

# **News Shorts**

## **PSSP settlement**

After 520 days without much progress, District 12 PSSP (Professional Student Services Personnel) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the TDSB for a contract for 2002 - 2004, ratified on February 9 by 98% of the membership. (Negotiations for 2004 - 2006 begin, then, February 10?)

Congratulations to our colleagues! to the attendance counselors, psychologists, student program workers, youth counselors, audiologists, multilingual team leaders, speech pathologists, and others who are so important to our schools.

## **Killer coke!**

At the December STBU Council meeting, councillors voted to boycott all Coca Cola products (including Minute Maid, Nestea, Fruitopia) at all D12 council meetings. D12 members are encouraged to do the same at their branch locations.

As President Doug Jolliffe explained, the boycott is part of a world-wide campaign against Coca Cola for its involvement in the brutal repression, including murder and torture, of trade union activists in Columbia. For more information, google "coke boycott" or go to [killercoke.org](http://killercoke.org).

## **Educating Paul Martin**

Also in December, Branch Presidents passed a motion (Langen, Aslanidis) demanding of then PM-elect Paul Martin an independent inquiry into the Maher Arar affair,

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