

# **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**



**JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2025**

*BETWEEN*

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO  
LAKES)**

*AND*

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)**

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# COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2025

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

(hereinafter called the "Board") PARTY OF THE FIRST PART  
AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)(hereinafter called the "Union")  
PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

## PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Agreement is to secure for the Board, the Union, and the employees the full benefits of legal collective bargaining and to ensure to the utmost extent possible fair and reasonable remuneration, working conditions, job security, economy of operation, maintenance of essential services and protection of property. It is recognized by this Agreement to be the duty of the Board and the Union and the employees to cooperate fully, individually and collectively for the advancement of said conditions.

The Board and the Union agree to abide by the terms set out in this Agreement. The Union further agrees it will at all times instruct its members to act in accordance with the terms contained in this Agreement. The Board agrees, in the exercise of the functions of management, the provisions of this Agreement will be carried out.

## **ARTICLE 1- BOARD'S RIGHTS**

### **Sec. 1     Management and Direction**

The management and the operation of, and the direction and promotion of the working forces, is vested exclusively in the Board, except as modified elsewhere in this Agreement.

### **Sec. 2     Hiring and Discipline**

The Board shall have the right to select its employees and to discipline, transfer, demote or discharge them for proper cause.

### **Sec. 3     Supervisory Staff**

The selection and promotion of supervisory officials shall be entirely a matter for the Board's decision, but in making such selection or promotion, length of continuous service shall be given due consideration.

## **ARTICLE 2 - UNION RECOGNITION AND SECURITY**

### **Sec. 1     Bargaining Authority**

The Board agrees the bargaining authority of Local 4177, as certified by the Labour Relations Board, shall not be impaired during the term of this Collective Agreement. The Board agrees the only certification that it will recognize during the term of this Agreement is that of Local 4177, unless ordered by due process of law to recognize some other bargaining authority.

It is agreed that the following are excluded from the bargaining unit: Secretary-Treasurer, Director or Manager of Human Resources, Manager or Assistant Manager of Information Technology, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and/or Manager of Budget and Finances, Payroll Manager, Manager of Facilities, Manager of Transportation, Director of Indigenous Education, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Inclusive Education, Executive Assistant to the Human Resources Manager, Executive Assistant to the Facilities Manager.

### **Sec. 2     Union Membership**

(a) The Board agrees all employees, who, at the date of the signing of this Agreement, are members of the Union, or any employees

who hereafter during the life of this Agreement, become members shall as a condition of continued employment, maintain membership in good standing with the Union.

- (b) A new employee commencing employment with the Board shall become a member of the Union within fifteen (15) days.

Sec. 3 Check-off

An employee of the bargaining unit will as a condition of employment, authorize the Board to deduct from their earnings in each month, dues legally levied, and in the amount communicated to the Board by the Union from time to time. The Board shall remit the dues deducted pursuant to such assignment to the Financial Secretary of the Union not later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of the month following that in which such deductions are made, with a written statement of names of the employees for whom the deductions were made and the amount of each deduction.

Sec. 4 Financial Responsibility

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this section, there shall be no financial responsibility on the part of the Board for the dues of an employee, unless there are sufficient unpaid wages of that employee in the Board's hands.

Sec. 5 Notification

The Union shall be notified of all appointments, hires, layoffs, rehires and terminations of employment with the month-end check off statement.

Notification of hires shall contain classification and rate of pay.

Sec. 6 Excluded Staff Orientation

Prior to October 30 of each school year, an orientation on the current Collective Agreement will be given at an Administrators' Meeting.

Sec. 7 Strikes – Walkouts

An employee covered under this Agreement may refuse to cross or work behind a legally constituted picket line as defined under the Labour Relations Code. Failure to cross such a picket line shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board unless the picket line has been deemed to be illegal under the Labour Relations Code. Discipline shall not be retroactive.

An employee failing to report to work when faced with a picket line

shall be considered absent without pay.

It is the responsibility of the Board to determine the legal status of the picket line through the procedures set out in the Labour Relations Code or the courts.

The Board shall not request, require, nor direct an employee covered under this Agreement to do work or carry out duties normally performed by an employee engaged in a strike or locked out, nor shall an employee request, require, or direct others not covered by this Agreement to carry out such duties.

**Sec. 8     No Other Agreements**

No employee or group of employees shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Board or its representatives which conflicts with the terms of this collective agreement, except by mutual agreement between the Union and the Board.

**Sec. 9     Onboarding of New Employees**

The Board agrees to advise a new employee that a Union Agreement is in effect and to provide them with a new employee hiring kit. The kit shall be delivered electronically to the employee's District email address and will contain a Collective Agreement, Union by-laws, CUPE National Constitution (when supplied by the Union link), a list of Union Officers and Stewards, as well as any other items agreed by the parties.

**Sec. 10    Union Business**

- (a) The Board agrees to grant time off without pay during any working day to officers of the Union in the employ of the Board for Union business purposes.
- (b) The Board agrees time spent in settling grievances, joint committees and Board initiated meetings, held during the employee's regular working hours, is without loss of remuneration.
- (c) In order that the work of the Board shall not be unreasonably interrupted, no steward shall leave their work without obtaining the permission of their supervisor, which permission shall not be unduly withheld.
- (d) Bargaining representatives in the employ of the District shall have the privilege of attending collective bargaining meetings with the Board if held during regular working hours, without loss of remuneration. The Union agrees to notify the Board of the names

of such employees, whose number for the purpose of this section shall not exceed a total of six (6) employees at any one time.

- (e) The Board will reimburse Union Officers for mileage at the remuneration rate as per Board policy, and pre-approved accommodation costs. The Union will pay for Union Officers' meals. The Board and Union agree to mitigate costs by using a variety of cost- saving measures.

**Sec. 11    Liaison Committee**

- (a) A Liaison Committee consisting of four (4) representatives of the Union and two (2) representatives of the Board, shall be formed to discuss matters relating to interpretation and operation of this Agreement. Should these meetings be held during regular working hours, this shall be without loss of remuneration to the employee.
- (b) The Board will reimburse Union Officers for mileage at the remuneration rate as per Board policy, and pre-approved accommodation costs. The Union will pay for Union Officers' meals. The Board and Union agree to mitigate costs by using a variety of cost- saving measures.

**ARTICLE 3 – DEFINITIONS**

That for the purpose of this Agreement and unless the context otherwise requires:

**Sec. 1    Probationary Employees**

A probationary employee shall be defined as a person who is serving a probationary period of sixty (60) working days for a regular appointment with the Board and whose employment may be terminated at any time during the probationary period with notice.

**Sec. 2    Casual Employees**

- (a) A casual employee shall be defined as a person who is employed on a day to day basis and who has an anticipated termination date, or for short continuous assignments when the anticipated termination date does not exceed thirty (30) calendar days at any one time. If necessary, assignments may be extended by mutual agreement between the Union and the Board.
- (b) Subject to the following, a casual employee shall only be entitled to the provisions of this Agreement relating to seniority, wage rates, hours of work, rest periods, and those benefits to which

they are entitled by virtue of Federal or Provincial Government statutes. With the exception of seniority, this shall also apply to student employees.

**Sec. 3     Regular Employees**

A regular employee shall be defined as a person who has satisfactorily completed sixty (60) working days service with the Board and who is employed on a regular full-time or part-time basis. Regular full-time employees shall be entitled to all benefits of the Agreement. Regular part-time employees shall receive, when eligible, benefit entitlement on a pro-rata basis.

**Sec. 4     Relief and Limited Duration Employees**

- (a) A relief employee is engaged in employment specifically to replace a regular employee who is absent on an authorized leave of absence that is anticipated to exceed thirty (30) calendar days. When the employee replaced returns to work, the relief employee is to be laid off or returned to their continuing position if owned.
- (b) Limited duration employees not to exceed twenty (20) in any school year and not to exceed a total of twenty (20) jobs in any school year may be engaged in employment that has been developed for a period that is anticipated to exceed thirty (30) calendar days but will not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) calendar days in any school year. Any program cannot be activated more than once in a school year. By mutual consent of both parties, the length of the program may be extended beyond one hundred and fifty (150) calendar days.
- (c) Relief and limited duration employees: all the terms and conditions of the Agreement as provided for in Section 3 above, apply; except that they shall not be entitled to bump when laid off. They are also required to be at the job-site at the assigned starting time and are not eligible for traveling time or mileage to or from the job-site.

A regular employee may bid into a relief or limited duration position and return to their regular position upon termination of the relief or limited duration position.

- (d) A laid-off relief or limited duration employee who has gained seniority and is qualified, shall be offered casual work before a casual is called.

## **ARTICLE 4 - HOURS OF WORK**

### **Sec. 1     Work Week**

The regular work week shall be Monday to Friday. The regular working week may be varied by mutual agreement between the Board and the Union.

### **Sec. 2     Facilities/Custodial Staff**

The normal hours of work for day shift employees shall be eight (8) consecutive hours per day, forty (40) hours per week.

The normal hours of work for custodians on day shift on those days schools are in session for pupils and employees on all other shifts shall be up to eight (8) consecutive hours per day, forty (40) hours per week, inclusive of a one-half (1/2) hour period for a meal to be taken on site.

### **Sec. 3     Clerical Staff**

The regular work week for full-time clerical staff shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days of a minimum of seven (7) hours and up to eight (8) hours each, from Monday to Friday inclusive.

### **Sec. 4     Four (4) Hour Minimum**

(a) The District is committed to providing a minimum of four (4) hours of work for all employees reporting for work.

(b) Exemptions from the four (4) hour minimum:

- Noon/Morning/Bus/Playground Supervisor;
- Exemption for small schools with enrolment of seventy-five (75) students in which case a two (2) hour minimum will apply;
- Casual replacements for multi-site positions, combined positions, emergent situations for sick employees; replacements for employees taking part-day leaves of absence; replacements for exempted positions;
- Employees hired with Aboriginal funding, and/or employees hired under funding from other agencies, where additional provincial funds to top up hours is not available;
- Other positions by mutual agreement.

(c) Hours will be consecutive where provincial funding for this purpose is available.

- (d) Bus Drivers are exempt from the requirement for consecutive hours. The daily hours shall be completed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive hours.
- (e) The four (4) hour minimum shall be implemented no later than September 1, 2001.
- (f) The Board will implement the four (4) hour minimum consistent with Sec. (g) below and provisions of the Collective Agreement:
  - If either the Board or the Union identifies that the criteria was not followed, or they disagree with the decision, the issue shall be referred to the Liaison Committee;
  - If the Liaison Committee determines the criteria (Sec. (g) below) was not followed the Board will correct the situation; and
  - If, subsequent to this process, either party determines that the criteria was not followed, that party may move the issue into either the grievance or expedited arbitration process as appropriate.

The parties agree to implement the above four (4) hour minimum to the extent that any additional costs are fully funded by specific additional provincial funding, as per the Industrial Inquiry Commission #2 requirement for the implementation and maintenance of the four (4) hour minimum.

- (g) **Criteria for Attaining the Four (4) Hour Minimum**

In providing and maintaining an appropriate service level to students, management may consider the following points when implementing a four (4) hour minimum.

  - Compression of work week;
  - A combination of positions;
  - The elimination of current positions of less than four (4) hours in duration and the layoff of employees in those positions;
  - The reassignment of hours of current positions less than four (4) hours;
  - The rate of pay for any combined position;

- The funding available for the implementation of the four (4) hour minimum from the provincial four (4) hour minimum fund;
- The posting requirements, if any, for combined positions;
- The applicability of other articles in the Collective Agreement;
- Other positions that an exemption may apply to.

**Sec. 5     Assignment of Extra Work**

A part-time regular or part-time relief employee at the work-site will be offered first opportunity for any extra employment of less than thirty (30) days.

Preference will be given to a candidate at the work-site who is qualified and available to work for the full duration, within that classification. Secondary consideration will be given to a candidate who is not working within the classification, but who has appropriate qualifications. This extra work does not constitute overtime premiums or call-outs.

An eligible employee, interested in extra employment, must submit an *Extra Hours* form online if they wish to be included in any applicable opportunities for that year (September to August). Human Resources will send a general-instruction online communication to part-time support staff annually, prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sec. 6     Definition of Shifts**

Day Shift	- 7 a.m. to 3:59 p.m.
Afternoon Shift	- 4 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.
Night Shift	- 11 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.

Any employee working the majority of that employee's regularly scheduled hours in that day should be considered to be on that shift on that day.

If there is a change and/or difference in hours or shifts the senior employee shall have preference as to those hours of work unless there are valid reasons that a particular employee be available during specified hours.

Starting and stopping times may be amended by mutual consent between the Board and the employee. In the event of a continued variance of this section, the Union shall be notified in writing.

**Sec. 7     Maintenance**

(a) Where a maintenance employee, who normally performs day work is requested by the Board to temporarily perform work outside their regularly scheduled hours, and performs such work, the employee shall be entitled to receive an additional fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour for each hour worked until such temporary work assignment is completed.

(b) Where such temporary work is performed beyond midnight, the employee shall receive seventy cents (\$0.70) per hour for each hour worked.

(c) The foregoing applies only in those cases where the Board changes the maintenance employee's regularly scheduled hours of work to alternative hours to perform temporary maintenance work.

(d) The preceding is not to be included in regular overtime nor is it to be compounded at overtime rates.

**Sec. 8     Rest Periods**

A full-time employee shall be permitted a fifteen (15) minute rest period both in the first half and in the second half of a shift, to be taken on the premises at a designated time. These rest periods shall be considered working time.

A part-time employee will be entitled to the following rest breaks:

- from 3.5 - 5.5 consecutive hours per day: one (1) fifteen (15) minute break;
- any time worked over 5.5 consecutive hours per day: two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks.

**Sec. 9     Where No Work Is Available**

A regular full-time employee starting work in any day and being sent home before they have completed four (4) hours work, shall be paid for four (4) hours of their regular rate of pay. In the event that an employee reports for work but is sent home before commencing work, they shall be paid for two (2) hours at regular rate, unless they were advised by the Board not to report to work.

**Sec. 10    Custodian Meal Breaks**

Custodians working a shift of five (5) hours or more shall be provided a one-half (1/2) hour paid meal break to be taken on the premises.

Sec. 11 Reallocation/Redeployment of Work

An Employee who has been redeployed or reallocated for work from their base location, site or community shall be paid full travel time in addition to their regular time worked. This includes any overtime arising from leaving and returning to their base location, site, or community.

Sec. 12 IT Hours of Work

All Information Technology (IT) staff shall be scheduled to work eight (8) consecutive hours per day, between the hours of 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday, inclusive of a one-half hour lunch period for a meal to be taken on the job.

**ARTICLE 5 – SENIORITY**

Sec. 1 Seniority Defined

Seniority is defined as the length of service in the bargaining unit and shall include service with the Employer prior to certification of CUPE (Local 4177). Seniority shall be used as set out in other provisions of this agreement. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining-unit-wide-basis.

Sec. 2 New Employee – Probationary Period

A newly hired regular, relief or limited duration employee shall be hired on probation, the probationary period to continue for sixty (60) working days, during which time they shall be considered a temporary worker only, and during this same period no seniority rights shall be recognized. After completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be effective from the original date of employment.

Sec. 3 Seniority List

The Board shall maintain a seniority list showing the current classification and the date upon which each regular employee's service commenced. A current seniority list shall be provided to the Union and the site steward shall post on all bulletin boards by November 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Sec. 4 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall lose their seniority in the event that:

- (a) They are discharged for just cause and are not reinstated; or

- (b) They resign in writing; or
- (c) They are absent from work in excess of three (3) working days without notifying their supervisor, unless such notice was not reasonably possible; or
- (d) They are laid-off for a period of eighteen (18) months except as provided in Article 5, Section 5.

Sec. 5 No Loss of Seniority

An employee absent from work because of sickness, accident, WorkSafe BC, Union Leave or any other leave of absence approved by the Board, shall not lose their seniority.

A laid-off employee who works a minimum of 60 shifts during the initial eighteen (18) month layoff period, and who works a minimum of 60 shifts during any subsequent eighteen (18) month layoff period, shall not lose their seniority.

**ARTICLE 6 – RECOGNIZED SECONDARY SENIORITY**

Sec. 1 Recognized Secondary Seniority

- (a) This secondary seniority system shall commence effective September 1, 2000.
- (b) Such an employee shall earn one (1) day of secondary seniority for each shift or portion of a shift worked.
- (c) Secondary seniority shall be recognized once an employee has worked sixty (60) shifts within an eighteen (18) month period.

Sec. 2 Assignment of Casual Work

An employee who has recognized secondary seniority will be responsible for providing the employer with their current phone number and preferred work locations.

An employee who has recognized secondary seniority shall be offered work for which they are qualified on the basis of their secondary seniority.

Once an employee's assignment is completed the employee's name shall be returned to the secondary seniority list.

**Sec. 3     Use of Recognized Secondary Seniority for Posted Positions**

For the purpose of filling posted positions, an employee who has recognized secondary seniority and who applies for such a position shall be considered after regular employees and prior to outside applicants.

If such an employee is awarded a posted position and successfully completes a probationary period under the terms of this Agreement their secondary seniority shall not apply. Their date-of-hire shall be the date on which the posted position commenced.

**Sec. 4     Loss of Recognized Secondary Seniority**

- (a) Recognized secondary seniority shall be lost in the event the employee fails to respond to five (5) consecutive call-ins or call-outs. It is understood that an employee who is unavailable for call-in or call-out shall notify the employer one (1) week in advance in writing where reasonable.
- (b) An employee with Secondary seniority who does not work sixty (60) shifts within a fifteen (15) month period shall be removed from the secondary seniority list.

**Sec. 5     Secondary Seniority List**

A separate seniority list shall be supplied on November 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> showing casual employees who have attained recognized secondary seniority.

**ARTICLE 7 – LAYOFF AND RECALL**

Article 7 provisions do not apply to relief and limited duration employees.

