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Tentative Agreement Reached between Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA), CUPE and the Provincial Government

November 2, 2015 - The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is pleased to announce that the CTA and the provincial government have successfully negotiated a tentative settlement on central terms of a collective agreement with Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) education workers.

The first agreement between the four associations of school boards and the union shows the willingness of all parties to provide quality education in Ontario.

"Education workers deeply influence a positive and productive learning environment for students and are supported in this role through the peace and stability that comes from successfully negotiated collective agreements," said OPSBA president Michael Barrett. "We look forward to ratification so we can move forward in the best interests of our students."

The details of the agreement remain confidential until ratified by all parties. CUPE has agreed to stop all job action while awaiting ratification of the deal. Once ratified, the agreement will be valid until August 31, 2017. Negotiations continue with other unions representing various education workers employed in OPSBA member board schools and board offices.

The Council of Trustees' Associations is a partnership between the following four Associations: Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario; Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques; Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association; and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.2 million public elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.

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