



Rainy River District School Board Approves Contract with Canadian Union of Public Employees and Its Local Union 65

(December 21, 2005) - The Rainy River District School Board along with the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local Union 65 jointly ratified a proposed four-year agreement, which is in effect from September 1, 2004 until August 31, 2008. The Rainy River District School Board approved this contract at a special Board Meeting on December 21, 2005.

"Discussion centered on several key issues which were worked through in an atmosphere of mutual trust and accommodation resulting in a fair and equitable agreement," said Board Chair Ron McAlister.

The Local 65 CUPE membership voted to ratify this four-year agreement, which is within the government guidelines for support staff. The contract includes a salary increase of 2 % as of September 1, 2004; 2 % as of September 1, 2005; 2.5 % as of September 1, 2006; and 3 % as of September 1, 2007. The contract also included improvements to clarify secretarial classifications.

"Maintenance, Caretakers, Secretaries and Clerical Staff provide integral support to our schools. Administration looks forward to the continued partnership with CUPE in support of student success," said Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business.