**Sec. 1     Definition of Layoff**

Layoff shall be defined as the reduction of any hours for regular full-time employees and a twenty percent (20%) reduction for regular part-time employees. A layoff of indefinite duration does not include the Summer period, Winter and Spring breaks.

It is agreed between the Union and Management, that when an employee is laid off for Winter, Spring and Summer breaks, they will assume their posted position(s) when school is back in session.

**Sec. 2     Advance Notice of Layoff**

- (a) The employer shall notify an employee, as per the

Employment Standards Act, prior to the effective date of layoff.

- (b) If the employee has not had the opportunity to work the days as provided in this Article, they shall be paid for the days for which work was not made available.

### Sec. 3 Laid-off Employee Options

An employee who receives notice of layoff shall be afforded one of the following options and must notify the Board, in writing, of their selected option within five (5) days.

- (a) Accepting the reduction in the position if the hours of work are reduced, or
- (b) Taking a layoff from employment, and applying for posted vacancies or
- (c) Bumping, per Article 7, Section 4 of the current collective agreement or
- (d) Terminating employment and receiving applicable severance following the conclusion of the layoff notice period and within ninety (90) working days.
- (e) An employee, who has replaced another employee under (c) above, will not have their salary reduced for a period of six (6) months, after which time their salary will be according to the position they then occupy. If an employee bumps up they will get an immediate raise. If an employee bumps across nothing changes. If an employee bumps down, the above paragraph applies.

Employees who chose to bump and employees who post into another position, shall have the option to remain in the new position, or exercise their right to recall if their position is re-instated within thirty (30) working days of the effective date of layoff.

### Sec. 4 Bumping

Both parties recognize that job security shall increase in proportion to length of service. Therefore, in the event of a layoff, an employee shall be laid-off in the reverse order of their bargaining-unit-wide seniority in the work location where the layoff is required. An employee about to be laid-off or bumped may only bump the most junior employee in the same classification and/or similar hours (two (2) hours + or – of affected position) for which they are qualified, in their choice of location. If any employee is unable to bump in the same classification, they may choose to bump outside of their classification providing the employee exercising their right is qualified to perform the work of the employee with less seniority.

## Sec. 5 Bumping – Personal Attendants

If a personal attendant receives notice of layoff after September 30, they may exercise seniority rights and bump any position they are qualified to perform, except another personal attendant, for the balance of the school year.

If a personal attendant receives notice of layoff in September and before September 30, they may exercise seniority rights and bump any position they are qualified to perform, including another personal attendant position. Any laid-off, qualified employee may exercise seniority rights and bump a personal attendant only in September.

In September of the following school year, a displaced personal attendant may elect to bump a less senior personal attendant or remain in the position of their original bump.

## Sec. 6 Trial Period

An employee who bumps into a position will serve a trial period of twenty (20) working days. In the event the employee proves unsatisfactory in the position or the position proves unsatisfactory to the employee during the trial period, they may return to their original position if available or be afforded another bump.

An employee may request a one-time extension from the Board to the Trial Period due to unforeseen circumstances, such as, but not limited to Bereavement Leave, Compassionate Leave, or sick leave of three (3) or more days. The extension will not exceed twenty (20) days. Requests must be made prior to the completion of the first twenty (20) days and may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board, on a case by case basis with no precedent.

## Sec. 7 Recall Procedure

An employee shall have recall rights under Section 3(b) to the position they were laid-off from for a period of six (6) months. In all other instances, recall shall be in order of seniority.

## Sec. 8 Notice of Postings

The employee shall keep the Board informed of their current mailing address, phone number and email address. Employees on layoff will receive postings via email unless otherwise requested.

## Sec. 9 No New Employees

A new employee, or casual employee shall not be hired until a laid-off employee has been given the opportunity of recall to

positions they are qualified to perform.

Sec. 10 Severance Pay

In the event of indefinite layoff, a regular employee will have ninety (90) working days to choose termination and receive severance pay as follows, which is to be pro-rated for part-time regular employees:

- One (1) week's pay for one (1) to five (5) years of consecutive service.
- Two (2) week's pay for five (5) to ten (10) years of consecutive service.
- Three (3) week's pay for more than ten (10) years of consecutive service.

Sec. 11 Grievances on Layoff and Recall

Grievances concerning layoffs and recalls shall be initiated at Step Two (2) of the Grievance Procedure.

**ARTICLE 8 – PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES**

Sec. 1 Job Posting

- (a) In the event of a vacancy of a permanent or temporary nature occurring in any classification covered by this Agreement, or in the event of a new position being created, notice thereof shall be posted for seven (7) calendar days in all operating locations, and a copy shall be sent to the Secretary of the Union.

Details of positions will be posted electronically. The positions will be posted on Wednesdays and will be held open for seven calendar days. Postings will close the following Wednesday. Employees wishing to be considered for appointment to any available position must apply electronically to the Human Resources Department.

- (b) For the sake of this Article a relief or limited duration vacancy shall be a period of thirty (30) days or more as per Article 3, Section 4 of this Agreement.
- (c) All positions to be filled must be posted within ten (10) working days of the Board becoming aware of the vacancy. All posted positions shall be filled within five (5) working days from the date of closure or the Union advised of the reason for the delay. In any event, the Union shall be advised in writing of the name of the successful candidate within seven (7) calendar days following the filling of the posting.

(d) Information on Posting

Such postings and notices shall contain the following information: location; bus route; nature of the position; required qualifications and ability; hours of work and wage rate; and closing date for accepting applications. Applications must be made via the electronic posting process.

Sec. 2 No Outside Advertising

No outside advertising for any vacancy shall be placed until the applications of present Union members, including those on layoff and casual employees with recognized secondary seniority have been processed. Where a position is not expected to be filled internally, agreement from the Union will be obtained to expedite immediate advertising.

Sec. 3 Selection Process

- (a) It is agreed and understood that, in the matter of applicants, current service employees (those employees with regular or recognized secondary seniority) shall be given preference over other applicants.
- (b) The parties agree that long term employees or those employees hired with less than the current job description qualification for grade 12 are considered to be grandfathered for the qualification of grade 12 in their current job.
- (c) When bidding a new job, successful candidates shall be granted a period of one year from their start date to complete the grade 12 requirement (Adult Dogwood or equivalent). If the employee is unable to achieve this qualification within this time frame the employee will be subject to layoff.
- (d) For the purpose of this Article, a casual employee's seniority shall only apply against other casual employees.
- (e) In making promotions, demotions, lateral changes and when filling vacancies, the most senior qualified applicant will be selected on the basis of their skill, knowledge and ability as per the official job description for the position.

Sec. 4 Hiring Unqualified Candidates

- (a) It is recognized that occasionally the Board may be unable to fill a position with a candidate possessing the minimum qualifications.
- (b) If no qualified applicants are identified after internal posting and

external advertising, the Board shall fill the position, with an applicant who may lack some of the minimum qualifications. Such an applicant shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions and benefits of the collective agreement but will not have the right to bump.

- (c) The following conditions will apply and will be communicated to the applicant at the time of hiring:
1. The assignment will be considered temporary and will not exceed one twelve (12) month period.
  2. The candidate will be encouraged to complete the minimum qualifications for the position and the Board may assist by providing reimbursement on the successful completion of the training required in order to achieve such minimum qualifications. A fund will be established for this purpose with \$13,200 on July 1, 2022 and \$7,900 per year on an ongoing basis.
  3. Should the incumbent obtain the minimum qualifications during the term of the assignment, the position will be awarded as per the terms of the original job posting.
  4. Should the incumbent fail to obtain the minimum qualifications, and provided that the need for the position still exists, the position will be reposted at the conclusion of the temporary assignment.
  5. The temporary employee who fails to obtain the minimum qualifications will be laid off at the end of the temporary assignment and if they are a regular employee they shall be returned to their former position.

## Sec. 5 Trial Period

- (a) If the successful applicant is a regular employee, they shall be placed on trial for a period of forty-five (45) working days. Conditional on satisfactory service, such trial promotion shall become permanent after the period of forty-five (45) working days.
- (b) In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position, they shall be returned to their former position at the prevailing rate without loss of seniority, and any other employee promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions may also be returned to their former position.
- (c) In the event the successful applicant finds the position unsatisfactory within twenty (20) working days, they shall return to their position(s).
- (d) If an employee returns to their former position within twenty (20) working days the position does not have to be re-posted but will be offered to the next senior qualified applicant.

- (e) This section shall also apply to temporary replacements necessitated by illness, injury, or leave of absence, or replacement of employees on vacation or for temporary filling of vacancies.

An employee may request a one-time extension from the Board to the Trial Period due to unforeseen circumstances such as, but not limited to Bereavement Leave, Compassionate Leave or sick leave of three (3) or more days. The extension will not exceed twenty (20) days. Requests must be made prior to the completion of the first twenty (20) days and may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board, on a case by case basis with no precedent.

#### Sec. 6 July and August Vacancies

In the event the Board has sufficient prior knowledge of a position becoming available during July or August, the position will be posted and the successful candidate will be advised prior to the end of June.

Other vacancies which occur after June 30<sup>th</sup> shall be posted in accordance with Article 8 Sec. 1 beginning the last week of August.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the Board from filling positions becoming vacant during July and August on a temporary basis. Any departure from this procedure will be by mutual agreement between the Board and the Union.

### **ARTICLE 9 - JOB SECURITY**

#### Sec. 1 Technological Change

Should any displacement of staff be indicated as the result of technological change, the Board and the Union will meet and discuss the possibility of employing displaced employees in some other capacity, three (3) months prior to the implementation of such change. In the event that a regular employee is displaced, they shall be offered an opportunity to bump a junior employee. Any employee subsequently laid off as a result of this procedure shall retain seniority and recall rights for a period of twelve (12) months.

Any employee placed in a lower-rated position as a result of mechanization shall not have their wages reduced, but shall continue to receive their old rate until such time as the agreement rate for their new position is equal to their annual rate of pay. Any employee whose services are terminated by the Board because of technological change shall be entitled to severance pay equivalent to one (1) week's pay for each year of service.

Sec. 2 Contracting Out

No regular or part-time employee shall be laid-off or have their regular income reduced as a consequence of contracting out.

Except for emergencies, the Union shall be advised as to the nature of the work and contractor in the event of a sub-contract, prior to the work commencing.

**ARTICLE 10 - WAGES**

Sec. 1 Pay Dates

The Board shall pay salaries and wages every second Friday, in accordance with the Wage Schedules attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement. Employees shall be classified as per the Wage Schedules attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement.

The setting out of a job classification and accompanying wage rate in the Wage Schedules attached to this Agreement shall not bind the Board to create or fill such position.

All C.U.P.E. employees will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfers. An employee is to be advised in writing of any change made to their timesheets that would decrease their earnings.

Where possible, and without affecting payroll deadlines, timesheets may be changed after consultation with the employee. Any such changes will be confirmed in writing. Such changes will be brought to the attention of the supervisor, and where necessary, be forwarded as per the grievance and arbitration procedure in this Agreement.

Sec. 2 Classification Changes and New Positions

When duties in any classification are substantially changed, or when a new position is created, the Board shall notify the Union prior to the time the new positions are posted or changed. The rate of pay shall be subject to the band rate for the position as per the JJEC agreement.

If the parties are unable to agree as to the classification and/or rate of pay of the job in question, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with Article 20 of this Agreement. The new rate shall become retroactive to the time the position was first filled by an employee.

Sec. 3 Assignments and Substitutes

An employee who is assigned to or substitutes on any job during the absence of another employee, or who performs the duties of a higher classification, shall receive the rate for the job, or their own rate, whichever is the greater.

Sec. 4 Compensation for Voluntary Work

Employees who are members of Volunteer Fire Departments, Search and Rescue, etc. will be compensated by the Board for lost time during an emergency within the School District boundaries.

**ARTICLE 11 – OVERTIME**

Sec. 1 Overtime

- (a) For all overtime worked as hereinafter defined, all employees covered under the Wage Schedules of this Agreement shall be paid as follows:
- (b) All time worked over eight (8) hours or seven (7) hours per day, or forty (40) hours or thirty-five (35) hours per week whichever is applicable, shall be paid for at time and one-half (1 1/2) the regular rate for the first three (3) hours of overtime worked in any one (1) day, and double the regular rate thereafter until the commencement of the employee's next scheduled shift.
- (c) For all time worked on a Saturday, or where shift work is in effect, on those days constituting the employee's rest days in lieu of Saturday, time and one-half (1 1/2) the regular rate shall be paid for the first eight (8) hours worked and double (2) the regular rate thereafter. All work performed on a Sunday shall be paid at double (2) the regular rate of pay.
- (d) Should an employee be required to work on a Statutory Holiday, the employee shall receive overtime pay in addition to holiday pay.

Sec. 2 Call-Out

An employee called out and required to work outside their regular working hours shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at their regular rate plus time and one-half (1 1/2) for time worked.

Sec. 3 Banking of Overtime Hours

Overtime compensation shall be monetary or in time off at the

employee's option. If the employee chooses time off, such time off shall be scheduled by mutual agreement of the employee and the employer. Such banked overtime shall be taken by June 30, of the current school year or the employee shall be compensated in money. Under special circumstances and by mutual agreement, the employee may carry over their banked overtime hours beyond June 30 of the current school year, provided the employee has agreed in writing to take such banked overtime hours during a specific period agreeable to the Board.

## **ARTICLE 12 – VACATIONS - (SEE APPENDIX "A" NO. 2 REGARDING BURNS LAKE)**

### **Sec. 1 Vacation Entitlement – 12 Month Employees**

A full-time employee working a twelve (12) month year:

- (a) Less than one (1) year of service - ten (10) working days off per annum, prorated monthly, at current rate of pay.
- (b) After one (1) full year of service and less than two (2) full years - ten (10) working days off, prorated monthly, at current rate of pay.
- (c) After two (2) full years of service and less than six (6) full years - fifteen (15) working days off, prorated monthly, at current rate of pay.
- (d) After six (6) full years of service and less than twelve (12) full years - twenty (20) working days off, prorated monthly, at current rate of pay.
- (e) After twelve (12) full years of service and less than twenty (20) full years, twenty-five (25) working days off, prorated monthly, at current rate of pay.
- (f) After twenty (20) full years of service and over, thirty (30) working days off, prorated monthly at current rate of pay.
- (g) After twenty-five (25) full years of service, an employee may also have off the days between December 25 and January 1 that are regular working days, without loss of pay.

### **Sec. 2 Vacation Entitlement – 10 Month Employees**

- (a) For the purposes of determining vacation entitlement or vacation pay for a regular ten (10) month employee, ten (10) months employment shall be considered to be equal to one (1) years' service. A regular ten (10) month employee shall receive vacation

pay as a percentage of their gross earnings upon qualifying for vacation pay as reflected in Section 1 above, namely:

- (a) - four (4) percent
- (b) - four (4) percent
- (c) - six (6) percent
- (d) - eight (8) percent
- (e) - ten (10) percent
- (f) - twelve (12) percent

- (b) Vacation pay will be paid out on request at Christmas, school year-end, absences of one (1) week or more, or when requested with reasonable notice to the payroll department.

### Sec. 3 Pay Procedure

An employee shall receive on the last office day preceding commencement of their annual vacation any monies which may fall due during the period of their vacation if requested by the employee at least two (2) weeks prior to commencement of the vacation. A lump sum vacation payout will be paid on the last pay cheque of the school year.

### Sec. 4 Vacation Period

Vacations shall be taken at a time most convenient to the operation of the School District and where practical at least two (2) weeks will be granted during the months of July and August, or at a mutually acceptable time arranged between the Board and the employee. In the event of conflicting vacation date preferences, the choice shall be determined in accordance with seniority.

### Sec. 5 Leaving Board Service

An employee leaving the service at any time in their vacation year before they have had their vacation shall be entitled to a proportionate payment of salary or wages in lieu of such vacation. Should an employee die, their estate shall be credited with the value of vacation credits owing them.

## **ARTICLE 13 – STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

### Sec. 1 Entitlement

- (a) An employee shall be entitled to a holiday with pay at their regular rate for each of the Statutory Holidays hereinafter set forth:

New Year's Day

Labour Day

Family Day  
Easter Monday  
Canada Day  
BC Day  
Christmas Day

Good Friday  
Victoria Day  
Remembrance Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Boxing Day

or any day proclaimed by the Federal or Provincial Governments as a holiday and, any special school holiday proclaimed by the Minister of Education.

- (b) Only an employee regularly working within the municipal boundary shall be entitled to a municipal holiday.
- (c) When any of the above-mentioned holidays fall on an employee's scheduled day off, or is observed during an employee's vacation period, or falls on a day when school is in session, the employee shall receive another day off with pay at a time mutually agreed upon between the employee and the Board.
- (d) Ten (10) month employees shall be paid for Canada Day and Labour Day.
- (e) A new employee who assumes their position after Labour Day is not entitled to Labour Day. If a regular employee resigns or is terminated prior to a Statutory Holiday, they are not entitled to payment for the holiday.
- (f) (1) The parties agree a ten (10) month employee will only be paid for the BC Statutory Holiday if that employee actually works fifteen (15) or more days in the preceding thirty (30) calendar days. Vacation leave and other leaves of absences will not be counted in determining if the employee meets the threshold of fifteen (15) days worked.  
  
(2) The parties agree the employer can assign summer work in such a manner as to reduce its liability to pay employees for the BC Statutory Holiday.
- (g) An employee will be paid for their regular shift or if their regular shift was increased for the four (4) consecutive days prior to the holiday they will be paid as though that was their regular shift.
- (h) An employee on leave-without-pay must have worked fifteen (15) days in the preceding thirty (30) calendar days before a statutory holiday to qualify for the statutory holiday.

