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## *ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFIES PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES*

The Board of Trustees for St. Clair Catholic has tonight voted in favour of a provincial agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Council of Trustees' Association, bargaining in partnership with the Ontario government.

The agreement on central terms reached at provincial negotiations was announced on November 2, 2015.

The provincial deal has also been ratified by the CUPE membership.

St. Clair Catholic will now report the results of its ratification vote to the Council of Trustees' Association.

Under the province's two-tier bargaining process, contract agreements must be reached at both the provincial and local levels. On Monday, St. Clair Catholic and CUPE Local 4168 announced a tentative local agreement, which the CUPE membership has also ratified.

Details of that agreement will be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification at a meeting on December 8, 2015.

CUPE represents a number of non-teaching support staff, including secretaries, custodians, educational assistants and early childhood educators.