



Board Ratifies Amendment to AUPE Agreement

At a public Board meeting this morning, the Board of Trustees ratified wage and bonus increases for 322 employees who are members of the Alberta Union of Public Employees (AUPE) Local 071, Chapter 013. The wage increases range from 4 to 8% while increases to bonuses range from 50 to 75%. The AUPE employees include custodians, maintenance and trades people throughout the Edmonton Catholic School District.

These increases are a result of negotiations with the district as part of a 'wage re-opener' in the unions' last year of a three year contract.

"The Board is extremely pleased to ratify this agreement. The wage increases help our district to be more competitive when hiring and retaining qualified employees," said Debbie Engel, Board Chairperson.

"In addition, the wage and bonus increases allow us to recognize the hard work and commitment of our custodians, maintenance and trades people who are crucial to the overall success of our district," Debbie Engel went on to say.

A mail-in ballot allowed employees of AUPE to vote on the amendment to the collective agreement. The ballots were counted yesterday. The wage and bonus increases are retroactive to September 1, 2006 and will cost the district a total of \$920,945 from September 1, 2006 until August 31, 2007.

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