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### **City Teachers Ratify Contract**

Milwaukee Public Schools teachers have voted to ratify a new four-year pact with the Milwaukee School Board. There were 3,615 votes in favor of ratification and 600 opposed – a percentage of nearly 86% “yes” votes. The 2009-13 contract will be the first-ever four-year teacher agreement with the district.

The School Board is expected to vote for ratification at a meeting to be scheduled after the Thanksgiving break.

MTEA President Mike Langyel says: “The new contract is a key first step toward our union and our district working together for changes that will improve what the public schools offer to the children and families of Milwaukee.”

“This agreement balances the financial needs of teachers and the economic realities facing MPS. By accepting a pay freeze and substantial employee contributions to the district’s health insurance costs, our union members have demonstrated their willingness to be part of the solution.”

“We can now focus our energies on working with the district, parents, students, and the community on education reforms that will strengthen our schools, and build a stronger community,” says Langyel.

The Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association is a labor union representing over 8,000 teachers and other education professionals in Milwaukee Public Schools. MTEA’s mission is to improve the lives of its members and the students and families they serve.