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BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFIES CUPE, OECTA AND EWAO TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS AT TONIGHT'S MEETING

Several tentative agreements negotiated in recent weeks with unions and associations representing St. Clair Catholic teachers and support staff, were ratified at tonight's meeting of the Board of Trustees. Education sector contracts with employee groups require a two-tier bargaining process, with provincial agreements followed by local agreements.

Trustees have voted to accept local tentative agreements with CUPE Local 4168; the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) – Elementary; and OECTA – Secondary. In addition, Trustees ratified the provincial agreement with the Education Workers' Alliance of Ontario (EWAO), which represents St. Clair Catholic professional support workers.

"We are very pleased to be nearing the end of what has been a very lengthy process," says Dan Parr, Director of Education. "Because of our strong partnership with our union and association leaders, we have been able to successfully negotiate these local agreements."

"We greatly value the excellent working relationship we have with all of our employee groups in St. Clair Catholic," says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board. "Congratulations to the union leadership and to our senior administration for bringing these negotiations to a successful conclusion."

Some contracts, which have now been ratified by the Board of Trustees, still require approval by the membership.

Local negotiations with the final two employee groups, EWAO and OECTA – Occasional are expected to get underway soon.