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Catholic Board Ratifies Agreement with CUPE Local 2550

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(*September 12, 2017*) *Morinville* - Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 734 (GSACRD) and CUPE, Local 2550, have both ratified a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a three-year term. The MOA was ratified by both CUPE Members and the GSACRD Board on September 11, 2017.

Serena Shaw, Chair of the Board of Trustees acknowledged both parties in concluding the negotiations. "While this agreement took time to put in place, the result is positive for the membership as the MOA puts in place comparative benefits and pay structure across the organization for all support staff." The Memorandum of Agreement was reached through a series of bargaining meetings held from December 2016 to August 2017. This agreement will provide staff with increases in the second year that adjust the grid structure to obtain equity. In addition, adjustments to ensure equitable vacation entitlements for all support staff within collective agreements have been achieved.

"Our support staff provide an important role in our schools and operations, supporting student learning and the agreement brings equity to all support staff district-wide," comments Shaw.

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