



News and Information

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Agreement Reached with Education Support Staff

Kelowna, B.C. –

The Board of Education of the Central Okanagan School District is pleased to announce that late last night a two-year provincial Framework Agreement was reached with the unions representing the education support staff, which includes the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). The framework provides for wage increases of 3.5 per cent over two years, funded from savings found within existing School District budgets, as required by the British Columbia Government.

This is a positive first step as it takes away the imminent threat of job action. There is still lots of work to be done and the Board of Education will be meeting with the senior staff of the Central Okanagan School District to determine how to move forward to ratify this agreement.

The Board of Education is expecting to receive further details later today/tomorrow and the Board Chairperson will be able to provide more information at that time.

For comments, please contact:

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*Due to the Board Chair's involvement in meetings today, messages can also be left with Mona Essler, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 250-470-3256.