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NSTU ends strike action as teachers and Province reach Tentative Agreement

The province and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU), representing public school teachers, have reached a tentative agreement for about 9,300 public school teachers in Nova Scotia. The current work-to-rule strike action will be suspended and phased out beginning January 23.

“We know that this has been a difficult time for teachers, students, parents, and families,” says NSTU president Liette Doucet. “We thank and appreciate the patience and support we’ve received.”

“In reaching this tentative agreement, we are suspending our work-to-rule job action pending the upcoming ratification vote,” she continues. “We have been focused exclusively on teaching, highlighting the working and learning conditions of teachers and students, and demonstrating how teachers go above and beyond.”

Doucet also says that the NSTU has also been focused on resolving this issue and getting a new agreement for her members. “Both parties worked day and night over the last week to come to this new tentative agreement.”

The NSTU provincial executive reviewed this new tentative agreement today and yesterday and recommended acceptance by the NSTU membership.

This tentative agreement will be provided to NSTU public school members in regional meetings around the province to be scheduled within the next two weeks, in advance of the ratification vote scheduled for February 8. Details of the tentative agreement will not be released until the agreement is ratified by union members. The Teachers’ Provincial Agreement expired on July 31 2015.

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NSTU president Liette Doucet is available to the media at 4:30 pm at the NSTU building.

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