## **ARTICLE 14 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

### **Sec. 1. Sick Leave**

- (a) "Sick Leave" means the period of time a regular employee is permitted to be absent from work with or without pay by virtue of their sickness, unavoidable quarantine, or accident for which compensation is not payable under the Workers' Compensation Act.
- (b) Employees shall receive 0.7 days sick leave with pay for each two (2) week period of completed service accumulated. The day shall be defined as a normal recognized shift of the employee. An employee may be required to produce a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner for any illness in excess of three (3) days. If there is a cost for obtaining the medical certificate, the cost shall be borne by the Board, if requested.
- (c) When an employee is granted leave-of-absence without pay for any reason, or is laid-off on account of lack of work and returns to the service of the Board upon expiration of such leave-of-absence, they shall not receive sick leave credit for the period of such absence, but shall retain their cumulative credit, if any exists at the time of such leave or layoff.
- (d) A record of all unused sick leave will be kept by the Board. An employee is to be advised, on application, of the amount of sick leave accrued to their credit.
- (e) In the event an employee becomes seriously ill while on vacation for a period in excess of five (5) continuous days, such employee shall be granted sick leave and the vacation period so displaced shall be added to the vacation period if requested by the employee and by mutual agreement shall be reinstated for use at a later date. An employee must submit a certificate specific to the above illness from a qualified medical practitioner. The cost of this certificate shall be borne by the employee.

### **Sec. 2 Compassionate Leave**

"Compassionate Leave" means the period of time a regular employee is permitted to be absent from work with or without pay because of the serious illness of a parent, spouse, or child. Requests for compassionate leave must be in writing and be approved by the Manager of Human Resources or designate.

The Board shall give reasonable consideration to special requests for compassionate leave regarding persons outside of immediate family.

### Sec. 3 Bereavement

An employee shall be granted up to five (5) regularly scheduled consecutive work days leave without loss of salary or wages, in the case of the death of a parent, spouse, brother, sister, child, grandparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, common-law spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law or any person with whom the employee permanently resides. Any extended time may be granted as either vacation or leave-without-pay.

To provide bereavement leave in the event of the death of an employees' Son-In-Law or Daughter-In-law. The employee will be entitled to access their sick bank for up to five (5) consecutive days leave. If the employee does not have any days available in their sick bank, they may take unpaid leave up to five (5) consecutive days.

The Board shall give reasonable consideration to special requests for bereavement leave regarding persons outside of immediate family.

### Sec. 4 Sick Leave Payout - (SEE APPENDIX "A" NO. 1 REGARDING BURNS LAKE HISTORY)

- (a) An employee entitled to leave under this Article shall receive, upon retirement, the following percentum of their unused accumulated leave after a minimum of ten (10) years continuous service:
- Twenty-five (25) percent of unexpended leave after ten (10) years of service;
  - Thirty-five (35) percent of unexpended leave after fifteen (15) years of service;
  - Fifty (50) percent of unexpended leave after twenty (20) years of service.

Retirement is considered to occur only when an employee has reached a minimum age of fifty-five (55) years old.

- (b) Union dues are not assessed on this pay-out.

### Sec. 5 WorkSafeBC Top-Up

An employee prevented from performing their regular work with the Board on account of an occupational accident that is recognized by the WorkSafeBC as compensable within the meaning of the Act, shall receive from the Board the difference between the amount payable by the WorkSafeBC and their regular salary. Such difference shall be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave provided the employee has such benefits to their credit. Should the employee have no sick leave to their credit, then they shall only be entitled to the

amount paid by the Workers' Compensation Board.

**Sec. 6 Jury Duty**

The Board shall pay an employee who is required to serve as a juror or court witness the difference between their normal earnings and the payment they receive for jury service or subpoenaed court witness. The employee will present proof of service and the amount of pay received.

**Sec. 7 Maternity Leave**

**a) Short-term Maternity Leave**

Statutory Maternity Leave shall be granted by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act and any other Federal or Provincial statutes. A copy of the Act Part 6, Section 50 is available online and the link can be provided in an email upon request from the Human Resources Department.

**b) Extended Maternity Leave**

- i) Employees granted Short-term Maternity Leave and who opt not to return to work at the expiration of that leave may apply for Extended Maternity Leave of up to an additional six (6) months.
- ii) The written application for Extended Maternity Leave must be filed prior to taking Maternity Leave or must reach the Board Office at least twenty (20) working days before the expiration of the Short-term Maternity Leave. The application must state the period of Extended Maternity Leave requested and the date the employee intends to return to work.
- iii) The above language is separate from the Extended Parental Benefits through Canada Employment Insurance.
- iv) During Extended Maternity Leave, the employee may continue on benefit plans but will reimburse the District for the cost of the premiums.
- v) The employee shall notify the Board at least four (4) weeks prior to return to work. The Board shall place the employee in the position held at the commencement of the leave. If the position has been abolished, the employee may exercise her bumping rights.
- vi) Where the mother dies before or following the birth of the child or she becomes disabled and a male employee

qualifies for benefits under the Employment Insurance Act (spousal maternity benefits) the provisions of this Article shall, upon request, be granted to him.

c) Supplemental Employment Benefits on Maternity Leave

When a pregnant employee takes a Maternity Leave to which she is entitled pursuant to the Employment Standards Act, and Sec. 7 of this Article, the Board shall pay the employee ninety percent (90%) of her normal weekly salary for the first (1st) one (1) week of the leave. If the employee is not eligible for Employment Insurance, the Board shall pay the employee ninety percent (90%) for her normal salary for the second week of the leave.

d) Maternity Supplemental Employment Benefit Plan:

- i) The objective of the plan is to supplement the Employment Insurance benefits received by an employee for temporary unemployment caused by Maternity Leave as prescribed herein.
- ii) An employee may not use sick leave during Maternity Leave if the MAT-SUB plan has been accessed for that leave.
- iii) The employee must apply for Employment Insurance benefits before the MAT-SUB becomes payable.
- iv) An employee disentitled or disqualified from receiving E.I. benefits is not eligible for MAT-SUB.
- v) The maximum benefit level paid under this plan, including E.I. benefits and the supplemental amount is ninety percent (90%) of the employees normal weekly salary for one (1) week and then sixty percent (60%) of the employee's normal weekly salary for fifteen (15) weeks. It is understood that in any week, the total amount of MAT-SUB, unemployment insurance gross benefits and other insurable earnings received by the employee will not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the employee's normal weekly earnings.
- vi) The maximum number of weeks for which MAT-SUB is payable during a Maternity Leave-of-Absence is seventeen (17), including the two (2) week waiting period.

**Sec. 8** Paternity Leave

Upon the birth of a child, the employee may apply for, and shall be granted, Paternity Leave with pay to a maximum of two (2) days. In the

event of birth complications affecting either the mother or child, Compassionate Leave may be used to extend the Paternity Leave.

## Sec. 9 General Leave

The Board may, upon receiving a written request, grant leave of absence, with or without pay, and without loss of seniority to a regular employee requesting such leave for good and sufficient cause, no precedence shall apply. The employee will be returned to their former position on completion of the leave provided that position has not been abolished. If the position has been abolished, the employee may exercise their bumping rights.

### a) Discretionary Days

Continuing or Relief employees who have worked for the school district for at least one (1) year are eligible for a discretionary day. Upon application to and approval by the Employer, eligible employees may take one (1) full day with pay in each school year.

- i. Discretionary days have no cash equivalent and do not carry forward into the next school year. Unused leaves will be paid out at the end of the school year.
- ii. Leaves will be scheduled as soon as possible in advance, and will be on a first come, first serve consideration.
- iii. Such leaves will only be approved based on the operational requirements of the work site.
- iv. This leave may not be taken on the two (2) CUPE district designated Professional Development days and/or the Indigenous Education Day.
- v. This leave will become available and the above language will take effect in Year #2 of this agreement commencing July 1, 2023.

## Sec. 10 Arbitration Witness Leave

The Board will grant leave with pay to any employee called as a witness by an Arbitrator.

## Sec. 11 Parenthood Leave

- (a) An employee (who has completed two (2) years' service with the Board) may request Parenthood Leave in situations where a parent feels it to be necessary to stay home with a dependent child. Except in crisis situations, Parenthood Leave may be requested only once in every five (5) years.
- (b) Both male and female employees shall be eligible for Parenthood

Leave, but it may be granted to only one (1) parent at a time in instances where both parents are employed by the Board. Notice is required in writing, six (6) months prior to commencement of the leave. Less than six (6) months' notice may be considered in a crisis situation.

- (c) The length of Parenthood Leave normally shall not exceed twelve (12) months, and such leave is without pay.
- (d) An employee granted Parenthood Leave shall advise the Board of their intentions, at least four (4) months prior to their intended return date. An employee returning from Parenthood Leave may be returned to their former position or a comparable position. The above language is separate from the Extended Parental Benefits through Canada Employment Insurance.

## Sec. 12 Personal Leave

1. An employee may be granted a Personal leave without pay for one school year. Such leave may be extended at request of the employee at the sole discretion of the Board without prejudice or precedent on a case by case basis. No precedence shall apply.
  - a. A request for a Personal leave will be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the leave.
  - b. Personal leave will normally commence on September 1, January 1 or the beginning of a semester in a semestered school. Exceptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the Board on a case by case basis without prejudice or precedent.
2. An employee on Personal leave will be entitled to continue all medical, dental and insurance benefits when such benefits are pre-paid by the employee, in full prior to the leave, and where so allowed by the carrier.
3. Employees on an approved request for Personal leave, where that employee has limited availability to work, shall be placed on the on-call list at their request. The employee will notify dispatch of their availability.
4. Leave granted under this section will require the employee to give up their base position(s) and upon their return from Personal leave, the employee must post into an available position or go on the casual list.
5. Employees returning from an extended leave shall retain their seniority.

## Sec. 13 Long-Term Disability

When the Long-Term disability is for a period of less than two (2) years, the employee will be returned to their original position(s) if available upon completion of the leave or be afforded a bump.

If any person(s) covering this position during the leave are affected upon return of the employee, those employees will be returned to their original positions, if available, or be entitled to rights of layoff and recall, or bumping, at the employee's choice.

If the period exceeds two (2) full years, the Board shall offer the employee to return to their original position(s) if vacant, or be entitled to layoff, recall rights as defined in this agreement.

If the position(s) prove unsatisfactory to the employee within twenty (20) working days, the employer will work with the insurance provider and the Union to endeavor to provide a revised accommodation.

#### Sec. 14 Cultural Leave Days

Indigenous employees have a right to manifest, practice, develop and teach their spiritual and religious traditions, customs and ceremonies and may require leave from work to exercise these rights.

Definitions:

A ceremonial, cultural, or spiritual event under this section includes any event that is significant to an Indigenous employee's culture. Examples of significant cultural events include, but are not limited to, Hoobiyee, Pow-wows, Sundance, participation in a sweat lodge, coming of age events, feasts or ceremonies held following a significant family event (including the death of a family member listed in this Section).

"Immediate family" includes an Indigenous employee's parent, step-parent, foster parent, guardian, spouse, child, step-child, foster child, sibling, step-sibling, sibling-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, parent-in-law, parent's sibling, parent's sibling's child, an Indigenous elder\*, or any individual an Indigenous employee considers family consistent with their Indigenous cultural practices.

\*An Indigenous elder is designated as such by their community.

- a) An Indigenous employee may request up to two (2) days of leave per school year without loss of pay to participate in ceremonial, cultural, or spiritual event(s). The leave may be taken in one or more blocks of time. Any time taken off on any day (*even one hour*) qualifies as one day for purposes of this section. Where such leave is requested, the leave shall not be unreasonably denied. Leave under this provision is in addition to an Indigenous employee's entitlement to Bereavement Leave as applicable.
- b) When requesting the leave, particularly for annual or recurring ceremonial, cultural, or spiritual events, the employee will provide as much advanced notice to the Employer as possible; for unexpected ceremonies or events, the employee will make every effort to provide at least seven (7) calendar days' notice of the leave.

## **ARTICLE 15- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

### **Sec. 1 Pension**

- (a) An eligible employee covered by the Agreement shall participate in and be covered by the provisions of the Municipal Superannuation Act.
- (b) The minimum retirement age and maximum retirement age shall be as defined in the Municipal Superannuation Act.
- (c) An employee working half-time (1/2) or greater (who is not full-time) has the option of contributing to the Municipal Superannuation Plan.

### **Sec. 2 Medical Coverage**

An employee who has completed their probationary period may participate in the mutually approved Medical Plan and in The Extended Health Benefit Plan offered by the Medical Plan. The costs of the premium payments shall be paid one hundred percent (100%) by the Board.

After February 4, 1993, any new employee working ten (10) hours per week or less, shall have their premiums prorated.

### **Sec. 3 Dental Plan**

The Board will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the annual premium of employees enrolled in the Pacific Blue Cross Dental Plan. Membership in the plan will be compulsory to an employee commencing employment with the Board after January 1, 1973.

After February 4, 1993, any new employee working ten (10) hours per week or less, shall have their premiums prorated.

Those covered by a plan elsewhere do not have to join.

### **Sec. 4 Group Life Insurance**

An eligible regular employee, who has completed their probationary period, will as a condition of employment be covered under the terms and conditions of the Manulife Group Life Insurance Plan. The costs of the premium payments shall be paid one hundred percent (100%) by the Board.

**Sec. 5 Long-Term Disability Plan**

An eligible employee (working half (1/2) time or more) shall be covered by an employer/employee-paid Long-term Disability Plan upon completion of the probationary period. The Plan provides for sixty percent (60%) pay after ninety (90) calendar days, and extending to age sixty-five (65) subject to carrier limitations.

Superannuation contributions continue to be shared by the employer and employee during the paid sick leave period. An eligible employee will receive a pension based upon salary increases indexed to the Consumer Price Index for the L.T.D. period through to age sixty-five (65) through the Superannuation Commission.

The cost of the premium payments shall be shared fifty/fifty (50/50).

**Sec. 6 Benefit Continuation – Board Paid**

- (a) Employee benefits referred to in Sections 2, 3 and 4 above shall be maintained by the Board for all employees on authorized leaves of absence for reasons of sickness for a period of twelve (12) months after the expiration of sick leave. (Article 14).
- (b) In the case of an employee's death, benefits will be extended six (6) months at the cost of the Employer.

**Sec. 7 Benefit Information**

The Board shall provide an eligible new employee commencing a regular, relief or limited duration position with copies of the current Collective Agreement, Municipal Superannuation Plan, Dental Plan, Medical Plan, Life Insurance, Long-term Disability Plan and Extended Health Benefit Plan.

**Sec. 8 Benefit Carrier Information**

The Board shall notify the Union prior to making any changes to the carriers of the employee benefit package.

**Sec. 9 Benefits Trust**

The Parties have agreed to participate in the Public Education Benefits Trust (PEBT) and to place their dental, extended health, group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment benefit coverage specified in this Article with the PEBT.

The Parties have further agreed to participate in the government funded "Core" long-term disability plan and the Joint Early Intervention Service provided through the PEBT.

The parties agree that they will participate on the following conditions:

1. If there is no penalty clause in the current contract(s) with existing benefits carriers(s)/consultant(s), as soon as possible; or,
2. If there is a penalty clause, the benefits will be transferred when the current contract(s) expires.

Participation in the benefits trust will be in accordance with the Industrial Inquiry Commissioners Reports made by Irene Holden and Vincent Ready dated May 30, 2000 and June 7, 2000 which specify the basis upon which school districts participate in the trust and as clarified in their Recommendations Regarding Outstanding Accord Matters dated March 21, 2001.

The parties further agree to participate in a government funded long term disability plan and early return to work program in accordance with the Industrial Inquiry Commission Report(s) identified in the preceding paragraph.

The Parties agree that any references to specific benefit carriers providing the benefits identified above will be effective only until the date of participation in the benefits trust.

## **ARTICLE 16 – HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Sec. 1 Health and Safety Committee**

The parties agree to have a Health and Safety Committee that shall govern itself in accordance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations made pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act.

### **Sec. 2 Medical Examinations**

The Board will pay the cost of a medical examination requested for a school bus driver to maintain their licensed status, or fifty percent (50%) of the cost if required on a yearly basis.

### **Sec. 3 First Aid Certificate**

The Board shall pay an allowance to an employee designated as a First Aid Attendant by the Board who has a valid First Aid Certificate. The certificate level is determined by the Workers' Compensation regulations for each site. The Board shall reimburse a designate the applicable course fees for the acquisition or renewal of the certificate, subject to successful completion of the course. It will be the

responsibility of the employee to apply for this reimbursement and provide proof of payment and proof of successful completion of the course.

The following full-time monthly rates are applicable based on level required:

Level 1	Thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month
Level 2	Forty dollars (\$40.00) per month
Level 3	Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month

A less-than-full-time designate shall have a prorated allowance based on their designated first aid schedule.

As a designate, student coverage may be required.

#### Sec. 4 Clothing and Safety Footwear

##### (a) Clothing

The Board shall provide and clean protective clothing, overalls, and smocks and shall provide gloves, earplugs and dust masks as required.

##### (b) Safety Footwear

The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations prescribes that an employee whose work presents a potential hazard to their toes, metatarsal area or soles of their feet must wear safety footwear that meets the requirements of CSA Standards Workers Compensation Act Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (last amended August 22, 2022 by B.C Reg. 116/2022) Part 8.22.

- (i) The Board will reimburse eligible employees for the purchase of approved safety boots in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) once every twelve months (school year) upon receiving proof of purchase.
- (ii) The safety footwear purchased must be CSA approved.
- (iii) A new employee must provide their own safety footwear as a condition of initial employment.
- (iv) The Board will provide the annual payment to a new employee after the conclusion of their probationary period upon receiving proof of purchase.

#### Sec. 6 Safety in the Workplace – Student Safety Plans

School staff who are assigned continuing support to a Learner shall be included to provide their input should the development and/or revision of a Safety Plan be required for that learner.

