

Done deal !

We are certainly pleased to report that the proposed new contract has been ratified by the Board of Education on Thursday, September 29th. That follows our approval, officially certified on Wednesday, September 28th at about 7 PM.

By the numbers...

As you should know by now, 904 of 1529 eligible voters took part in our 3 days of ratification voting, nearly 60% of all eligible. The approval rates were:

Section 1: 708 (78%) to 195 (22%)
Section 2: 414 (75%) to 140 (25%)
Section 3: 23 (53%) to 20 (47%)
Section 4: 39 (68%) to 18 (32%)
Section 5: 63 (64%) to 35 (36%)
Section 6: 125 (82%) to 28 (18%)

Making the adjustment...

With the formal ratification of this agreement, the district will now begin to implement its terms and conditions. It is anticipated that salary retroactivity should be in paychecks by October 31st. With 3 days off over the next two weeks, it may not be possible to make the adjustments sooner. Other retroactivity (summer school, curriculum work etc.) may take a bit longer to implement. Please be patient, we all want this process to go smoothly and correctly.

Hot topics, cold realities.

We are certainly gratified by the approval margins our efforts brought about and we are very appreciative of the strong support demonstrated for the package. At the same time, we clearly recognize that despite our best efforts, the results were not up to the expectations some of our constituents had. In every negotiation there are things that do not “fly” because realities or perceptions shoot them down. Getting on the same page is often difficult and sometimes just impossible. You do the best you can with what you have and you keep trying to make progress.

Thank you.

We now begin to draft the actual text of the new contract and we hope to have your copy in your hands as quickly as we can. If you have questions as we begin to implement the new pact, please be in touch. Thanks again for your outstanding support.