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Rainy River District School Board announces ratified tentative agreements at the local level with both Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Rainy River District Local and Rainy River District ETFO Occasional Teacher Local

The Rainy River District School Board is pleased to announce that it ratified tentative collective agreements with both the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Rainy River District Local and the Rainy River District ETFO Occasional Teacher Local at the December 15, 2015, Special Board meeting. The Board has 130 elementary contract teachers, and 107 elementary Occasional Teachers.

The new agreements are in effect from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017, aligning with the provincial settlements at the central bargaining table. The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association announced a ratified central agreement on November 13, 2015.

The collective bargaining framework for the education sector features a two-tier bargaining process, or central and local bargaining as it is often referred to. This means issues such as salary, benefits, and paid leaves are negotiated on a province-wide basis at a central table. All other issues are then negotiated locally.

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Vision: *"The Rainy River District School Board is an innovative community, nurturing hearts and minds, to build a foundation for tomorrow, today."*

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