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Artemis II begins its journey from the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center to the launch pad on Jan. 17. The rocket is tentatively scheduled to launch in early February. CRAIG BAILEY/FLORIDA TODAY

NASA's Artemis II astronauts will see 'unique' view of moon

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For the first time, humans will see with their own eyes parts of the moon never seen before.

As early as next month, NASA's Artemis II mission will take four astronauts on a flight around the moon that even the Apollo crews never experienced. In preparation for the launch, which could happen as soon as Feb. 6, NASA's giant Space Launch System rocket rolled to its Kennedy Space Center launchpad

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Rocket begins rollout

A crowd gathers to see the SLS rocket ahead of Artemis II mission, 5A

No raise for first-year teachers, union says

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Brevard Federation of Teachers is gearing up to go to arbitration after the school district didn't pay first-year teachers a salary increase in November 2025 — an act the union argues is in violation of their contract, but one the district says was agreed upon in the final document.

"Our first-year teachers, who were counting on an agreed-upon raise to help with Christmas expenses, were instead reminded how the majority of this school board feels about transparency," said Anthony Colucci, president of Brevard Federation of Teachers, in a statement to FLORIDA TODAY. "When a district signs an agreement and then selectively refuses to honor it, that is not a misunderstanding — it is a breach of trust."

Colucci said all teachers were set to receive an approximately 2% base salary increase — a raise that's reflected in the tentative bargaining agreement approved by the board on Oct. 28. But in the final ratified contract, first-year teachers — who make up between 400 and 500 staff members, according to Colucci — are excluded from receiving a pay raise, something that Colucci argues was a mistake and should have been corrected.

At this point, the district is sticking with how the final contract is written, arguing that BFT never asked for higher pay for first-year teachers in the first place — a point Colucci disputes.

"The union did not request an increase to starting teacher pay during negotiations, which is why it is not reflected in the contract," said Janet Murnaghan, chief strategic communications officer for the district. "When the union later raised concerns, the district and the School Board consistently attempted to address the issue through discussion and compromise, even offering a recruitment and retention bonus to address the issue. That offer was presented multiple times, but the union repeatedly chose not to accept it."

Colucci said no such offer was ever presented in writing.

What's in the contract?

A tentative bargaining agreement between Brevard Federation of

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