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Rainy River District School Board ratifies agreement with Rainy River District Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Educational Support Personnel

The Rainy River District School Board is pleased to announce that it ratified an agreement with Rainy River District Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) – Educational Support Personnel (ESP) at its Special Board Meeting on April 20, 2016. ETFO ESP Local will vote on ratification of the agreement on Monday, April 25, 2016.

The new agreement will be in effect from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017, aligning with the provincial settlements at the central bargaining table. The Council of Trustee Associations and the Crown reached an agreement with ETFO Education Workers on November 27, 2015.

Local talks with ETFO ESP Local began in Spring 2016 with a willingness on both sides to meet and negotiate in good faith, while focusing on reaching a deal that is fair to local Educational Support Personnel, to students and to the Board. The Board thanks the negotiating teams on both sides of the table for fully participating in respectful and productive negotiations.

Ratification of this agreement by both parties will mark the successful completion of this round of bargaining with ETFO ESP Local, and result in four local contract agreements being reached since local union discussions began.

Supporting student achievement and well-being continues to be the goal of the School Board along with its support staff and educators who, in addition to the contributions of parents, volunteers and community partners, provide a culture of caring and collaboration.

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