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Pittsburgh Public Schools, Teachers Union Reach Accord

PITTSBURGH – Feb. 28, 2018 – Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers reached tentative agreements on contracts for the District’s 2,400 teachers, 565 paraprofessionals, and 20 technical-clerical employees, capping months of negotiations and extending the city’s tradition of remaining strike-free for more than four decades.

The tentative 3-year agreements will be presented to the PFT Executive Board. If the Executive Board members approve these agreements, the PFT will send them to members for ratification by a secret ballot vote.

Arrangements are being made for the Board of Directors of the School District of Pittsburgh to vote on the proposed agreement. The District serves approximately 24,000 children in 54 schools serving students in grades PreK through 12th grade.

“Our sincerest thanks to our members who have stood together during the past 19-months of arduous negotiations and for the community’s support in fighting for our students,” said Nina Esposito-Visgitis, President of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers.

“I want to commend everyone involved in these long months of negotiations for their due diligence and tireless efforts to reach an agreement that works for everybody – our outstanding teachers and staff, our dedicated principals, and most importantly, our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Anthony Hamlet. “I also want to thank our PPS families, teachers, stakeholders and students for their patience throughout these negotiations. Now the real work begins: moving forward together, as one district, to create the best possible education for our children.”

The new agreements succeed a five-year contract that expired on June 30, 2015. An extension was in place until June 30, 2017.

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