

April 22, 2025

Dear Staff, Parents, & Guardians,


The Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is very pleased to share that the GYPSD Board of Trustees and CUPE Local 1357 members have successfully ratified a new collective agreement. The new agreement will see labour stability until August 31, 2028. The last few years of bargaining have been challenging ones; however, we sincerely appreciate the patience, resilience, and support shown by our CUPE Local, staff, students and parents.


This new agreement will enable the Division to continue serving stakeholders with the same high-level commitment to student safety, student learning, teacher support, leader excellence, community engagement, and system health and wellness as it traditionally has.

While bargaining is never easy, it is nevertheless an essential part of arriving at a new collective agreement. Following the elongated process, it took to arrive at this new collective agreement, it is important to acknowledge the important role CUPE Local 1357 members play in the life of education in GYPSD. We appreciate our CUPE Local employees and the support they provide to our students, which ultimately forms part of the safe, secure, welcoming, and caring learning and working environment that is our number one priority."

In service to students and staff, GYPSD is much stronger together, working in partnership than we are apart. Thus, this new collective agreement is one to celebrate as it will provide stability and support for student learning while providing higher monetary return for the valuable work performed by our CUPE members.

The Board Chair and I want to thank you for your perseverance and dedication in helping to reach this agreement. We look forward to working with you in the years to come as we do our best to serve those entrusted to our care.


Dale Karpluk (Apr 22, 2025 16:08 MDT)
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