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*Bargaining update: new contract for bus drivers, tentative agreement with teachers and EAs.*

Several weeks ahead of summer break, the Issaquah School District has reached important agreements with three of the four labor groups that are bargaining to renew their contracts.

Bus drivers last month ratified a three-year agreement, which the Issaquah School Board approved on May 13. The agreement was essentially a rollover from the current contract with a wage increase to keep the drivers' salary competitive with their regional peers.

Educational assistants (EAs) reached a tentative agreement with the District on May 27, and certificated employees (teachers) reached a tentative agreement with the District on June 1. Both labor groups will hold membership meetings prior to the end of the school year to go over the agreements and vote for ratification. If the majority of the membership approves, the contracts will move forward for the School Board's approval.

Secretaries and the District continue to bargain. Both sides together completed interest-based bargaining training in April and have scheduled bargaining dates throughout June.

The current contracts for certificated staff, bus drivers, EAs, and secretaries expire on August 31, 2010. [More information is online.](#)