

## Catholic Board Ratifies Agreement with UNIFOR Local 72-A

## For Immediate Release

(*October 28, 2014*) *St. Albert* - Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 (GSACRD) and UNIFOR, Local 72-A, have both ratified a 3 year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The agreement was ratified by UNIFOR members on October 20, 2014 and the GSACRD board approved the MOA on October 27, 2014.

Noreen Radford, Chair of the Board of Trustees acknowledged and praised the work of both parties in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion. "This agreement communicates a willingness to work together which is reflective of the relationship we`ve enjoyed with our support staff." The Memorandum of Agreement was reached through a series of interest based bargaining meetings held in September and October 2014. The agreement will provide staff with a 1% increase in each of the first two years and a 2% increase in September 2016. Clarifications around vacation entitlements, probationary period and long-term disability contributions are also part of the agreement.

"While conclusion of the negotiations is always welcomed, the process and discussions in reaching an agreement also affirms the important role support staff provide to our schools in St. Albert, " comments Radford.

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