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#### **NEWS**

# Occasional elementary education staff reach deal

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The Halton District School Board and its elementary occasional teachers have agreed on a tentative local contract.

The board's agreement is with the Halton Elementary Occasional Teachers Local, which represents more than 900 occasional elementary teachers.

Occasional teachers fill in for permanent teachers when they are absent.

The occasional teachers are expected to hold their ratification vote on or before Dec. 18.

The deal must be ratified by the Halton local members and the school board's trustees.

Terms of the tentative agreement remain confidential until the ratification process is completed.

The Halton public school board has nine employee union groups it deals with. All of

the board's local unions have reached at least tentative central agreements.

Central agreements are those bargained

by the union at the provincial level with representatives of the Ontario government and the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPS-BA).

The Halton public board has four remaining unionized employee groups seeking a local contract — educational assistants (EAs), secretarial/office support (OS-

STF), Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP).

"We are still negotiating and are closer on some (local deals) than others. We have (negotiating) dates booked for all (four) groups in December and in the new year," said Sari Taha, the board's manager of human resources.

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