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**WECDSB reaches tentative
agreement with secondary teachers**

(Windsor, Ontario, Friday, June 17, 2016) – The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has reached a tentative agreement with its secondary teachers, the Board announced today.

Although terms of the agreement will not be available until after ratification, Board Chair Barbara Holland said it's fair and reasonable for both sides.

"We believe this is an equitable deal that is manageable within the context of our current budget situation, and makes certain that the best teachers will be in front of our high school students," said Board Chair Barb Holland.

The agreement was reached last night with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, which represents about 480 secondary teachers with the Board. Employees are expected to vote on whether to accept the deal at a ratification meeting this weekend.

"This set of negotiations was especially complex, which is why it took a little longer to reach a tentative agreement," said Executive Superintendent of Human Resources Terry Lyons, "but we're especially pleased we were able to arrive at a deal without any interruptions for our students and staff."

Contract negotiations between the Board and Unifor 2458, which represents custodial and maintenance, office, clerical and technical workers, are ongoing. Agreements have already been reached with the Board's elementary and occasional teachers, as well as with CUPE Locals 1358.1, which represents the educational assistants group, and 1358.2, the special services unit which represents such employees as early childhood educators and child and youth workers.

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