## **ARTICLE 17 – GENERAL**

### **Sec. 1 Courses of Instruction and Professional Development**

#### **(a) Courses of Instruction**

The Board agrees to pay the full cost of instruction required and/or approved by the Board for any employee to better qualify the employee to perform their job. The employee shall receive full wages and benefits and continue to accrue seniority. In such instances, costs may also include travel and other related costs.

#### **(b) Professional Development**

The Board recognizes the value of professional development and will provide courses on non-instructional days as appropriate. When workshops are offered on the non-instructional days, an employee will be paid for the time of the course, standard traveling time, plus the actual time spent on their regular job or related duties, provided it does not create an overtime situation.

Where an employee chooses to take a pre-approved course not directly related to meeting the requirements of their current position, full tuition costs will be paid by the Board as per Board policy in effect at the time of the reimbursement. Such payment shall be made upon the successful completion of the course.

### **Sec. 2 Notice for Transportation Employees**

Notice of all professional days shall be posted on the bulletin board at least two (2) weeks before the day, when possible.

### **Sec. 3 Reimbursement for Vehicle Expenses**

An employee who is authorized to use their personal vehicle on Board business will be reimbursed for expenses of the vehicle in accordance with the rates established for such purpose from time to time in Board policy. Such reimbursements do not include time in going from one location to another including an employee who successfully applies for postings in more than one location and travels to different site(s).

## **ARTICLE 18 – DISCIPLINE**

### **Sec. 1 Disciplinary Notice**

Except in cases of dismissal for cause, notice of termination may be

given to a regular employee only after the employee has received written warnings setting forth reasons for dissatisfaction with the employee's services. Such warnings must provide for at least a two (2) week period for the employee to show satisfactory improvement, and copies of all such warnings shall be forwarded to the Union.

Written reprimands or other disciplinary action shall be removed from an employee's file eighteen (18) months after the incident provided there are no further written reprimands or disciplinary actions within that eighteen (18) month period.

**Sec. 2 Notice of Discipline Meetings**

Notice of any disciplinary meeting shall be given by District email to the employee and the Union, in most cases, not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

The affected employee, and the Union, will receive a copy of any written warnings, suspension or termination letters.

The employee has the right to have a shop steward or union officer of their choice present at disciplinary meetings.

**ARTICLE 19 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

In the event that any difference arises between the parties out of the interpretation, application, operation or any alleged violation of this Agreement, including any difference arising from the suspension or dismissal of any employee, and including any question or difference, shall be finally and conclusively settled without stoppage of work in the following manner:

**Sec. 1 Steps to Settlement**

**Step 1**

Such difference or grievance shall first be reduced to writing and taken up by the employee or a representative of the Union with the employee's supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days.

**Step 2**

Should the supervisor be unable to affect a settlement, within five (5) working days of receipt of such grievance, it shall be submitted to the employee's department head or Human Resources Manager.

**Step 3**

Failing settlement within five (5) working days, such grievance shall be

referred to a Grievance Committee comprised of two (2) members each from the Board and the Union. The Committee shall, if it so desires, have its advisors in attendance. Failing settlement within ten (10) days by the Committee, the matter shall be promptly referred to and dealt with by Arbitration as set forth in Article 20.

Sec. 2 Abandonment of Dispute

If a dispute is not submitted within thirty (30) calendar days after the occurrence of the act or decision giving rise to the dispute, or the Union becoming aware, then the dispute shall be deemed to be abandoned, and all rights of recourse to the dispute procedure shall be at an end.

Sec.3 Communication During Grievances

Grievances and replies to grievances shall be in writing at all stages and grievances settled satisfactorily within the time allowed shall date from the time that the grievance was filed.

Sec. 4 Time Limit

If a grievance has not advanced to the next stage under Step 2 or 3 within fourteen (14) days after completion of the preceding stage, then the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned, and all rights of recourse to the grievance procedure shall be at an end.

**ARTICLE 20 – ARBITRATION/MEDIATION PROCEDURES**

Sec. 1 Arbitration/Mediation

(a) If a difference arises between the parties relating to the dismissal, discipline or suspension of an employee, or to the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of this agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, during the term of the Collective Agreement, a government appointed mediator or a substitute agreed to by the parties, shall at the request of either party:

- investigate the difference
- define the issue in the difference; and
- make written recommendations to resolve the difference;

within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the request, and, for those thirty (30) days from the date, time does not run in respect of the grievance procedure.

Unless mutually agreed otherwise, disputes may be referred to this Section only after completion of Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

- (b) When either party requests that a grievance be submitted to arbitration, the request shall be made in writing, addressed to the other party of the agreement. Within five (5) days thereafter, each party shall name an arbitrator to an arbitration board and notify the other party of the name and address of its appointee. If the recipient of the notice fails to appoint an arbitrator, or if the two (2) appointees fail to agree upon a chairman within five (5) days, the appointment shall be made by the Minister of Labour upon request of either party.
- (c) The Arbitration Board may determine its own procedure, shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations to it. The Arbitration Board shall endeavor to commence its proceedings within forty-eight (48) hours after the chairman is appointed. It shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and render a decision within ten (10) days from the time the chairman is appointed. The decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Board of Arbitration.
- (d) The decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be final and binding on all parties, but in no event shall the Board of Arbitration have the power to alter, modify or amend this Agreement in any respect. Should the parties disagree as to the meaning of the decision, either party may apply to the Chairman of the Board to reconvene the Board of Arbitration to clarify the decision, which it shall do within three (3) days.
- (e) Each party shall pay:
- the fees and expenses of the arbitrator it appoints;
  - one-half (1/2) the fees and expenses of the chairman.
- (f) The time limits fixed in both the grievance and arbitration procedures may be extended by mutual consent of the parties of this Agreement.
- (g) At any stage of the grievance or arbitration procedures, the parties may have the assistance of the employee(s) concerned as witnesses, and any other witnesses, and all reasonable arrangements will be made to permit the conferring parties or arbitrator(s) to have access to any part of the Board's premises to view the working conditions which may be relevant to the settlement of the grievance.

## Sec. 2 Expedited Arbitration

- (a) The parties shall determine by mutual agreement those grievances suitable for expedited arbitration.

- (b) Those grievances agreed to be suitable for expedited arbitration shall be scheduled within one (1) month if possible.
- (c) The hearings shall be held at a mutually agreed to location and facility.
- (d) All presentations are to be short and concise, and are to include a comprehensive opening statement. The parties agree to make limited use of authorities during their presentations.
- (e) Prior to rendering a decision, the arbitrator may assist the parties in mediating a resolution to the grievance.
- (f) Where mediation fails, or is not appropriate, a decision shall be rendered as contemplated herein.
- (g) The decision of the arbitrator shall be completed and sent to the parties within ten (10) working days of the hearing if possible.
- (h) The parties shall equally share the costs of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.
- (i) The expedited arbitrators who shall act as sole arbitrators will be agreed upon by the Board and the Union.
- (j) The expedited arbitrator shall have the same powers and authority as an arbitrator established under the applicable labour legislation in the Province of British Columbia.
- (k) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (l) All decisions of the arbitrator are to be limited in application to that particular dispute and are without prejudice. These decisions shall have no presidential value and shall not be referred to by either party in any subsequent proceeding.
- (m) The parties agree that there shall be no use of lawyers in these hearings.

## **ARTICLE 21 – SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATION**

CUPE 4177 and School District 91 (Nechako Lakes) agree the Service Improvement Allocation funding outlined in the Provincial Framework Agreement item #3 will be used for service enhancements that are beneficial to students.

The Funds will cover the cost of professional development training, including costs associated with hiring external providers to deliver this training. Sessions may include motivational or wellness topics for all employees. The training will be held on a regularly scheduled working day. Scheduling of the training will meet the operational requirements of the District.

The joint Labour Management Committee will administer the Professional Learning Fund. Any remaining funds available at the conclusion of the year, will be rolled over to the following year. The District is under no obligation to expend more than the Service Improvement Allocation of \$53,122.86 per annum, commencing in the 2020/2021 School Year.

## **ARTICLE 22 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Collective Agreement shall be in full force and effect from and including July 1, 2022, to and including June 30, 2025, and shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter subject to the right of either party to this Collective Agreement pursuant to Section 46(1) of the Labour Relations Board by written notice to the other party, require the other party to commence collective bargaining with a view to the conclusion of a renewal or revision of this Collective Agreement or a new Collective Agreement.

Should either party give written notice to the other party pursuant hereto, this Collective Agreement shall thereafter continue in full force and effect until the Union shall strike, or the Company lock-out, or the parties shall conclude a renewal or revision of this Collective Agreement or a new Collective Agreement.

The operation of Section 50(2) and (3) of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia is hereby excluded.

## **WAGES**

Wages – Per the Provincial Framework Agreement dated September 15, 2022.

- 1. Term – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, per the Provincial Framework Agreement dated September 15, 2022**

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

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School District #91, Secretary Treasurer

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CUPE Local 4177, President

Date

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## WAGE GRID

\* July 1, 2024 COLA adjustments will be confirmed by PSEC in March each year. 2024 COLA max is 1%.

### Wage Increases

July 1, 2022 - \$0.25 per hour wage increase plus an additional 3.24%

July 1, 2023 - 5.5% and up to 1.25% COLA adjustment (COLA adjustment included in rates below)

July 1, 2024 - 2.0% and up to 1.0% COLA adjustment (COLA adjustments **NOT** included in rates below)

Notes	Job Title	Band	Effective	Hourly Rate Step 0	Hourly Rate Step 1 (After 6 months)	Hourly Rate Step 2 (After 1 year)
	Electrician TQ - Field Safety Representative	T 17	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$36.08
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$38.52	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$39.29	
	Maintenance Coordinator	T 16	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$37.11
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$39.61	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$40.41	
	Transp - Mechanic Foreman	T 16	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$35.46
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$37.85	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$38.61	
	Electrician TQ	T 15	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.81
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$37.16	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.90	
	Mechanic TQ (12 Month)	T 15	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.81
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$37.16	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.90	
	Plumber TQ / Gasfitter TQ	T 15	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.81
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$37.16	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.90	
	Carpenter TQ	T 14	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.19
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$36.50	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.23	
	Groundsperson 2 (Arborist)	T 14	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.19
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$36.50	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.23	
	Trades TQ	T 14	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$34.19
July 1, 2023			\$	\$	\$36.50	
July 1, 2024			\$	\$	\$37.23	

Plumber TQ	T 13	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$33.57
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$35.84
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$36.55
Painter TQ	T 11	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$32.28
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$34.46
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$35.15
Computer Technician 3	B 17	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$33.45
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$35.71
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$36.42
Transportation Coordinator	B 15	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$32.15
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$34.32
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$35.01
Accounting Clerk 3	B 13	July 1, 2022	\$28.74	\$29.74	\$30.90
		July 1, 2023	\$30.68	\$31.75	\$32.99
		July 1, 2024	\$31.29	\$32.38	\$33.65
Computer Technician 2	B 13	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$30.90
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$32.99
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$33.65
Administrative Assistant 5	B 12	July 1, 2022	\$28.13	\$29.13	\$30.27
		July 1, 2023	\$30.03	\$31.10	\$32.31
		July 1, 2024	\$30.63	\$31.72	\$32.96
Payroll Clerk 2	B 12	July 1, 2022	\$28.13	\$29.13	\$30.27
		July 1, 2023	\$30.03	\$31.10	\$32.31
		July 1, 2024	\$30.63	\$31.72	\$32.96
Administrative Assistant 4	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Administrative Assistant 4 - Learning Centres	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Apprentice 4	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Bus Driver	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$32.26
CA/CLK Learning Centre - Ab Ed	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Central Dispatch Clerk	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Communications & Board Office Clerk	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63
		July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
Custodial Coordinator	B 11	July 1, 2022	\$27.49	\$28.50	\$29.63
		July 1, 2023	\$29.35	\$30.42	\$31.63

			July 1, 2024	\$29.93	\$31.03	\$32.26
	Accounting Clerk 2	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	Administrative Assistant 3 - 12 mth	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	Administrative Assistant 3 (Bookkeeper) - 10 mth	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	At Risk Youth Worker	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	Human Resources Secretary	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	Maintenance 3	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	Personal Attendant - Autism	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
*	Personal Attendant - Intervenor	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	StrongStart Facilitator	B 10	July 1, 2022	\$26.87	\$27.84	\$29.00
			July 1, 2023	\$28.68	\$29.72	\$30.96
			July 1, 2024	\$29.26	\$30.31	\$31.58
	AbEd Advocate - Secondary	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	Apprentice 3	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	Groundsperson	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$30.88
	Learning Support Worker (LSW) - Qualified	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	PA - Speech Language Pathology Assistant	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	Payroll Clerk 1	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27

			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	Personal Care Assistant	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	Youth Care Worker	B 09	July 1, 2022	\$25.87	\$26.90	\$28.36
			July 1, 2023	\$27.62	\$28.72	\$30.27
			July 1, 2024	\$28.17	\$29.29	\$30.88
	AbEd Advocate - Elementary	B 08	July 1, 2022	\$25.56	\$26.59	\$27.72
			July 1, 2023	\$27.29	\$28.38	\$29.59
			July 1, 2024	\$27.83	\$28.95	\$30.18
	Personal Attendant - Visually Impaired 1	B 08	July 1, 2022	\$25.56	\$26.59	\$27.72
			July 1, 2023	\$27.29	\$28.38	\$29.59
			July 1, 2024	\$27.83	\$28.95	\$30.18
*	Personal Attendant - Visually Impaired 2	B 08	July 1, 2022	\$25.56	\$26.59	\$27.72
			July 1, 2023	\$27.29	\$28.38	\$29.59
			July 1, 2024	\$27.83	\$28.95	\$30.18
	School Concession Worker 1	B 08	July 1, 2022	\$23.47	\$25.02	\$26.47
			July 1, 2023	\$25.05	\$26.71	\$28.26
			July 1, 2024	\$25.56	\$27.24	\$28.82
*	School Concession Worker 2	B 08	July 1, 2022	\$25.56	\$26.59	\$27.72
			July 1, 2023	\$27.29	\$28.38	\$29.59
			July 1, 2024	\$27.83	\$28.95	\$30.18
	Accounting Clerk 1	B 07	July 1, 2022	\$24.90	\$25.96	\$27.09
			July 1, 2023	\$26.58	\$27.71	\$28.92
			July 1, 2024	\$27.11	\$28.27	\$29.50
	Administrative Assistant 2	B 07	July 1, 2022	\$24.90	\$25.96	\$27.09
			July 1, 2023	\$26.58	\$27.71	\$28.92
			July 1, 2024	\$27.11	\$28.27	\$29.50
	After School Coordinator	B 07	July 1, 2022	\$24.90	\$25.96	\$27.09
			July 1, 2023	\$26.58	\$27.71	\$28.92
			July 1, 2024	\$27.11	\$28.27	\$29.50
	Apprentice 2	B 07	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$27.09
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$28.92
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$29.50
	Learning Support Worker (LSW) - Non-Qualified	B 07	July 1, 2022	\$24.92	\$25.96	\$27.09
			July 1, 2023	\$26.60	\$27.71	\$28.92
			July 1, 2024	\$27.13	\$28.27	\$29.50
	Custodian	B 06	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$26.45
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$28.24
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$28.80
	PA - Sign Language Interpreter 1	B 06	July 1, 2022	\$22.68	\$24.40	\$26.14
			July 1, 2023	\$24.21	\$26.05	\$27.90
			July 1, 2024	\$24.70	\$26.57	\$28.46
*	PA - Sign Language Interpreter 2	B 06	July 1, 2022	\$24.30	\$25.34	\$26.45
			July 1, 2023	\$25.94	\$27.05	\$28.24
			July 1, 2024	\$26.46	\$27.59	\$28.80

	School Meal Worker	B 06	July 1, 2022	\$24.30	\$25.34	\$26.45
			July 1, 2023	\$25.94	\$27.05	\$28.24
			July 1, 2024	\$26.46	\$27.59	\$28.80
	School Meals Coordinator 1	B 05	July 1, 2022	\$21.56	\$23.13	\$24.57
			July 1, 2023	\$23.02	\$24.69	\$26.23
			July 1, 2024	\$23.48	\$25.19	\$26.75
*	School Meals Coordinator 2	B 05	July 1, 2022	\$23.65	\$24.67	\$25.84
			July 1, 2023	\$25.25	\$26.34	\$27.58
			July 1, 2024	\$25.75	\$26.86	\$28.14
	Labourer - Maintenance	B 04	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$25.19
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$26.89
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$27.43
	Library Assistant 1	B 04	July 1, 2022	\$22.19	\$23.71	\$25.19
			July 1, 2023	\$23.69	\$25.31	\$26.89
			July 1, 2024	\$24.16	\$25.82	\$27.43
*	Library Assistant 2	B 04	July 1, 2022	\$22.19	\$23.71	\$25.19
			July 1, 2023	\$23.69	\$25.31	\$26.89
			July 1, 2024	\$24.16	\$25.82	\$27.43
	Bus Monitor	B 03	July 1, 2022	\$22.44	\$23.43	\$24.55
			July 1, 2023	\$23.95	\$25.01	\$26.21
			July 1, 2024	\$24.43	\$25.51	\$26.73
	Noon/Morning/Bus/Playground Supervisor	B 03	July 1, 2022	\$22.44	\$23.43	\$24.55
			July 1, 2023	\$23.95	\$25.01	\$26.21
			July 1, 2024	\$24.43	\$25.51	\$26.73
	Apprentice 1	B 02	July 1, 2022	\$20.48	\$22.19	\$23.92
			July 1, 2023	\$21.86	\$23.69	\$25.53
			July 1, 2024	\$22.30	\$24.16	\$26.05
	Bus Garage - Labourer	B 02	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$23.92
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$25.53
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$26.05
	Computer Technician 1	B 02	July 1, 2022	\$	\$	\$23.92
			July 1, 2023	\$	\$	\$25.53
			July 1, 2024	\$	\$	\$26.05
*	Administrative Assistant 1	B 01	July 1, 2022	\$20.28	\$21.81	\$23.30
			July 1, 2023	\$21.65	\$23.28	\$24.87
			July 1, 2024	\$22.08	\$23.75	\$25.37

### **Maintenance**

- 1 It is understood that a Chargehand allowance of nine cents (\$0.09) per hour for each employee supervised will be paid if an employee is appointed as a Chargehand, and that such an appointment may be made when there would be at least two (2) employees placed under the Chargehand's supervision. NOTE: Outside of JJEC 2020-21 Union/Employer agreed that Maintenance Area Coordinators will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour above the TQ-Electrician FSR rate.

