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Teachers and Province Reach Tentative Agreement

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU), representing public school teachers, announced today, April 5, that they reached a tentative agreement with the province.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with the province," said NSTU president Shelley Morse. "Our provincial executive met today and voted to present the deal to the membership. It is now up to public school teachers to ratify the agreement."

Regional meetings with teachers around the province are scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

"We have reached an agreement that is in the best interests of students and public education," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Ramona Jennex. "I want to thank the negotiators for their hard work."

The last provincial agreement with teachers expired on July 31, 2012.

Details of the tentative agreement will not be released until the agreement is ratified by union members. A ratification vote is scheduled for April 18, 2013.

There are about 9,000 public school teachers in Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff in Nova Scotia, and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education offered to children and youth in Nova Scotia, while promoting and advancing the teaching profession in the province.

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