Board arrived at the agreement yesterday afternoon with the Windsor-Essex secondary unit of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association after several months of bargaining.

The tentative agreement covers local terms for WECDSB secondary teachers, however details will not be released as it still needs to be ratified by Board Trustees as well as the union's membership. An agreement that covers central terms for all of Ontario's teachers was finalized with the provincial Ministry of Education in March of 2020.

"This is a fair agreement for both the board and our secondary teachers," said Emelda Byrne, Director of Education. "It's a fiscally responsible contract that acknowledges the current circumstances in which we are currently operating, but also the contributions of these valued employees to our students and their families."

"We're pleased with this new agreement," said Joe Brannagan, President of OECTA's Windsor-Essex secondary unit. "It includes some important gains for our members and we will be endorsing it when we bring it to them for ratification."

The union will hold an electronic ratification vote before the end of November, Brannagan said. Board Trustees will still need to ratify the agreement at a future meeting, and are expected to do so in early December.

The Board already approved agreements with its 750 elementary teachers in March of 2021 and with its 350 occasional teachers in January of 2021.

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