## APPENDIX "A"

### HISTORY RETAINED FROM THE BRIDGING AGREEMENT:

*On December 6, 1996, School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) and School District No. 56 (Nechako) were amalgamated into School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes). In 1998, CUPE became the bargaining representative for all support staff previously covered by CUPE, Local 3757 and CUPE, Local 4177 (formerly IUOE, Local 882-B). From this consolidation, a Bridging Agreement was negotiated between School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees which came into effect January 31, 1999. In November, 1999, the parties met again to negotiate an inaugural contract.*

*The four (4) clauses below, from the Bridging Agreement, are being retained for continuity.*

#### 1. Sick Leave:

**DETAILED INFORMATION ON SICK LEAVE PAYOUTS HAS BEEN ARCHIVED BY THE BOARD AND THE UNION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

- a) For employees who were employed in former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) prior to February 1, 1987 and who have frozen sick leave credits, will be entitled to carry these frozen sick leave credits over to the new School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes). The entire provisions of Clause 10.02 of the collective agreement covering former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) employees shall continue to apply to these employees.
- b) Effective October 1, 1999, these employees will be credited with an amount of sick leave credits which will be equivalent to the amount of sick leave credits each employee would have earned (under the collective agreement of former School District No. 56) between February 1, 1987 and September 30, 1999 minus the amount of sick leave credits each employee would have utilized between February 1, 1987 and September 30, 1999. This number of credits shall be recorded.

The employees may utilize these sick leave credits under the collective agreement of former School District No. 56 (Nechako); however, these sick leave credits will not be eligible or apply to the sick leave pay-out stipulated in Article 8, Section 1, part g, h and (i) of former School District No. 56 (Nechako) collective agreement.

- c) Effective October 1, 1999, employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) will fall under the sick leave provisions of the collective agreement of former School District No. 56 (Nechako) and any sick leave credits earned after this date, remaining and which meet the requirements of Article 8, Section 1, parts g, h and i of the collective agreement of

former School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall be eligible for the pay-out under this clause.

- d) When sick leave usage requires the deduction of sick leave credits, the sick leave credits will first be deducted from the accrual transferred and calculated on October 1, 1999 until such time as the balance of the transfer is reduced to zero; thereafter, deductions shall be from the accrual earned after September 30, 1999.

## 2. Vacation Leave

*DETAILED INFORMATION ON VACATION LEAVE PAYOUTS HAS BEEN ARCHIVED BY THE BOARD AND THE UNION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.*

Vacation leave entitlement contained in clause 8.01 and 8.02 of the collective agreement covering employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) shall continue to be in effect until September 30, 1999. Effective October 1, 1999, these employees shall then fall under the vacation leave provisions of the collective agreement covering employees of former School District No. 56 (Nechako). These employees shall maintain the level of vacation leave or percentage that they are entitled to effective September 30, 1999 under the collective agreement covering employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake); however, they will only move to a higher increment level of entitlement as dictated by the collective agreement of former School District No. 56 (Nechako).

## 3. Wages and Red-Circling

*DETAILED INFORMATION ON RED-CIRCLING PAYOUTS HAS BEEN ARCHIVED BY THE BOARD AND THE UNION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*

- a) The parties acknowledge that there is a difference in wage rates between that of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) and former School District No. 56 (Nechako). In recognition that some of the classifications of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) have a higher wage schedule rate, the parties have agreed to red circle the applicable wage schedule rates under the following conditions:
- b) Employees from former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) who have a wage rate higher than that of the same classification of employees from former School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall maintain their present rate of pay contained in their wage schedule. These employees shall not be eligible to receive any future wage increases in School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) until the wage rate of the same classification of employees from former School District No. 56 (Nechako) has reached their level;

- c) if an employee, who is red circled posts into another classification, the employee shall lose their red circling protection and the applicable wage rate of School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall apply;
- d) if an employee who is red circled posts into the same classification in the geographical area of former School District No. 56 (Nechako), the employee shall lose their red circling protection and the applicable wage rate of School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall apply;
- e) if an employee who is red circled posts into the same classification in the geographical area of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake), that employee shall continue to have the red circling protection of wages;
- f) if an employee who is red circled, due to a defined layoff, decides to bump, the following shall apply:
  - (a) If the bump is lateral (same classification), then the employee shall continue to have the red circling protection apply, regardless of which geographical area the employee bumps into;
  - (b) If the bump is into a different classification, regardless of geographical location, the employee shall receive the red circling protection of that classification;
- g) The wage rates utilized for the purpose of red circling shall be the wage rates in effect for employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) on January 31, 1999. The attached list of employees, classifications and rates of pay shall be signed off by the parties and become Schedule "B" of this Memorandum of Agreement. Schedule "B" shall be used for the application of this clause. It is understood that the year 1 pay equity allowance has been incorporated into the hourly base rates of employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake). Future pay equity amounts shall not apply as they shall be applied to the base rates contained in the collective agreement covering employees of former School District No. 56 (Nechako).
- h) For the purpose of this clause, the definition of classification contained in Appendix "A", "B" and "C" of the collective agreement of former School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall apply.

#### 4. Discretionary Days

The following one time offer shall be made to all regular employees of the entire bargaining unit who are on staff on January 31, 1999.

***DETAILED INFORMATION ON DISCRETIONARY DAYS (SCHEDULE "D") HAS BEEN ARCHIVED BY THE BOARD AND THE UNION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.***

- a) Each regular employee of the bargaining unit shall choose whether or not to have Clause 9.09 - Discretionary Leave (see below) of the collective agreement which covered employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) apply to them.
- b) Should a regular employee who is in the bargaining unit on January 31, 1999 choose this option, the employee shall have Clause 9.09 (Discretionary Leave) of the collective agreement which covered employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) apply on the following condition:
- c) For regular employees of former School District No. 56 (Nechako), this entitlement would take effect October 1, 1999 and the first years discretionary leave entitlement would be pro-rated (date of service and October 1, 1999). Employees of former School District No. 55 (Burns Lake) would have this entitlement continue uninterrupted.
- d) Article VIII, Section 1(g) of the collective agreement covering employees of former School District No. 56 (Nechako) shall not apply to these employees, i.e., upon retirement, these employees under no circumstances would be entitled to receive a percentum of their unused accumulated sick leave.
- e) No later than October 1, 1999, the Union shall provide the Board with a list of employees in the bargaining unit who have chosen the option of "discretionary days" as described in Clause 12 of this Memorandum of Agreement. This list of employees shall be signed off by the parties and shall become Schedule "D" of this Memorandum of Agreement.
- f) It is understood that this decision is irrevocable. Once an employee has chosen the option of "discretionary days" and has given up their right to any sick leave payout of unused accumulated sick leave, the decision of the named employees on Schedule "D" is final and irrevocable.

It is agreed by the parties, that Clause 4, Discretionary Days is intended to form part of all succeeding collective agreements, so long as any of the named employees on Schedule "D" are employed by School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes).

FROM FORMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (BURNS LAKE) COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

9.09 Discretionary Leave

- a) An employee with six (6) continuous years of service shall be granted one (1) days leave with pay in each contract year at his discretion.
- b) An employee with ten (10) continuous years of service shall be granted one (1) addition days leave with pay in each contract year at his discretion.
- c) An employee who has an accumulation of fifteen (15) sick leave days on 31 August of each year shall be granted one (1) additional day in the following contract year at his discretion.
- d) Discretionary leave entitlement shall be used subject to the following conditions:
  - i) The leave days are not cumulative. Unused discretionary days have no cash equivalent. however, one (1) day may be carried forward into the next contract year only.
  - ii) Where possible, the employee will schedule these leaves beforehand with his immediate supervisor.
  - iii) If the employee requires a substitute, it shall be the employee's responsibility to ensure a substitute has been arranged.
  - iv) The employee shall only use one (1) day's leave in conjunction with a statutory holiday or vacation. If the leave is to extend a statutory leave or vacation, consideration must be given to its impact upon the service aspect of the individual employee's role in the District.

## APPENDIX "B"

June 6, 2000

Ref. No. 116240

Irene Holden  
Labour Relations Board  
900 – 360 West Georgia  
Street Vancouver, BC  
V6B 6B2

and

Vince Ready  
650 – 475 West Georgia  
Street Vancouver, BC  
V6B 4M9

Dear Irene Holden and Vince Ready:

Re: Industrial Inquiry Commission concerning settlement Collective  
Agreement Between British Columbia Public School  
Employers' Association  
(and Member School Districts) and School District Support Staff  
Trade Unions (IIC #2)

I am writing concerning IIC #2 and your recommendations for settlement dated May 30, 2000 (the "Report") and provided to the parties and government. Some of these issues were also referenced in the Commission's letter of May 31, 2000 to CUPE representative Gary Johnson.

I understand that you intend to use those recommendations for the basis of your binding decision in accordance with your powers under the Public Education Support Staff Collective Bargaining Assistance Act (the "Act").

I note, as well, that you make reference to certain items which the government has agreed to fund. I wish to affirm, for all parties to the collective agreement or to the documents deemed to be a collective agreement under the Act, that the government commits to fund as follows:

1. The monies committed by government and recommended by IIC #2 for the Four Hour Minimum Work Day Fund (\$5 million, annually) on each of July 1, 2000, July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2002, as described in the IIC #2 Report.
2. Should the \$5 million in the fund identified in paragraph #1 above not be entirely expended for purposes related to the Four Hour Minimum Work Day Fund, any surplus will be transferred to the employment security fund on a yearly basis. That fund is identified in paragraph #3 below. This

arrangement is also recommended by IIC #2 and described in the Report.

3. The monies committed by government and recommended by IIC #2 for employment security (3.5 million, annually) on each of July 1, 2000, July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2002 to the Support Staff Job Security Fund as described in the IIC #2 Report.
4. The monies committed by government and recommended by IIC #2 to fund the LTD plan (\$11.8 million, annually) on January 1, 2002, January 1, 2003 and each January 1, thereafter, to the Joint Benefits Trust fund mentioned in the IIC #2 Report and the Accords.

The government also agrees that it would be appropriate for IIC #2 to retain jurisdiction regarding implementation of these items over the course of the collective agreement.

Sincerely,

Paul Ramsey  
Minister of Finance and  
Corporate Relations

\*Copied as per letter signed by Paul Ramsey

## APPENDIX “ D” – CHARTER OR SPECIAL TRIPS

1. (a) Drivers on charter or special trips of less than fifty (50) kilometers (one way) will be paid at the prescribed hourly rate. Upon arrival at the destination point, the driver shall automatically be placed on standby for the first (1st) hour and receive their full hourly rate of pay. Thereafter, if the driver is not required to remain on standby, but must return to duty at a later specified time the period of time between one (1) hour after arrival or the termination of the standby period to the time of the driver's return to duty shall be paid at the rate of one-half (1/2) the full hourly rate.
  - (b) The drivers for trips of less than fifty (50) kilometers (one way) will be selected from the part-time staff by seniority. (This will afford the part-time staff an opportunity to accumulate hours to equal eight (8) hours in any working day.)
  - (c) Should the special trip of less than fifty (50) kilometers (one way) create an overtime situation, the spare-board drivers should be given the opportunity to take the trip. (This will allow the spare-board drivers to accumulate hours and keep them earning funds and interested in staying in their position.)
  - (d) In the event all available part-time drivers and spare-board drivers have been canvassed and no driver is found, and the trip is going to create an overtime situation if taken by another part-time driver, the part-time driver with the most seniority would take the trip and receive time and one-half for worked over eight (8) hours. (Special trips of less than fifty (50) kilometers (one way) would include trips to outlying schools, or short field trips in the driver's area).
2. (a) Drivers on charter or special trips over fifty (50) kilometers (one way) will be paid at a composite kilometer rate for actual driving time. These trips will be offered by seniority to the available part-time driver should the trip be slated to fit within their regular working day and a total of eight (8) hours. If the trip is going to create overtime then the spare-board drivers should be afforded the opportunity to bid on the trip. If the trip requires a part-time driver to book off part of their regular run and their shortened run hours still do not exceed eight (8) hours, the trip should be afforded to the part-time driver with seniority. Thi will allow part-time drivers to take trips to neighboring communities if the trip fits within an eight (8) hour day. Should no part-time driver and no spare-board driver be available to take the special trip during an eight (8) hour period the trip shall be afforded to the part-time driver with the most seniority. The pay for stand-by hours would be the same as item 1(a).

- (b) Any driver who wishes to bid on a charter or special trip over fifty (50) kilometers (one way) must book off their regular run or a portion thereof where it will interfere with the charter or special trips, as agreed to by Management.
  - (c) The regular run or portion thereof would then be filled by a spare-board casual driver.
- 3. (a) Upon arrival at the destination point, the driver shall be informed of whether they are to be placed on standby and the duration of the standby period. During any period of standby, the bus driver shall be paid at the full hourly rate for all hours or a portion thereof while on standby.
- 4. Drivers on charter or special trips exceeding one (1) day shall be guaranteed not less than their normal daily rate of pay while on assignment. Excluding the day of departure and the day of return no driver shall receive less than eight (8) hours pay per day while on charter or special trips.
- 5. Where it is necessary for a driver to drive for more than eight (8) hours, they will not drive for more than twelve (12) hours without taking an eight (8) hour rest period, without pay.
- 6. Drivers who are required to park buses at their residences shall receive an allowance of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month for the months of November through February to compensate them for electricity used for plug-ins.



## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #1**

### **Accelerated School Apprenticeship Program (ASAP)**

**BETWEEN:**

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)**

**(hereinafter called the "Board")**

**AND:**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")**

WHEREAS the School District is now offering a program of studies to students entitled the *Youth Work in Trades Program (YWTP)* that includes alternating academic education periods and paid, work-place training periods; and,

WHEREAS it is seen as appropriate and beneficial to all involved parties to have training stations "in-house."

It is mutually agreed that:

1. the student apprentice will not be used as a replacement for any other worker regardless of circumstance;
2. the student apprentice will work under the supervision of a qualified tradesperson and therefore will not be expected or asked to work in isolation at any time;
3. there will be a mechanism in place to facilitate the immediate removal of the student apprentice from the work placement should a problem arise;
4. the student apprentice will be covered by WorkSafe BC at all times while in the work place;
5. the student apprentice will not earn seniority while participating in the YWTP as this is not a Union position;
6. participation in the YWTP is optional and the program will not be initiated without the full agreement and cooperation of the appropriate CUPE member trades person; and notification of the YWTP shall be provided to the Union prior to the start of each individual program; and
7. the YWTP is intended to be in effect for the duration of the student apprentice's high school career, but that after graduation from school, the student may, upon agreement of both the Board and the Union and

after appropriate posting, continue as a certified apprentice in accordance with Provincial Apprenticeship Guidelines and employer requirements.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

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Marie Poncia, Human Resources Manager

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Paula Cox, President



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #2**

**Mechanical Staff Operating Buses**

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

(hereinafter called the "Board")

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")

WHEREAS, due to special circumstances, the Board would like to clarify specific conditions regarding mechanical staff operating school buses, the parties agree as follows:

Occasionally the need arises for buses to be shuttled back and forth from one location to another due to service required or availability of spare buses. Shuttling of this nature may be conducted by mechanical staff rather than bus drivers.

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

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Sterling Olson, Secretary Treasurer

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Sandi Taylor, President



## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #3

Bus Drivers' Hours of Work

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the "Board")

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")

WHEREAS, due to special circumstances, the Board would like to clarify specific conditions regarding hours of work for bus drivers, the parties agree as follows:

1. Appendix D, Paragraph 1(a) - *charter or special trips* applies to trips of less than fifty (50) kilometers (one way) where the driver is not able to return to their home base immediately upon dropping off passengers. If the driver is able to return to their home base after dropping off passengers, that driver is not considered to be on standby and waiting time does not apply.

### Examples of Non-Application:

- If a Fort St. James bus driver transports students from Fort St. James to Murray Ridge Ski Hill at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 2:00 p.m. to transport the students back to the appropriate school, the driver does not get paid waiting time as they were not required to stay at Murray Ridge Ski Hill.
- If a Fraser Lake bus driver transports students from Fraser Lake to the Stellako River at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 1:00 p.m. to transport the students back to the appropriate school, the driver does not get paid waiting time as they were not required to stay at the river.
- If a Vanderhoof bus driver transports students from Sinkut View Elementary School to Evelyn Dickson Elementary School for a play day at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 p.m. to transport the students back to Sinkut View, the driver does not get paid waiting time as they were not required to stay at the school.
- If a Burns Lake bus driver transports students from L.D.S.S. to the Omineca Ski Trails at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 2:00 p.m. to transport the students back to school, the driver only claims two (2) hours for the two (2) way trip [one (1) hour each way]. If the driver is required to stay at the trails because the teacher/supervisor wants some form of emergency transportation available, then the driver claims the time spent at the trails as full-time. The school will be billed

for all the time (driving and waiting), at full rate.

