

# School Safety Agent Pay-Bias Settlement Talks Not Done Yet

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It may take some more time before a \$350-million-pay-discrimination lawsuit between the de Blasio administration and 5,000 School Safety Agents is settled.

“It’s going to be some matter of weeks before we have anything at all negotiated with the city,” attorney James Linsey said May 16.

Since 2010, the SSAs, members of Teamsters Local 237, have litigated with the city over a 20-percent pay differential between the mostly female workers and male-dominated peace-officer titles. In April, a judge gave both sides 90 days to work out a deal. During a May 9 City Hall rally that drew top city politicians and fair-pay poster child Lilly Ledbetter, Mr. Linsey indicated his hope that an agreement could come as soon as the following week.

When the two sides reach a preliminary agreement, they will hold a fairness hearing in U.S. District Court, he said. That process can take more than four weeks.