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New CUPE Agreement Ratified by Membership and Horizon Board

Humboldt, SK – Horizon School Division No. 205 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local No. 4799 have voted in favour of a new collective bargaining agreement. The ratification vote for union members took place on June 6. The Horizon Board of Education voted in favour of the agreement during their regular monthly meeting on June 8. The two parties will come together to officially sign this agreement at a later date.

A major highlight of this new agreement is that members will achieve wage parity within job classifications across the school division by August 31, 2019 – the date the new agreement expires. This ensures equity for Horizon employees in similar roles.

“As an employer, Horizon is eager to move forward with this agreement,” said Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education for Horizon School Division. “It is very positive for our staff, students and Board. We look forward to continuing our work with our employees who are members of CUPE Local 4799 as we strengthen and grow our relationships.”

“Creative discussions resulted in an agreement that will be beneficial to both the members of CUPE Local 4799 and the employer,” said Marie Moore, CUPE Local No. 4799 President and Secretary at Bruno School. “Thank you to Director Garinger and our Board of Education for their vision of a “safe and caring” school division. This has provided an agreement where that vision can be carried out. As President and representative of CUPE Local 4799 members, I look forward to continuing to build on a trustful and respectful relationship with the employer.”

Horizon and CUPE finalized their tentative agreement on May 16, following several months of negotiations. By ratifying this agreement, both parties have ensured that the new contract will be in place for the 2016-2017 school year. Aspects of the agreement will be retroactive to September 1, 2015 – the day after the previous agreement’s expiration.

CUPE membership within Horizon includes school secretaries, caretakers, librarians, educational assistants, maintenance workers and numerous other support staff.

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