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BOARD AND ASSOCIATION REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW CONTRACT

HOLMDEL (December 20, 2016) – Last evening, the Holmdel Township Board of Education (BOE) unanimously approved a resolution ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement with the Holmdel Township Education Association (HTEA). The agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2016 and will run through June 30, 2019.

Ahead of the board's vote, BOE President, Joseph Hammer, made the following statement ahead of the board's vote:

"The Holmdel Board of Education is pleased to announce that it has successfully concluded contract negotiations with the HTEA and has drafted a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) memorializing a new three-year contract from 2016 to 2019.

The HTEA ratified the MOA last Friday, and tonight, we, as a board, are demonstrating our commitment to the process by moving rapidly to ensure that we have a solid agreement in place before the end of the year.

In summary, our new contract will:

1. Provide greater continuity of instruction and focus on student achievement; for example, new opportunities will be created for high school teachers to work with students after school;
2. Simplify and clarify many terms of the previous contract; and finally,
3. Give our outstanding staff a well-deserved raise.

The new contract also reflects this Board's strong commitment fiscal prudence without compromising the high quality education our children receive in this outstanding school district."

Superintendent Dr. Robert McGarry thanked the board and the association for the collaborative efforts that resulted in the new agreement. "The administrative team looks forward to working with all members of the HTEA to implement the terms of this agreement as we continue to provide the highest quality and most inclusive education possible for all of Holmdel's children," he added.