Example of Application:

- Bus drivers from any of the four (4) locations (Vanderhoof, Burns Lake, Fraser Lake, or Fort St. James) who transport students from a school to a location within fifty (50) kilometers (one way) and who are required to remain at the site for a period of time will be on standby. If the driver is then released from standby and asked to return at a specific time but distance and time do not permit driving back to the home base and returning, the driver will be paid waiting time.
2. There will be a minimum time payment of two (2) hours for drivers on *charter or special trips* of less than fifty (50) kilometers.

i.e: a trip from one school to another school and return, or a trip from a school to the arena and return

If the trip takes fifteen (15) minutes each way the driver will be paid the minimum of two (2) hours. If the *charter or special trip* does not include a return trip; there will only be a payment of one (1) hour for the one way trip.

i.e: the school utilizes the bus to travel to the arena but walks back to the school

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Originals signed on April 12, 2007

Originals signed on April 12, 2007

Sterling Olson, Secretary Treasurer

Sandi Taylor, President



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #4**

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION HIRING**

**BETWEEN:  
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the "Board")**

**AND:**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)(hereinafter called the "Union")**

This letter of understanding applies to the following positions funded from Aboriginal funding and others as mutually agreed to:

**Aboriginal Home-School Coordinator ♦ Aboriginal Education  
Worker Aboriginal Classroom Assistant**

➤ Postings will include a caveat stating:

**"Preference will be given to qualified applicants with Aboriginal ancestry and knowledge of the Carrier and/or Wet'suwet'en Nations."**

- First preference will be given to Union members with regular seniority. Inside this group, preference will be given to qualified applicants of Aboriginal ancestry and knowledge of the Carrier and/or Wet'suwet'en Nations.
- Second preference will be given to Union members with recognized secondary seniority. Inside this group, preference will be given to qualified applicants of Aboriginal ancestry and knowledge of the Carrier and/or Wet'suwet'en Nations.
- Once hired, the parties agree that the employee's position will be subject to all conditions of the collective agreement, including bumping.

This letter of understanding is only intended to alter the selection process of the above identified positions and others as mutually agreed to.

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**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION**

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

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**Sterling Olson, Secretary Treasurer**

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**Sandi Taylor, President**



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #5**

**“Transportation Coordinator”**

**BETWEEN:**

**AND:**

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the “Board”)**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the “Union”)**

WHEREAS, due to special circumstances, the Board would like to clarify the status of “Transportation Coordinators” currently held by members of the union who also hold positions of school bus driver, the parties agree as follows:

Should any of the four (4) transportation coordinators wish to discontinue their position of “transportation coordinator” they may do so without relinquishing their existing posted position of school bus driver provided the Board is able to find a suitable, qualified replacement in conjunction with another established bus run. The Board can hold this change of position until the transportation coordinator position is filled.

Subsequent bumps and/or permanent reassignments are not contemplated from this agreement. The parties agree to meet and find solutions that would minimize potential impacts.

Signed at Vanderhoof this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

Marie Poncia, Human Resources Manager

Paula Cox, President



**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #6**

**UNION EXECUTIVE REIMBURSEMENT**

**BETWEEN:  
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the "Board")**

**AND:**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")**

WHEREAS, the Board would like to clarify its agreement with the Union on a flat rate percentage for the reimbursement of benefits costs for members who are on leave for Union business approved and paid by the Union. The Board would also like to clarify its agreement with the Union on the issue of payment for the President's Leave.

The Union will be billed and pay for the number of hours absent on Union business, times the hourly rate, plus this average benefit rate. The Board will calculate the average benefit rate by taking the weighted average benefit cost of the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the CUPE executive. The Board will re-calculate this average benefit rate on an annual basis, at the beginning of each school year. This new flat rate percentage will be implemented as of September 7, 2004.

The Board agrees to accommodate the Union in its decision to pay their President up to 8 hours per day at the highest hourly rate of the CUPE positions when the President is dealing with Union business. The increase in payment, plus the average benefit rate, will be the sole responsibility of the Union. The Union agrees to pay all outstanding receivables and maintain their account in a current status.

Signed at Vanderhoof, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sterling Olson, Secretary Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandi Taylor, President



## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #7**

### **OVERTIME EXCEPTION FOR CROSS CATEGORY WORKERS**

**BETWEEN:**  
**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)**  
**(hereinafter called the "Board")**  
**AND:**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)**  
**(hereinafter called the "Union")**

**Re: ARTICLES 4 & 11**

The parties agree that the employer is not always able to replace absent employees through dispatch from the casual list and recognize that there are employees who are qualified in two or more classifications (e.g. LSW and Custodian). Recognizing that many of these same employees are interested in extra work, the parties agree as follows:

- a) Any employee who works in one classification but is qualified in another would be eligible to work 8 hours before incurring overtime; and
- b) This agreement will apply for workers in postings with daily hours as follows:
  - 7 hours is currently considered full time for Clerical and all EA classifications as defined elsewhere in the collective agreement
  - 8 hours is currently considered full time for all other employees as defined elsewhere in this agreement (e.g. Maintenance, Bus Drivers, IT, and Custodial staff)
- c) These employees will complete the SD91 form indicating they are willing to take on extra hours, and in which classifications; and
- d) The employees will complete their regular position duties first and will then be dispatched for any extra hours;
- e) This agreement will be used to dispatch workers in emergent situations ONLY, and
- f) Wherever possible, preference will be given to candidates at the work site where the work is required, and all other emergent work will be offered by seniority of available employees.

Signed at Vanderhoof, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

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Secretary Treasurer

President



## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #8

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the "Board")

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")

### Forest Fire Season & School District Drivers

#### Purpose

The purpose of this letter of understanding is to provide clarification for payment to CUPE bus drivers for the work that results when the Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resources (MFLNR) utilizes our vehicles during forest fire seasons.

#### School District Involvement

1. SD91 will provide bus drivers to assist the MFLNR during forest fire fighting season.
2. SD91 will top-up the bus driver's wages to their regular rate of pay for time spent driving, as per the Collective Agreement
3. SD91 will pay the drivers one-half (1/2) of their regular rate of pay during waiting time, as per the Collective Agreement.
4. Depending on the fire's location, it may be necessary for the drivers to spend the night at a forest fire camp. In this event, the driver's waiting time will stop once the bus has arrived at camp.
5. There is no provision for Over-Time wages.
6. If the bus driver's regular schedule is interrupted, then a junior driver will back-fill their route.
7. Drivers will be selected using a sign-up sheet (located in the bus garage) and then through seniority.
8. Drivers who are interested in working during the fire season will sign a sheet as designated by the Manager of Transportation.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sterling Olson, Secretary Treasurer

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION  
*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sandi Taylor, President



**Provincial Framework Agreement (“Framework”)**

**between**

**BC Public School Employers' Association (“BCPSEA”)**

**and**

**The K-12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions (“the Unions”)**

BCPSEA and the Unions (“the Parties”) agree to recommend the following framework for inclusion in the collective agreements between local Support Staff Unions who are members of the K-12 Presidents' Council and Boards of Education.

**1. Term**

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025

**2. Wages Increases**

General wage increases as follows:

July 1, 2022: \$0.25 per hour wage increase plus an additional 3.24%

July 1, 2023: 5.5% and up to 1.25% COLA adjustment

July 1, 2024: 2.0% and up to 1.0% COLA adjustment

The COLA adjustments will be the annualized average of BC CPI over twelve months per paragraph 4 below

**3. Wage Increase Retroactivity**

- a. Employees employed on the date of ratification who were employed on July 1, 2022 shall receive retroactive payment of wage increases to July 1, 2022.
- b. Employees hired after July 1, 2022 who were employed on the date of ratification, shall have their retro-active pay increase pro-rated from their date of hire to the date of ratification.

- c. Employees who retired between July 1, 2022 and the date of ratification, shall have their retro-active pay increase pro-rated from July 1, 2022 to date of retirement.

#### 4. COLA Adjustment

The provincial parties agree that in determining the level of any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) that will be paid out starting on the first pay period after July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024, respectively, the "annualized average of BC CPI over twelve months" in paragraph 2 of the Provincial Framework Agreement means the *Latest 12-month Average (Index) % Change* reported by BC Stats in March for British Columbia for the twelve months starting at the beginning of March the preceding year and concluding at the end of the following February. The percentage change reported by BC Stats that will form the basis for determining any COLA increase is calculated to one decimal point. The *Latest 12-month Average Index*, as defined by BC Stats, is a 12-month moving average of the BC consumer price indexes of the most recent 12 months. This figure is calculated by averaging index levels over the applicable 12 months.

The *Latest 12-month Average % Change* is reported publicly by BC Stats in the monthly BC Stats *Consumer Price Index Highlights* report. The BC Stats *Consumer Price Index Highlights* report released in mid-March will contain the applicable figure for the 12-months concluding at the end of February.

For reference purposes only, the annualized average of BC CPI over twelve months from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 was 3.4%.

#### 5. Public Sector Wage Increases

1. If a public sector employer, as defined in s. 1 of the *Public Sector Employers Act*, enters into a collective agreement with an effective date after December 31, 2021 and the first three years of the collective agreement under the Shared Recovery Mandate includes cumulative nominal (not compounded) general wage increases (GWIs) and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) that, in accordance with how GWIs are defined and calculated in this LOA, are paid out and exceed the sum of the GWIs and COLAs that are paid out in the K-12 Provincial Framework Agreement, the total GWIs and COLAs paid out will be adjusted on the third anniversary of the collective agreement so that the cumulative nominal (not compounded) GWIs and COLAs are equivalent. This paragraph 5 is not triggered by any wage increase or lump sum awarded as a result of binding interest arbitration.
2. For the purposes of calculating the general wage increases in paragraph 1:
  - a) a \$0.25 per hour flat-rate wage increase for employees with their hourly wage rates set out in the collective agreement; or
  - b) any alternative flat-rate wage increase for employees whose hourly wage rates are not set out in the collective agreement that is determined by the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat to be roughly equivalent to a \$0.25 per hour flat-rate wage increase;

shall be considered to be a 0.5% general wage increase, notwithstanding what it actually represents for the average bargaining unit member covered by the collective agreement.

For clarity, under paragraph 2 a), the combined GWIs of \$0.25 per hour and 3.24% in Year 1 are considered to be a single increase of 3.74% for this LOA. For example purposes only, combining the 3.74% increase (as it is considered in this LOA) in Year 1 with the maximum potential combined GWI and COLA increases of 6.75% in Year 2 and 3% in Year 3 would result in a cumulative nominal increases of 13.49% over three years.

3. For certainty, a general wage increase is one that applies to all members of a bargaining unit (e.g. everyone receives an additional \$0.25 per hour, \$400 per year, or 1% increase) and does not include wage comparability adjustments, lower wage redress adjustments, labour market adjustments, flexibility allocations, classification system changes, or any compensation increases that are funded by equivalent collective agreement savings or grievance resolutions that are agreed to in bargaining.
4. A general wage increase and its magnitude in any agreement is as confirmed by the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat.
5. This paragraph 5 will be effective during the term of the K-12 Provincial Framework Agreement.

## 6. Local Table Bargaining Money

Provide ongoing funding to the support staff local tables in the amount of:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>District Minimum</b>
2022/2023	\$11,500,000	\$40,000
2023/2024	\$13,800,000	\$50,000
2024/2025	\$17,800,000	\$60,000

This money will be prorated according to student FTE providing that each district receives the district minimum amount.

The district and local must reach agreement on its use and implementation as part of their local discussions. The money may not be used for a general wage increase.

## 7. Provincial Labour Management Committee

The parties agree to maintain a Provincial Labour Management Committee (PLMC) to discuss and problem solve issues of mutual provincial interest, including issues referred from provincial committees established under this Framework Agreement. The purpose of the committee is to promote the cooperative resolution of workplace issues, to respond and adapt to changes in the economy, to foster the development of work-related skills and to promote workplace productivity.

The PLMC shall not discuss local grievances or have the power to bind local parties to any decision or conclusion. This committee will not replace the existing local grievance/arbitration processes.

The parties agree that the PLMC will consist of up to four (4) representatives appointed by BCPSEA and up to four (4) representatives appointed by the Support Staff Unions. Either provincial party may bring resource people as required, with advanced notice to the other party and at no added cost to the committee.

The PLMC will meet quarterly or as mutually agreed to for the life of the 2022 Framework Agreement and agree to include Workplace Health and Safety as a standing agenda item.

## **8. Support Staff Education Committee (SSEC)**

### **Structure:**

The committee shall comprise of not more than five (5) members appointed by CUPE and five (5) members appointed by BCPSEA. One of the CUPE appointees will be from the Non-CUPE Unions.

Either Party may bring resource people as required, with advanced notice to the other party. These resource people will be non-voting and at no added cost to the committee.

### **Mandate:**

The mandate of the committee is to manage the distribution of education funds for the following:

- a) Implementation of best practices to integrate skill development for support staff employees with district goals and student needs;
- b) Developing and delivering education opportunities to enhance service delivery to students;
- c) Identifying, developing and delivering education opportunities to enhance and support employee health and safety, including non-violent crisis intervention;
- d) Enable the provision of education opportunities to enhance and support the understanding, recognition and reconciliation process with Indigenous Peoples;
- e) Enable the provision of education opportunities to enhance and support equity, diversity, and inclusion as well as cultural safety;
- f) Skills enhancement for support staff;
- g) EA curriculum module development and delivery;
- h) These funds shall not be used to pay for education that Districts are required to provide under Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

### **Terms of Reference:**

The SSEC shall update, not later than January 31, 2023, the terms of reference for the committee. If no such agreement can be reached the SSEC shall make recommendations to the Provincial Labour Management Committee (PLMC).

### **Funding:**

Commencing July 1, 2022, there will be \$50,000 of annual funding allocated for the purposes set out above. Commencing July 1, 2024, there will be an additional \$1,000,000 of annual funding allocated for the purposes set out above.

## **9. Safety in the Workplace**

The parties agree that prevention of violence in the workplace is of paramount importance. The parties commit to providing a healthy and safe working environment that includes procedures to minimize the risk of workplace violence, such as Individual Safe Work Instructions or equivalent and the obligation to report and investigate incidents of workplace violence.

## **10. Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce**

The provincial parties will establish a Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce of not more than four (4) members appointed by CUPE and four (4) members appointed by BCPSEA. Each provincial party will consider the appointment of subject matter experts in occupational health and safety. Either provincial party may bring resource people as required, with advance notice to the other party. These resource people will be non-voting and at no cost to the taskforce. Costs associated with this Taskforce will be provided from existing SSEAC funds.

The Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce will:

- a) develop Terms of Reference to support training on the 2021 Workplace Violence Prevention Toolkit and the joint health and Safety Evaluation Tool;
- b) support the Support Staff Education Committee (SSEC) in the development of training related to the 2021 Workplace Violence Prevention Toolkit;
- c) provide a joint communication on the availability of training related to the 2021 Workplace Violence Prevention Toolkit for all Occupational Health and Safety Committees;
- d) review and update as required the Joint Health and Safety Evaluation Tool resulting from the 2019-2022 Provincial Framework Agreement;
- e) provide the reviewed Joint Health and Safety Evaluation Tool to each school district and local union;
- f) Identify and share best practices for the development of Individual Safe Work Instructions or equivalent.

## **11. Job Evaluation**

The work of the provincial job evaluation steering committee (the JE Committee) will continue during the term of this Framework Agreement. The objectives of the JE Committee are as follows:

- Review the results of the phase one and phase two pilots and outcomes of the committee work. Address any anomalies identified with the JE tool, process, or benchmarks.
- Rate the provincial benchmarks and create a job hierarchy for the provincial benchmarks.

- Gather data from all school districts and match existing job descriptions to the provincial benchmarks.
- Identify the job hierarchy for local job descriptions for all school districts.
- Compare the local job hierarchy to the benchmark-matched hierarchy.
- Develop a methodology to convert points to pay bands - The confirmed method must be supported by current compensation best practices.
- Identify training requirements to support implementation of the JE plan and develop training resources as required.

Once the objectives outlined above are completed, the JE Committee will mutually determine whether a local, regional or provincial approach to the steps outlined above is appropriate.

It is recognized that the work of the committee is technical, complicated, lengthy and onerous. To accomplish the objectives, the parties agree that existing JE funds can be accessed by the JE committee to engage consultant(s) to complete this work.

It is further recognized that this process does not impact the established management right of employers to determine local job requirements and job descriptions nor does this process alter any existing collective agreement rights or established practices.

When the JE plan is ready to be implemented, and if an amendment to an existing collective agreement is required, the JE Committee will work with the local School District and Local Union to make recommendations for implementation. Any recommendations will also be provided to the Provincial Labour Management Committee (PLMC).

As mutually agreed by the provincial parties and the JE Committee, the disbursement of available JE funds shall be retroactive to January 2, 2020-

The committee will utilize available funds to provide 50% of the wage differential for the position falling the furthest below the wage rate established by the provincial JE process and will continue this process until all JE fund monies at the time have been disbursed. The committee will follow compensation best practices to avoid problems such as inversion.

The committee will report out to the provincial parties regularly during the term of the Framework Agreement. Should any concerns arise during the work of the committee they will be referred to the PLMC.

Create a maintenance program to support ongoing implementation of the JE plan at a local, regional or provincial level. The maintenance program will include a process for addressing the wage rates of incumbents in positions which are impacted by implementation of the JE plan.

The provincial parties confirm that \$4,419,859 of ongoing annual funds will be used to implement the Job Evaluation Plan.

Effective July 1, 2022, there will be a one-time pause of the annual \$4,419,859 JE funding. This amount has been allocated to the local table bargaining money. The annual funding will recommence July 1, 2023.

## **12. Committee Funding**

There will be a total of \$150,000 of annual funding allocated for the purposes of the Support Staff Education Committee, the Provincial Labour Management Committee and the Provincial Joint Health and Safety Committee.

### **13. Public Education Benefits Trust**

- a. **PEBT Annual Funding Date:** The established ongoing annual funding payment of \$19,428,240 provided by the Ministry of Education will continue to be made each April 1. This payment shall be made each April 1 of the calendar year to provide LTD and JEIS benefits in accordance with the Settlers Statement on Accepted and Policy Practices of the PEBT.
- b. The Parties agree that decisions of the Public Education Benefits Trust medical appeal panel are final and binding. The Parties further agree that administrative review processes and the medical appeal panel will not be subject to the grievance procedure in each collective agreement.
- c. Sick leave and JEIS eligibility for sick leave or indemnity payments requires participation in the Joint Early Intervention Service (JEIS) according to the JEIS policies of the PEBT.

