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## **Grand Erie Ratifies Local Deal with Designated Early Childhood Educators**

**Brantford ON:** Grand Erie District School Board has ratified another Collective Agreement Settlement, on local terms, between the Board and the Designated Early Childhood Educators' Bargaining Unit.

"We commend the hard work demonstrated by all parties in reaching a local deal," said David Dean, Chair of the Board. "Designated Early Childhood Educators partner with the classroom teacher to plan and implement the Full-Day, Early-Learning Kindergarten program offered to our youngest learners."

The Collective Agreement Settlement reached is for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017. The Designated Early Childhood Educators ratified the agreement on February 24, 2016.

Grand Erie continues to meet on negotiating committees with representatives from the Canadian Union for Public Workers, representing Clerical/Technical, Educational Assistants, and Facilities, Maintenance and Caretakers/Custodians, as well as Secondary Occasional Teachers and the Professional Student Services Personnel both affiliated with District 23, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

"We continue to make progress in reaching local contracts with our employee groups," said Dean. "We are confident that fair, negotiated agreements with all of our employee groups will be reached in due course."

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