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Ambridge Teachers Vote to Accept Arbitration Decision

The Ambridge Area School District is pleased to announce that teachers have voted to accept a decision issued by the Act 88 arbitration panel on Aug. 11.

During a special vote late this afternoon, the teachers voted on and approved the arbitrators' ruling. The Ambridge School Board approved the decision at its Aug. 16 voting meeting.

The agreement, which is retroactive to the start of the 2015-2016 school year, includes a fair salary and health insurance package. Savings achieved through the healthcare plan will be used to support well-deserved teacher salary increases without an impact to taxpayers. Details of the deal are available on the District website [here](#).

Following the vote, Dr. Jo Welter, Superintendent, expressed her appreciation to both sides of the negotiating table for their diligence and dedication to working out a deal that was fair to all parties involved.

"We are pleased the teachers have voted to accept the arbitrators' ruling, and thank them for their willingness to thoroughly review the offer before casting their votes," she said. "We know our teachers truly care about the education of our students, and we are thrilled to be able to announce the start of the new school year without the threat of a strike looming."

Mr. Scott Angus, School Board President, thanked both sides of the aisle for their steadfast determination to reach a deal. "We are appreciative that we were able to reach a fair agreement that addresses the needs of the District, the teachers, the students and the community as a whole," said Angus.

Students return to the classroom on Monday, Aug. 21.