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CDSBEO and CUPE Ratify One Year Contract

Kemptville, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) have ratified a one year deal reached on June 19, 2008. The contract affects CDSBEO, educational assistants, student support workers, secretaries, custodians, computer technicians and support staff at the Board offices.

The Board of Trustees ratified the deal on Friday, June 27, 2008, while a vote on Wednesday, June 25, saw CUPE members vote to accept the contract.

The agreement is retroactive to September 1, 2007 and expires on August 31, 2008. CUPE members receive a 3% salary increase effective September 1, 2007, and a 0.7% increase effective August 31, 2008. The agreement will expire on August 31, 2008. Negotiations for the September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012 period will commence in early fall.

Superintendent of Human Resources and Religious Education, Marg Shea-Lawrence, stated, "The agreement is the result of a continued positive dialogue between our Board and representatives for our support and administration staff. We will carry that positive outlook forward to the next negotiations in early fall."

CDSBEO Director of Education, Bill Gartland, congratulated representatives from both sides in reaching the agreement. "The perseverance and dedication shown by CDSBEO and CUPE representatives during this continued dialogue is reflective of the cooperative nature of our relationship."

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, was equally supportive. "The Board looks forward to building on this agreement and continuing to develop and expand our relationship with our dedicated staff. It is evident that both sides continue to share the desire for what's best for our students."

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