



# News Release

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### **Preliminary Agreement Reached between Seattle Public Schools and Principals Association of Seattle Schools**

#### **Agreement will further strengthen leadership in schools, Superintendent says**

Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Maria L. Goodloe-Johnson, Ph.D. today announced that Seattle Public Schools' negotiators have reached a tentative agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding that would extend the existing contract of the Principals Association of Seattle Schools (PASS) for one additional year to cover the 2009-10 school year.

Negotiations will continue during the 2009-2010 year, with a goal of reaching a longer-term agreement prior to July 1, 2010.

The one-year Memorandum of Understanding will be voted on by the PASS membership during the coming week.

"I am very pleased that we were able to reach a tentative agreement," Goodloe-Johnson said. "We were able to focus on our shared priority of developing principal-centered professional development opportunities that will further strengthen school leadership and help us ensure that every student has access to high-quality educational programs."

"Principals are passionate about creating school communities that support excellence for every student," said Goodloe-Johnson. "We were able to work with PASS to craft a tentative agreement that will strengthen our schools and advance the goals of the District's strategic plan, Excellence for All."

Goodloe-Johnson thanked the negotiations team at PASS for their leadership. "We pledged to work together to strengthen our schools," she said. "I appreciate all the time and energy that allowed us to reach that goal." #####