### **14. Benefits**

- a. Effective July 1, 2023, provide \$3 million dollars as ongoing annual funding to explore enhancements to the Standardized Extended Health Plan, including dental coverage, counselling and other improvements to benefits.

A one-time joint committee of up to four representatives appointed by BCPSEA and up to four representatives appointed by support staff unions will determine the enhancements to be implemented.

Any residual from the benefits standardization will be allocated to the Job Evaluation Fund.

- b. Effective July 1, 2023, provide \$1,000,000 one-time money to the PEBT to be utilized for addiction treatment support programs. The PEBT will determine appropriate terms of use for accessing the funds which will include, but not be limited to: priority access for support staff employees (vs. School Districts), treatment cost considerations, and relapse response.

### **15. Production of Local Collective Agreements**

BCPSEA commits to providing a draft 2022 local collective agreement which includes all negotiated updates, within 30 days of ratification by the local parties. The draft collective agreement will be provided in editable format with changes tracked for the local parties to review.

### **16. Demographic, Classification and Wage Information**

BCPSEA agrees to coordinate the accumulation and distribution of demographic, classification and wage data, as specified in the Letter of Understanding dated December 14, 2011, to CUPE on behalf of Boards of Education. The data currently housed in the Employment Data and Analysis Systems (EDAS) will be the source of the requested information.

## **17. Unpaid Work**

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, no employee shall be required or permitted to perform unpaid hours of work.

## **18. Education Assistant Credential Standardization**

Should the Ministry of Education initiate discussions regarding standardized credentials for Education Assistants, the provincial parties will each send a letter to request participation in the process.

## **19. Provincial Framework Bargaining 2025**

The Parties agree to amend and renew the December 14, 2011 Letter of Understanding for dedicated funding to the K-12 Presidents Council to facilitate the next round of provincial bargaining. \$250,000 will be allocated as of July 1, 2023.

## **20. Provincial Dispute resolution**

The provincial parties may mutually agree to refer a dispute under Provincial Framework Agreement to final and binding arbitration.

## **21. Funding**

Funding for the Provincial Framework Agreement will be included in operating grants to Boards of Education.

## **22. Employee Support Grant**

The Parties agree to the principle that Support Staff union members who have lost wages as a result of not crossing lawful picket lines during full days of a BCTF strike/BCPSEA lockout will be compensated in accordance with the letter of agreement in Appendix A.

## **23. Adoption of the Provincial Framework Agreement**

The rights and obligations of the local parties under this Provincial Framework Agreement are of no force or effect unless the collective agreement has been ratified by both parties no later than January 25, 2023, or a later date as

established by the provincial parties if the local parties are engaged in mediation.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2022.

The undersigned bargaining representatives agree to recommend this letter of understanding to their respective principals.

**K-12 Presidents' Council and  
Support Staff Unions**

**BC Public School Employers'  
Association**

"Paul Simpson"

"Leanne Bowes"

"Justin Schmid"

"Bruce Anderson"

"Kirsten Daub"

"Alan Chell"

"Jeff Virtanen"

"Kyle Uno"

"Gray Boisvert"

"Tammy Sowinsky"

"Tammy Carter"

"Rae Yu"

"Michelle Bennett"

"Richard Per"

"Patti Pocha"

"Ken Dawson"

"Denise Bullock"

"Nancy Brennan"

"David Bollen"

"Eric Harvey"

"Monica Brady"

"Alex Dounce"

"Warren Williams"

"Tim DeVivo"

"Jane Massy"

"Amber Leonard"

"Jason Franklin"

”Christina Forsyth”

”Tammy Murphy”

“Jeannette Beauvillier”

“Daun Frederickson”

”Tracey O’Hara”

”Katarina DiSimo”

Letter of Agreement (“Letter”)

Between:

BC Public School Employers Association (“BCPSEA”)

And:

The CUPE K - 12 Presidents’ Council and Support Staff Unions (“the Unions”)

**Re: Employee Support Grant (ESG) after June 30, 2022**

This Employee Support Grant (ESG) establishes a process under which employees covered by 2022 – 2025 collective agreements between Boards of Education and the Unions shall be entitled to recover wages lost as a result of legal strike activity by the BC Teachers’ Federation (“BCTF”) or lockout by BCPSEA after June 30, 2022.

1. The ESG will be available provided that:
  - a. A board and local union have a collective agreement which has been ratified by both parties no later than January 25, 2023 and,
  - b. There has been no successful strike vote by the BCTF or local support staff union prior to local union ratification.
2. Employees are expected to attend their worksite if there is no lawful BCTF picket line.
3. Employees who have lost wages as a result of not crossing lawful picket lines during full days of a BCTF strike/BCPSEA lockout shall be compensated. This compensation shall be in accordance with the following:
  - a. In the event that employees are prevented from attending work due to a lawful picket line, employees will be paid for all scheduled hours that the employee would have otherwise worked but for the labour dispute. Their pay will be 75% of their base wage rate.
  - b. The residual 25% of the employees’ base wage rate will be placed in a district fund to provide professional development to support staff employees. Funds will be dispersed by the district following agreement between the district and the local union.
4. Within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the labour dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF, boards will reimburse each employee for all scheduled hours for which the employee has not otherwise been paid as a result of strike or lockout.
5. If the employee disputes a payment received from the board, the union may submit the dispute with particulars on the employee’s behalf to a committee comprised of an equal number of representatives appointed by BCPSEA and the Unions.

6. If the joint committee is unable to resolve the employee's claim it will submit the dispute to a mutually agreed upon arbitrator who must resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of hearing the differences between the board and the union.

Original signed on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 by:

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BCPSEA  
Leanne Bowes

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K-12 Presidents' Council  
Paul Simpson

**Appendix B1 to the Provincial Framework Agreement**

**Between:**

**BC Public School Employers Association ("BCPSEA")**

**And:**

**The K-12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions ("the Unions")**

**And:**

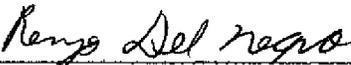
**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of BC as Represented by the Ministry of Education ("the Government")**

**Re: Employee Support Grant for May/June 2014**

1. BCPSEA, the Unions and the Government agree that employees covered by collective agreements between Boards of Education and the Unions may recover wages lost as a result of legal strike activity by the BC Teachers' Federation ("BCTF") or lockout by BCPSEA during May and June 2014 as set out in this letter.
2. Subject to the terms of this Letter:
  - (a) Within thirty (30) days of ratification of a new collective agreement by a board of education, the local union and BCPSEA, the board will reimburse each employee covered by that collective agreement between the board and the local union for all scheduled hours that the employee would have worked and for which the employee has not otherwise been paid in May and/or June 2014, but for the labour dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF.
  - (b) If the employee disputes a payment received from the board, the union may submit the dispute on the employee's behalf to a committee comprised of an equal number of representatives appointed by BCPSEA and the Unions.
  - (c) If the joint committee is unable to resolve the employee's claim it will submit the dispute to (NAMED ARBITRATOR) who must resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of hearing the differences between the board and the union.
3. This Letter expires on November 30, 2014 and is of no further force and effect except where a board and union have a collective agreement which has

been ratified by both parties no later than November 30, 2014.

Original signed on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by:

  
BCPSEA

  
K-12 Presidents' Council

  
Ministry of Education on behalf of Her  
Majesty in Right of the Province of BC

## **Appendix B2 to the Provincial Framework Agreement**

**Between:**

**BC Public School Employers Association ("BCPSEA")**

**And:**

**The CUPE K - 12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions ("the Unions")**

**And:**

**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of BC as represented by the Ministry of Education (the "Government")**

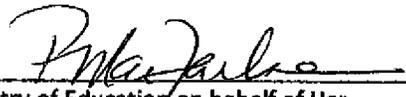
**Re: Employee Support Grant for after June 30, 2014**

1. This Letter establishes a process under which employees covered by collective agreements between Boards of Education and the Unions may be entitled to recover wages lost as a result of legal strike activity by the BC Teachers' Federation ("BCTF") or lockout by BCPSEA after June 30, 2014.
2. To that end the parties to this Letter agree that each member of the union employed as of the date of ratification of a collective agreement between a board and local unions or who retired prior to September 30, 2014 may receive payment pursuant to the terms of this Letter.
3. Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the current dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF, boards will reimburse each employee covered by a collective agreement between the board and a local union for all scheduled hours that the employee would have worked and for which the employee has not otherwise been paid after June 30, 2014 but for the labour dispute between BCPSEA and the BCTF.
4. If the employee disputes a payment received from the board, the union may submit the dispute on the employee's behalf to a committee comprised of an equal number of representatives appointed by BCPSEA and the Unions.
5. If the joint committee is unable to resolve the employee's claim it will submit the dispute to (NAMED ARBITRATOR) who must resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of hearing the differences between the board and the union.
6. This Letter expires on November 30, 2014 and is of no further force and effect except where a board and a union have a collective agreement which has been ratified by both parties no later than November 30, 2014.

Original signed on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by:

  
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BCPSEA

  
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K-12 Presidents' Council

  
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Ministry of Education on behalf of Her  
Majesty in Right of the Province of BC

## **Appendix C to the Provincial Framework Agreement**

### **Provincial Support Staff Extended Health Benefit Plan TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **BETWEEN:**

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBUC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION AND K-12 PRESIDENTS COUNCIL**

#### **Re: Exploration of a Greater Standardization of Benefits Plans**

The parties agree to move to an optional standardized provincial extended health benefits plan (standardized plan) which would include the majority of support staff members. To further such change the parties agree to form a working committee with the goal of achieving agreement on a standardized extended health benefits plan.

#### **Terms of Reference:**

1. The committee will consist of no more than 4 members of the K-12 Presidents' Council and no more than 4 members of the BCPSEA bargaining teams. Each party will identify its representatives by June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
2. The parties agree the committee will utilize the services of Morneau Shepell to assist in the process. Each party shall retain the right to invite a member of its organization to participate in the discussions where that person would bring in valuable expertise.
3. Local unions who decide to join the standardized plan must elect to do so by July 1, 2016 or a later date as mutually agreed by the Parties.
4. Where the local union in a district determines their existing plan has superior benefits and that local union elects not to participate in the standardized plan, the local union shall retain their existing plan.
5. Local unions may choose not to join the standard benefits plan without opting out of the provincial framework agreement.
6. Any measurable savings realized by movement towards a standardized plan will be retained by the PEBT unless a local collective agreement provides otherwise.

7. BCPSEA will provide ongoing annualized funding to the Boards of Education in the amount of \$3,000,000 effective September 1, 2017 to facilitate the completion of a standardized plan.
8. Any residual unused funds from the implementation of this standardized plan will be allocated to the job evaluation fund.
9. The parties commit to engaging in intensive discussions with the goal of developing a responsible standardized extended health benefit plan by June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 or a mutually agreed upon day.

## **Appendix D to the Provincial Framework Agreement**

**BETWEEN:**

**BCPSEA**

**AND**

**K-12 SUPPORT STAFF UNIONS**

**AND**

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BC AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION**

**RE: LEARNING IMPROVEMENT FUND: Support Staff Priorities**

**WHEREAS:**

The Ministry has established and maintains additional funding for the purpose of addressing high priority challenges to student learning arising from the organization of classes within schools in the province; and

The K-12 support staff unions have since 2006 raised concerns in bargaining regarding the issues of unpaid Education Assistant (EA) work, lack of stable EA hours, bell to bell EA scheduling and lack of livable earnings for EAs, and

The Support Staff Education & Adjustment Committee (SSEAC) is a joint committee of K-12 Support Staff Unions and the BC Public School Employers' Association.

**THEREFORE:**

The parties hereby agree as follows:

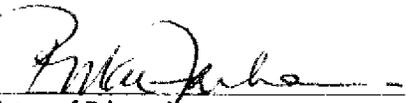
1. Funding for addressing the above matters as it relates to employees covered by this collective agreement between BCPSEA and the K-12 Support Staff Unions will be in the greater amount of \$10 million or 20% of any annual amounts established by government in the Learning Improvement Fund.

2. The allocation of the LIF to school districts is established annually by the Ministry of Education and will provide this information to school districts including the portion of the LIF to be allocated to education assistants.
3. In the event of a dispute arising from the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this agreement there will be a meeting of the parties, and failing agreement, the parties will submit the concern to a mutually agreed arbitrator.
4. This letter replaces the letter between the parties signed December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 titled "CLASS ORGANIZATION FUND: Support Staff Priorities"

Original signed on June 7th, 2014 by:

  
BCPSEA

  
Support Staff Unions

  
Ministry of Education

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #10**

**MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT**

Between

**THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT No.91 (NECHAKO  
LAKES)**

And

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES LOCAL 4177**

**RE: PAY EQUITY IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

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The parties agree to the following:

1. That the comparison of the jobs in Nechako lakes was done utilizing a plan accepted by CUPE and the Board.
2. That the job Maintenance Plan attached as Appendix 'A' is agreed to.
3. That the implementation of the Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation Plan will be done as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement Re Consolidation of the bargaining Units, dated February 9, 1999.
4. That the Maintenance Agreement is meant to ensure that identified inequities in pay between male and female dominated jobs will not be increased.
5. That the Employer and the Union agree to apply general wage increases in such a way that gender inequalities are not increased.
6. That the above is subject to PSEC's approval of the pay equity plan and subject to the provincial government funding and continuing to fund these pay equity plans.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD    SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION**

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

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Darlene Turner, Secretary Treasurer

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Paula Cox, President

APPENDIX "A" to LOU 10

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

(For Job Descriptions, Classifications and Changes of Classifications)

between

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)

And

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL  
4177

## THE JOINT JOB EVALUATION COMMITTEE (JJEC)

### ARTICLE 1

- 1.1. There will be a Joint Job Evaluation Committee (JJEC) which shall have equal representation and participation from the parties, consisting of two (2) representatives from the Employer and two (2) representatives from the local Union. The purpose of the Committee will be to maintain the established Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation Plan.
- 1.2. The Employer and the Union shall each designate one of its representatives to act as Co-chairperson.
- 1.3. Each party may appoint alternate representatives to serve as replacements for absent members or to assist the Committee in its work, from time to time. The names of alternate representatives shall be submitted to the Committee.
- 1.4. CUPE, Local 4177 Committee members and any alternates appointed by CUPE, Local 4177 shall be granted leave of absence with pay and without loss of seniority for periods of time spent working on the Committee. These members shall continue to have all rights and privileges of the collective agreement including access to the grievance procedure, promotional opportunities and salary increments to which the employee would normally be entitled, including any increase that may occur as a result of an evaluation of their present position. The Employer shall invoice the Union for the cost of wages and benefits and the Union shall be responsible for any expenses incurred by its members.
- 1.5. Routine business decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority. Job rating decisions shall require unanimous decision of the full Committee and shall be final and binding on the parties, subject to the reconsideration procedure set out in Article II. Alternate members shall have the right to vote only when replacing a regular Committee member who is absent.
- 1.6. The Committee shall meet as necessary at a mutually agreed upon time and place. Each member shall receive notice and the agenda for the meeting at least forty- eight (48) hours before the meeting. Either party may call a meeting by giving written notice and this meeting shall take place within seven (7) working days of the delivery of the notice to the other party.
- 1.7. Either party to the Maintenance Agreement may engage advisors to assist its representatives on the JJEC. Any such advisor shall be entitled to voice but not to vote and shall not be considered to be a member of the Committee.

## MAINTAINING THE JOB EVALUATION PROGRAM

### ARTICLE 2

- 2.1. The Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation Plan will be used when reviewing and evaluating all existing or new jobs. It is important to maintain accurate job descriptions and job ratings on an ongoing basis. Failure to do so will serve to damage the integrity of the pay equity program. In order to maintain the program, the Union and the Board agree to adopt the following process:
  - 2.1.1. The Joint Job Evaluation Committee will divide all jobs into groups and will address approximately twenty percent (20%) of the jobs covered by the Plan in each subsequent year.
  - 2.1.2. Employees in the group of jobs subject to review in a given year will be surveyed to determine if any changes have occurred to their jobs since the job description was last revised.
  - 2.1.3. The results of the survey will be reviewed by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee and if substantial change has occurred to a position, the job description will be updated and re-evaluated in accordance with the established Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation procedure.
- 2.2. Whenever the employer changes the duties and responsibilities of a job or the incumbent(s)/Union feel that the duties and responsibilities of a job have been changed, or that the job description does not reflect the duties and responsibilities of the job, the following procedures shall be followed:
  - 2.2.1. The incumbent(s)/Union or the supervisor/employer may request a job evaluation review by completing and submitting a *Job Evaluation Reconsideration Form* {Addendum to Appendix "B" (i)}, a completed Job Analysis Questionnaire and revisions to the job description. The applicant must show which of the above three criteria pertain to the application for consideration.
    - 2.2.1.1. A maximum of three (3) job descriptions to be under review at any one time. This number can be increased by mutual agreement.
    - 2.2.1.2. Reviews will be initiated within thirty (30) days of the written request.
  - 2.2.2. Upon receipt of a completed *Job Evaluation Reconsideration Form*, the Committee shall proceed to gather accurate, up-to-date information on  
  
the job. The gathering of information shall involve requesting the incumbent(s) and supervisor to complete an up-to-date *Job*

*Analysis Questionnaire*. Where further information is required, interviews shall be held with incumbents and/or supervisors and/or visits to the job site. Based on this information, the employer shall update the job description, as necessary;

- 2.2.3. Where it has been determined by the JJEC that the job description has changed, the job shall be rated by the JJEC, using the Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation procedure. A new rating for the job shall be established. The incumbent(s) and supervisor shall be advised of the Committee's decision per the *Advice of Rating Form* {Addendum to Appendix "B" (ii)}. The rating of the job shall determine the pay rate for the job;
  - 2.2.4. If the job is rated at a pay grade higher than the existing pay grade, the incumbent's rate of pay shall be adjusted retroactive to the date the *Job Evaluation Reconsideration Form* was submitted. The incumbent(s) shall retain the same place on any increment grid;
  - 2.2.5. If the job is rated at a pay grade lower than the existing pay grade, all incumbents of such job shall be identified as "Red-Circled" and shall continue to receive all negotiated increases and shall continue to progress (increment) through the salary range to the job rate of their previous pay grade;
  - 2.2.6. No incumbent will have their wages reduced following the re-evaluation of their job and the establishment of a new wage structure;
  - 2.2.7. All economic adjustments negotiated from time to time shall be calculated upon the higher of the revised or previously existing job rate.
- 2.3. Whenever the employer wishes to establish a new job, the following procedures shall apply:
- 2.3.1. The employer shall prepare a draft job description for the job;
  - 2.3.2. The JJEC shall meet and establish a temporary pay grade for the job, based on the draft job description;
  - 2.3.3. The job shall be posted and any person appointed to the job shall be paid the temporary pay grade;
  - 2.3.4. After six (6) months from the appointment of an incumbent to the job, the incumbent(s) and the supervisor shall complete a *Job Analysis*

*Questionnaire* which shall be submitted, along with an updated job description to the JJEC. The employer shall develop a final job description and rate the job according to the Gender-Neutral

Job Evaluation Plan. The rate of pay increases shall be paid to each incumbent effective the date of their appointment to the job. In the event that the pay rate of the job decreases as the result of this six (6) month re-examination of the job, the reduced rate of pay will be paid at the beginning of the next pay period following completion of any appeal processes and the notification to the incumbent and the Union by the Board.

