

## District 15, teachers reach tentative contract agreement

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A strike in Palatine Township Elementary District 15 was avoided Sunday night when the district and its teachers came to an agreement on a new tentative contract.

According to postings on Web sites for both the District 15 and teachers union, a new three-year deal was agreed to after three straight days of negotiations.

"We are pleased to announce that after an extensive weekend of negotiations conducted under the guidance of a federal mediator, the District 15 Board of Education and the Classroom Teachers' Council (CTC), the bargaining unit that represents District 15's 772 teachers and certified staff members, reached a tentative agreement on the terms of a new three-year contract," according to the District's online statement.

The teachers have been working without a contract since the previous one expired Aug. 31. At issue in the contract talks were salary, health insurance and retirement benefits.

District 15 serves nearly 13,000 children from Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg and South Barrington.

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