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**Martin County School District
AFSCME Employees Vote to Ratify 2008-2009 Contract**

On Wednesday, February 11th, members of the *American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* voted to ratify the 2008-2009 contract. The District settled the contract with the AFSCME negotiating team on January 23rd. The proposed contract does not include across-the-board raises, but does provide for a one-time bonus of \$300 for AFSCME employees. The results for the AFSCME ratification vote are as follows:

Number of Eligible Voters: 800
Number of Yes Votes: 537
Number of No Votes: 23
Number of Unmarked Ballots: 2

“The overwhelming support for the proposed contract by AFSCME members is another example of our employees’ commitment- at every level- to helping the district, as we deal with the critical budget cuts by the state,” said Superintendent Nancy Kline.

The proposed contract with the AFSCME bargaining unit will now go before the School Board for approval during the School Board Meeting on February 17th.