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South Fayette Teachers Reach Agreement in Principal

South Fayette Township, PA – The South Fayette Board of School Directors has reached an agreement in principal with the South Fayette Education Association (SFEA) for a new six-year professional teachers' contract covering the years 2004-2010.

Teachers in the South Fayette School District have been working without a contract since the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year. While negotiations began in January of 2004 and parties had reached agreements on many non-economic related issues, in recent weeks talks had reached a stalemate with regard to salaries and benefits issues.

This agreement means that the Board and the representatives of the SFEA have come to terms on these major issues in the contract. The specifics of the agreement will be presented to members of the SFEA and to members of the School Board in the coming weeks with the hopes of a formal vote at the March Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. Leonard Fornella, Board Vice President and lead negotiator, commended Superintendent Dr. Linda Hippert and Director of Finance William Harper for their dedicated work in recent weeks to reach an agreement on behalf of the District. Fornella also recognized Mr. David Taylor and Mr. Greg Young for their willingness to work together and find a common ground.

“It has always been our goal to find a fair solution,” said Hippert. “We believe we are headed in a very positive direction.”

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