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**NOVEMBER 7, 2016, LANSING, MICHIGAN--**MSEA membership has voted to ratify a new 2017-2018 wages and benefits agreement with the State of Michigan. The agreement includes a 3 percent base wage increase, effective Oct. 1, 2017; a 2 percent base wage increase, effective Oct. 1, 2018; and no changes in health care benefits.

"The agreement was overwhelming approved by MSEA membership with the highest participation on record--about 93 percent," said MSEA President Ken Moore. "This is an incentive to work toward the new bargaining cycle which will begin in summer 2018. I would like to again thank our Bargaining Team for their hard work and also all MSEA members who participated by voting."

The Michigan Civil Service Commission must still approve the contract. Its next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016.

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