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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES RATIFIES CONTRACT WITH CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 4168

The Board of Trustees for St. Clair Catholic has voted to ratify the terms of a local agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 4168. The Board met in special session on Monday to approve the contract.

"We are so pleased to have successfully concluded contract negotiations with our CUPE education workers," says Deb Crawford, Director of Education. "We are grateful for the tremendous work that they do to support our students and families across the St. Clair district."

"I am thankful for the long and respectful relationship our members have with the St. Clair Catholic District School Board," says Dave Geroux, President of CUPE Local 4168. "My colleagues in the CUPE Local 4168 executive and all of our members are pleased to have our contract negotiations concluded before the holidays,"

The CUPE provincial agreement with the Ontario government and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association was ratified in October. A local agreement was reached on December 3, 2019 and members of CUPE Local 4168 held a successful ratification vote on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

The agreement includes improvements in contract language regarding job posting and appointment, as well as layoff/recall.

At St. Clair Catholic, CUPE represents custodians, maintenance, early childhood educators, educational assistants, technicians (payroll, accounting, library and computer) and secretaries."

The new contract expires on August 31, 2022.