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CLEVELAND TEACHERS UNION AND CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO SAVE CRITICAL PROGRAMS

Following recommendations from a federal mediator, representatives of the Cleveland Teachers Union and officials of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District have reached a tentative agreement that, if ratified by CTU membership and approved by the Board of Education, will restore programs and cuts that impact CMSD students.

"The agreement, while not perfect, is fair for teachers and good for students," said CTU President David Quolke. "The District's budget crisis is real, and the CTU has stepped to the plate with a portion of the shared sacrifice."

Both sides agreed not to release details of the agreement until after it is presented to CTU membership and the Board of Education for review and approval, said CEO Eric Gordon.

"Even as we await the approval process, we are preparing to begin restoration of some of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 reductions that all of us hoped to avoid," he said.

CTU and CMSD officials agree that the settlement represents an important step in the district's continuing effort to meet its budget challenges and to maintain staff and programs essential to the success of students in Cleveland's public schools.

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