

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Grand Erie Ratifies Local Deal with Professional Student Services Personnel

**Brantford, ON:** A Collective Agreement Settlement on local terms has been ratified between the Grand Erie District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP) Bargaining Unit.

"We are pleased to announce that a local agreement has been ratified with this employee group which provides a wide continuum of assessment, intervention and referral services to students," said David Dean, Chair of the Board.

Professionals in this employee group represent six front-line job classes: attendance counsellors, child and youth workers, psychological services, social workers, speech and language pathologists and behaviour counsellors. Staff members assist students and their families in dealing with the full spectrum of social, emotional, intellectual and physical barriers to success.

The Professional Student Services Personnel Bargaining Unit is represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The agreement expires on August 31, 2017.

"With the ratification of this local agreement, the Board has completed its negotiations with all union groups," said Dean. "Thank you to all of our teams for achieving these important agreements."

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