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COMMUNITY STATUS REPORT

In an effort to provide transparency in the negotiations process between the Millstone Board of Education and the Millstone Township Education Association, the Board of Education has decided to attach the Proposals from the Board of Education and the Millstone Township Education Association.

The Millstone Township Board of Education and the Millstone Township Education Association are engaged in negotiations for a successor contract to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which will expire on June 30, 2009. The parties exchanged Proposals for the successor agreement on January 14, 2009.

Following the exchange of these Proposals, the parties met on January 19, 2009. Since it appears that the positions of the parties are so diverse concerning salary, workday issues, and benefits, an impasse should be declared and the parties will be seeking the assistance of the Public Employment Relations Commission to mediate the contract negotiations.

However, the Board of Education was still hopeful that a swift and amicable resolution to these negotiations would be achieved given the current economic climate. As a result, the Board provided an alternative proposal to achieve a short term and swift contract settlement for the 2009-2010 school year, only. The proposal was simply a wage freeze for 2009-2010, with all other terms of the contract to remain in effect. On January 22, 2009, the Association rejected the Board's offer to a one year wage freeze settlement. As a result, the parties will await notifications from the Public Employment Relations Commission as to a date for the initial mediation session.