



PRESS RELEASE

Collective Bargaining Success with English Catholic Board

Timmins, December 1st : The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the negotiations for a new four-year collective agreement between the Board and the Northeastern Unit, Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA), covering all elementary and secondary teachers in our thirteen Catholic schools has been ratified. As well, similar negotiations and bargaining has taken place with the Canadian Union for Public Employees (CUPE), Local 4681, and a collective agreement, which affects Custodians, School Secretaries and Education Assistants within our Catholic education system, was also approved.



From left: Wendy Adams, Rick Brassard and Louis Clausi.

Wendy Adams, Acting Human Resources Manager, offered these comments, "On behalf of the Board, we are pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with both OECTA and CUPE. Our Board's first and most important focus is providing every opportunity for our students to reach their full potential and this goal is reached through the efforts and dedication of all our employees across the district."

"I am pleased that we were able to reach a four-year agreement and provide stability for our educators in the Catholic schools within the Cochrane and Temiskaming districts. Much progress was made during the negotiations which will impact positively on the teachers." stated Louis Clausi, President, Northeastern Unit, OECTA.

"CUPE representatives along with the Board's administration staff have worked diligently to reach an agreement affecting the hard working staff members from our Northern area. The successful completion of these discussions is due to the commitment and perseverance of all parties involved." noted Gaston Romain, President of CUPE, Local 4681.



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CUPE President,
Local 4681

"This is good news for publicly funded education in Ontario. With the majority of our negotiations concluded, our focus and energy can be fully directed to the programs and services that our board and employees deliver to our students and communities every day," stated Paula Peroni, President of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA). "The Provincial discussion table provided a template for boards to negotiate 190 local agreements across the province with teachers and support staff bargaining units," explained Peroni. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association is the provincial voice for Catholic Education. Founded in 1930, OCSTA represents Catholic school boards that collectively educate more than 600,000 students in Ontario, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

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