



## From Seattle Public Schools

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### **Statement from Seattle Public Schools regarding**

### **Seattle Education Association approval of landmark contract**

The following statements were issued tonight from Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson and Seattle School Board Director Steve Sundquist, who is spokesperson for the School Board on labor negotiations.

“I am so pleased that SEA members have voted to approve a three-year contract for certificated staff,” said Dr. Goodloe-Johnson. “This historic agreement builds on a tradition of collaboration with our teachers and will further strengthen the excellent work of our educators and administrators to keep student learning as our central focus. I honor the dedication of our teachers, knowing they work each day to ensure that every student reaches their highest potential.”

School Board Director Steve Sundquist acknowledged the importance of the ratification vote tonight and said, “We all know the difference that teachers make in our children’s lives, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment that every child receives an excellent education in Seattle Public Schools. I want to personally thank our teachers and administrators for their ongoing collaboration that resulted in approval of an agreement that will make such a positive difference in the lives of our students and community. We all look forward to a great start to school on September 8<sup>th</sup> and an excellent year of learning ahead.”

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