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OPSBA Reaches Tentative Agreement with ETFO at the Central Bargaining Table

November 2, 2015 - The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is pleased to announce that a tentative settlement has been reached with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the provincial government.

"This tentative settlement ensures positive learning conditions for students and is respectful of the teachers who work in our classrooms," said Michael Barrett, president of OPSBA. "Teachers and 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."

This tentative deal is a first step to restoring stability and harmony in our schools. Effective upon having signed the Memorandum of Settlement, ETFO has agreed to suspend all central job action. The impasse has been resolved and our students will have their full education experience restored to them.

Going into this round of bargaining OPSBA engaged in an inclusive process to determine priorities. This lengthy process ensured the Association had broad input from all of our school board stakeholder groups.

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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