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MANITOBA MAKES HISTORY AS TEACHERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS REACH LANDMARK AGREEMENT

Winnipeg, MB: The Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA), representing English public school boards, is pleased to announce the historic ratification of the province's first-ever collective agreement with the Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS). This landmark agreement, achieved through rigorous negotiations, marks a significant step forward for Manitoba's education system.

The collective bargaining process, initiated in early 2022, involved harmonizing 37 separate collective agreements into a single, modernized document. This complex undertaking required unwavering dedication from both parties. MSBA extends sincere gratitude to Manitoba's teachers and school divisions for their patience and support throughout this process.

Among many positive outcomes of the new collective agreement was the achievement of new language within the Agreement in support of truth and reconciliation. The new Agreement provides for Indigenous language allowances as well as paid leave for Indigenous teachers to attend ceremonial, cultural and/or spiritual observances.

"This historic agreement is a testament to a collaborative spirit and shared commitment to our students," said Sandy Nemeth, president of the Manitoba School Boards Association. "By working together, we have created a framework that supports teachers, respects the diversity of our school divisions, and ultimately benefits the students of Manitoba."

Founded in 1907, the Manitoba School Boards Association provides advocacy, leadership and service in support of the work of all 38 public school boards in Manitoba.