

## CATHOLIC BOARD & ATA LOCAL NO. 23 RATIFY 2-YEAR LOCAL AGREEMENT

*For Immediate Release (May 15, 2018) St. Albert, Legal, Morinville* - Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School District No.734 (GSACRD) and the ATA Local No. 23 have both ratified a 2 year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will be effective for the term of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2018 for all teaching staff. The agreement was ratified by ATA members on May 2, 2018 and by GSACRD at the May 14, 2018 special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Serena Shaw, Chair of the Board of Trustees commented on the successful negotiations highlighting *"this agreement reflects important additions to the Provincial Agreement for all of our teaching staff and recognizes the specific needs of our teachers and principal leaders across the district. The changes to the agreement acknowledge the significance of the profession and supports all of our teachers in being able deliver the highest education quality to our students. We thank all those involved in the negotiations for working cooperatively to bring them to a close."*

The agreement provides for adjustments to prorate allowances where applicable based on FTE; this will ensure equity for all staff. Further to this, lieu days will be re-introduced for principals, and changes to bereavement and critical illness are included for all staff, to provide flexibility and support for those grieving and caring for loved ones. In addition, the district will contribute \$40K towards Professional Development that will be managed by the Local through a committee structure of local members and employer representatives.

Carryl Bennett-Brown, President of ATA Local No. 23 commented, *"The collaborative approach of the negotiating teams brought about a timely conclusion in reaching a MOA that addressed important areas in the agreement. While the Provincial Framework handles the large pieces of compensation, the changes negotiated to benefits and working conditions for our members are significant in supporting their role in ensuring student success."*

This agreement will provide changes that support of all the teachers in the district who serve close to 6,000 students in St. Albert, Morinville, Legal and areas of Sturgeon County. For more information, please contact:

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