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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFIES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CATHOLIC TEACHERS

The Board of Trustees for St. Clair Catholic has voted in favour of a tentative agreement with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), at a Special Meeting of the Board called for this evening.

The tentative agreement between OECTA, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) and the Ontario government was announced on August 25, 2015.

"We are hopeful that through our support for this tentative agreement, we can help to ensure labour peace for our students and families for the next two years," says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board.

"We remain hopeful that other Catholic boards across the province are also able to vote in favour of the agreement," says Mrs. Bryden.

The Board of Trustees will now report the results of its vote to the OCSTA bargaining committee.

In addition to support from OECTA members, ratification requires a double majority of support from Catholic school boards across the province. Double majority means that more than 50 per cent of the province's 28 English Catholic boards must support the deal; and that those boards which do vote in favour must represent more than 50 per cent of the OECTA membership.

If the deal is accepted provincially, individual boards must still complete local bargaining. Local talks are expected to begin immediately following a successful provincial ratification.