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## **DSBN and Professional Student Services Staff Reach Agreement**

The District School Board of Niagara and Association of Professional Student Services Personnel (APSSP) reached a collective agreement which was ratified by both parties on June 20, 2007. It was passed by the Board of Trustees on June 27, 2007. The agreement will be in effect from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 and includes increases in salary, adjustments to working conditions and additional benefits.

APSSP represents 58 support staff who work in professional student services related to psychology, skills development, social work, speech therapy, sign-language and assessment, and attendance counseling.

"We are very pleased to have reached an agreement with our APSSP Unit," said Board Chair Kevin Maves. "I commend both negotiating teams for their hard work and dedication."

The District School Board of Niagara is responsible for public education in the 12 municipalities in the Niagara Region and employs approximately 3,800 teaching and educational services staff. With 120 elementary and secondary schools, the Board serves almost 39,000 students.

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