- 2.4. Either the incumbent(s) or the supervisor may request reconsideration of the job rating by completing and submitting a *Job Evaluation Reconsideration Form*, stating the reason(s) for disagreeing with the job description and/or the rating of the job. Any such request shall be submitted within sixty (60) days of receipt of the *Advice of Rating Form*. Both the incumbent(s) and the supervisor shall be permitted to make a presentation to the Committee. The JJEC shall consider the request and make a decision, which shall be considered final and binding upon the parties and all employees affected. The Committee shall inform both the incumbent(s) and the supervisor of its decision using the *Job Evaluation Review Decision Form* {Addendum to Appendix "B" (iii)}.
- 2.5. After a job evaluation review has been completed for an existing job, there shall be no further review for a period of twelve (12) months.

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### ARTICLE 3

- 3.1. Parties may consider alternatives in dispute resolution to arbitration. In the event the JJEC is unable to reach agreement on any matter relating to the interpretation, application or administration of the job evaluation program, the Co-chairpersons of the Committee shall request, within ten (10) working days, that each party designate an advisor to meet with the Committee. The two (2) advisors shall meet with the Committee and attempt to assist in reaching a decision.
- 3.2. If, after meeting with the two (2) advisors appointed pursuant to Article 3.1, the Committee remains unable to agree upon the matter in dispute, the Co-chairpersons shall advise, in writing, the union and the employer of this fact, within fifteen (15) days.
- 3.3. Either party may, by written notice to the other party, refer the dispute to a single arbitrator who shall be selected by agreement of the parties. If the parties are  
  
unable to agree, either party may request the Minister of Labour to appoint an arbitrator.
- 3.4. The arbitrator shall decide the matter upon which the JJEC has been unable to agree and their decision shall be final and binding on the JJEC, the Employer, the Union, and all affected employees. The arbitrator shall be bound by this Maintenance Agreement and the Gender-Neutral Job

Evaluation Plan and shall not have the power to notify or amend any of their provisions. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall be limited to the matter in dispute, as submitted by the parties.

- 3.5. The Employer and Union shall be the parties to the arbitration hearing and shall have the right to present evidence and argument concerning the matter in dispute. The arbitrator shall have the powers of an arbitrator appointed pursuant to the Collective Agreement and, in addition, shall have the authority to require the parties to present additional information and to require other person(s) to present evidence, as deemed necessary by the arbitrator.
- 3.6. The arbitrator's fees and expenses shall be borne equally between the parties.
- 3.7. The time limits contained in this article may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Signed at Vanderhoof, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD    SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

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Darlene Turner, Secretary Treasurer

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Paula Cox, President

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #11

### "APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM"

BETWEEN: THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 (NECHAKOLAKES)

(hereinafter called the "Board")

AND: CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLICEMPLOYEES LOCAL 4177

(hereinafter called the "Union")

#### Re: Apprenticeship Program

#### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 It is understood the *Apprenticeship Program* is an evolving education program. A person entering into an apprenticeship is entering at "tri-partnership" involving the APPRENTICE, the Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) (EMPLOYER) and CUPE 4177 (UNION). Efforts will be made by all parties to ensure the apprenticeship program remains a viable educational entity.

1.2 The EMPLOYER and the UNION agree to co-operate in the establishment of an apprenticeship program with the purpose of:

- i) Providing on-the-job training for employees as apprentices in trades in which there are expected to be vacancies or new positions created by the end of the apprenticeship training period.
- ii) Providing current employees of the district an opportunity to upgrade their skills to become journeypersons.
- iii) Providing the Employer with qualified employees while at the same time protecting the rights and prerogatives of Union members.

#### 2.0 Apprenticeship General Provisions

2.1 An Apprenticeship Committee comprising of up to two UNION and two EMPLOYER representatives will be established to develop the policies and procedures of the Apprenticeship Program.

- 2.2 It is recognized that some unforeseen problems may arise in respect to this first *Apprenticeship Program*. Therefore, it is agreed that such problems shall be discussed by the Apprenticeship Committee with a view to the settlement of the problems to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.
- 2.3 The apprenticeship process will be governed first by the provincial and national governing bodies and applicable agencies. The APPRENTICE shall be employed in accordance with the provisions of the Industry Training and Authority Act and the Labour Relations Code, and the parties hereto agree to observe all applicable provisions of said Acts.
- 2.4 The APPRENTICE shall be bound by all provisions of the collective agreement except where altered by this agreement.
- 2.5 This *Apprenticeship Program* shall cover all trade areas of the EMPLOYER, such as electrician, carpentry, plumber/gasfitter, painter and commercial transport vehicle mechanic.
- 3.0 Selection Criteria and Qualifications
- 3.1 In order to be considered an applicant must:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Meet the requirements as outlined in SD91's Job Description, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet the requirements as outlined on the ITA trade's profile, and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass an entry level apprenticeship aptitude test administered by the EMPLOYER with a threshold score of 70%, and
- 4<sup>th</sup> Meet the requirements of the educational institution where coursework will be taken (ie. Math and Physics 12), and
- 3.2 Every journeyman taking on an APPRENTICE shall be required to have a B.C. trades qualification (TQ) certificate of proficiency and a certificate of apprenticeship or its equivalent in their designated trade as required by the Act.
- 3.3 Before work can commence, the EMPLOYER and APPRENTICE must apply and register as the sponsor employer and apprentice respectively with the Industry Training Authority (ITA).
- 4.0 Post and Fill and Seniority
- 4.1 Apprenticeships will be posted and filled in accordance with the job posting language contained in the current Collective Agreement

between the parties.

4.2 It is agreed no apprentices would be hired to work for the EMPLOYER in a trade in which there are laid off tradespersons either still employed in other classifications with the EMPLOYER or still on layoff with recall rights as specified.

#### 5.0 Retention

5.1 An APPRENTICE will not necessarily be guaranteed a position when they have obtained a certificate of apprentice or journey person certification in their designated trade.

5.2 In the event the APPRENTICE violates the Return of Service Agreement by leaving before the completion of the Agreement, the APPRENTICE will have to pay back the proportionate cost of tuition borne by the Employer.

#### 6.0 Apprenticeship Agreement

6.1 Apprenticeship agreements shall be prepared before the end of the probationary/trial period and shall be signed by the PARTIES. Each applicant for an apprenticeship shall be given an opportunity to read this Apprenticeship Program document before signing the Apprenticeship Agreement.

6.2 Where an APPRENTICE is absent from work for more than 20 consecutive working days in any year, the EMPLOYER can extend the term of such apprentice's agreement for the duration of the sickness, injury, or leave of absence. Any wage increments normally due will be delayed accordingly, and the UNION advised in writing.

6.3 If an APPRENTICE violates any of the terms and conditions of the Apprenticeship Agreement, the EMPLOYER reserves the right to suspend or terminate the apprentice agreement. The employee would then be considered laid-off and afforded the rights as set out in the Collective Agreement.

#### 7.0 Return of Service Agreement

7.1 The PARTIES of this *Apprenticeship Program* agree a consistent Return of Service Agreement commensurate/pro-rated with the length of the apprenticeship shall be agreed to prior to the employee starting their apprenticeship with the Employer. (i.e. an employee who had partially completed their apprenticeship with another employer would pay back the proportionate amount of the time spent in the program with the District)

#### 8.0 Supervision

8.1 There can be no more than 1 apprentice for each journey person.

- 8.2 The EMPLOYER will ensure that the APPRENTICE be given the necessary on- the-job practical training.
- 8.3 The APPRENTICE shall perform work under the direction of a journeyperson.
- 8.4 Journeypersons will participate in providing feedback to the appropriate supervisor on the progress of the APPRENTICE.
- 9.0 Course Work and Costs
- 9.1 A leave of absence, without pay, will be approved by the EMPLOYER for all classroom time required by the APPRENTICE. The EMPLOYER will arrange for the continuation of wages and benefits while attending school.
- 9.2 Receipts and documentation for coursework, expenses must be provided to the EMPLOYER before any agreed upon reimbursement is issued.
- 9.3 While the APPRENTICE is in school, the EMPLOYER shall supplement the APPRENTICE's Employment Insurance with a \$2,000 annual allowance.
- 9.4 With the exception of the incentives/reimbursement outlined in existing collective agreement provisions, the APPRENTICE will be responsible for covering all remaining costs associated with their education.
- 9.7 In cases of failure on the part of the APPRENTICE to fulfill their obligations in respect to school attendance, the EMPLOYER shall have the authority to suspend or revoke the Apprenticeship Agreement, and will notify the UNION of the violation. The employee would then be considered laid-off and afforded the rights as set out in the Collective Agreement.
- 9.8 Where an APPRENTICE incurs delay, through no fault of their own, in taking one of the tests due to unavailability of an examination or rescheduling of an examination, the delay shall not prejudice their right to any wage increments provided:
- (i) Such pay due and owing shall not be paid, however, until the APPRENTICE has passed the examination but shall be retroactive to the increment date.
  - (ii) Responsibility for providing examination results rests solely with the APPRENTICE.

## 10.0 Apprenticeship Partnering

- 10.1 In order for the APPRENTICE to successfully achieve the practical requirement of their trade's curriculum, it may be necessary for the PARTIES to establish a partnership with other industries. The PARTIES agree this situation will be an evolving issue and every effort will be made to ensure that the partnering initiative ensure educational success for the

APPRENTICE.

11.0 Term and Conditions of Apprenticeship Program

11.1 This *Apprenticeship Program* shall remain in effect with the assumption that funding continues to exist.

11.2 Either the EMPLOYER or the UNION may cancel this Apprenticeship Program with 30 days written notice.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

*Originals signed on April 12, 2007*

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Darlene Turner, Secretary Treasurer

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Paula Cox, President

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #12

### “RECOGNIZED SECONDARY SENIORITY”

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 (NECHAKOLAKES)

(hereinafter called the “Board”)

AND:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 4177

Re: Recognized Secondary Seniority

(hereinafter called the “Union”)

The Parties to this Letter of Understanding agree that the following provision will be implemented, effective March 1, 2012.

It is understood that this provision is intended to specifically address the transitioning of Employees from the Secondary Seniority list.

It is further understood that if either party chooses to withdraw from this Letter of Understanding, ten days written notice will be provided.

If any Employee is negatively affected as result of the termination of this Letter of Understanding, said Employees who are in transition, will be afforded their rights as laid out in the following provision.

#### ARTICLE 6 – RECOGNIZED SECONDARY SENIORITY

##### Sec. 4 Loss of Recognized Secondary Seniority

- (a) Recognized secondary seniority shall be lost only in the event the employee fails to respond to five (5) consecutive call-ins or call-outs. It is understood that an employee who is unavailable for call-in or call-out shall notify the employer one (1) week in advance in writing where reasonable.
- (b) Employees with recognized secondary seniority who apply for, and successfully complete the probationary period for a relief or limited duration posting(s) shall have their recognized secondary seniority date reinstated upon completion of the relief or limited duration posting; or may maintain regular seniority for 12 months as outlined in Article 5, Section 4.

The choice of seniority to be maintained is at the discretion of the

employee. Such choice shall apply only to the current layoff and shall be irrevocable.

Employees will have five (5) working days to advise the employer of their seniority choice. If no preference is given, secondary seniority shall be continued and regular seniority shall be lost.

- (c) Employees with recognized secondary seniority who successfully apply for a relief or limited duration posting(s) shall have their secondary seniority date reinstated upon completion of the relief or limited duration posting, if the probationary period is not completed.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

Original signed February 24, 2012

Darlene Turner, Secretary Treasurer

Original signed February 24, 2012

Paula Cox, President

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #13

### “BUMPING – BUS DRIVERS”

BETWEEN: THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 (NECHAKOLAKES)

(hereinafter called the “Board”)

AND: CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 4177

(hereinafter called the “Union”)

#### Re: Bumping – Bus Drivers

Subject to ratification by both parties, the Parties to this Letter of Understanding agree that the following provision will be implemented, effective June 26, 2012.

It is understood that this provision is intended to specifically address the layoff and bumping practices for bus drivers.

#### Article 7 sec. 4 (a) Bumping

Both parties recognize that job security shall increase in proportion to length of service. Therefore, in the event of a layoff, an employee shall be laid-off in the reverse order of their bargaining-unit-wide seniority in the work location where the layoff is required. An employee about to be laid-off or bumped may only bump the most junior employee in the same classification and/or similar hours (two (2) hours + or – of affected position) for which they are qualified, in their choice of location. If any employee is unable to bump in the same classification, they may choose to bump outside of their classification providing the employee exercising their right is qualified to perform the work of the employee with less seniority.

#### Sec. 4 (b) Bumping – Bus Drivers

Where operational requirements necessitate the layoff of a senior driver due to the elimination or reduction of a specific bus route held by a senior driver, the driver receiving the layoff shall have the option to bump any junior driver in the location where the layoff occurs.

Should the laid off driver choose to bump into another location and/or classification, the terms of Article 7 Section 4 (a) shall apply.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

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Marie Poncia, Human Resources Manager

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Paula Cox, President

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #14**

### **“STRONG START FACILITATOR”**

**BETWEEN: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 (NECHAKO LAKES)**

(hereinafter called the “Board”)

**AND:**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 4177**

(hereinafter called the “Union”)

#### Re: Strong Start Facilitator

1. The Employer created the positions of Strong Start Facilitators responsible for delivery of the Strong Start Program and identified the requisite qualifications, fitness and ability consistent with the program objectives and direction of the Ministry of Education.
2. The Employer has agreed to the inclusion of the Strong Start Facilitator positions within the bargaining unit represented by the Union. The Union has agreed to the terms of this Letter of Understanding to recognize the distinct character of the pre-school Strong Start Program. In extending this voluntary recognition, the Employer does not concede it was obligated to post and fill the initial positions under the collective agreement. It extends recognition without prejudice to the stand it may take in the creation of new positions, other than Strong Start Facilitators, in the future.
3. With the inclusion of the current and future Strong Start Facilitator positions under the collective agreement, the Employer has set the qualifications, fitness and ability in the attached Schedule 1. The Union acknowledges the Employer’s right to set the qualifications, fitness and ability and agrees that the qualifications established in Schedule 1 are fair and equitable. It is understood that any future variation of the qualifications, fitness and ability by the Employer will be subject to challenge if the Union does not believe the variation is a proper exercise of management and contractual rights under the collective agreement.
4. The Employer and the Union acknowledge these newly-created and included positions under the collective agreement will be subject to review under the Joint Job Evaluation Committee. Any retroactivity under the review will be effective the start date of each employee currently employed as a facilitator for the district.

5. The parties agree that the incumbent Strong Start Facilitators shall be recognized as regular employees of the School Districts within the CUPE Local 4177 bargaining unit. The Employer agrees the Strong Start Facilitator position will be put before the Joint Job Evaluation Committee for formal rating and ranking of the position. The incumbents' seniority dates shall be the date each started employment with School District No. 91.
6. In the event that the Strong Start Program or the related funding is discontinued, layoff notice will coincide with the end of available funding or the layoff notice period outlined in Article 7, whichever period is shorter.
7. In recognition of the character of the Strong Start Program, similar to the recognition given to the distinct character of some other programs and positions under the collective agreement, the Union and Employer have agreed that in addition to the terms contained within Article 7, the following shall apply to Strong Start Facilitators:

*The employer reserves the right to deny an employee to bump into a Strong Start Facilitator position if this would create a negative impact on the Strong Start Program.*

8. The times of the year at which the Strong Start Program will be offered and whether it will always be tied to the school calendar are uncertain. It is agreed that as a ten-month program, the annual vacation for the Strong Start Facilitator is to be scheduled so there is no interruption with the delivery of the program. The Union and Employer have agreed that in addition to the terms contained within Article 12 of the collective agreement, the following shall apply to Strong Start Facilitators:

*Strong Start Facilitators will take their annual vacation during Christmas and Spring Break or otherwise when the program is not negatively affected, with the sole discretion and approval of the Early Learning Contact or designate.*

9. The daily operation of the Strong Start Program does not mirror the K-12 education programs or the school day. The Union and Employer have agreed to recognize this in the application and administration of Article 4, the hours of work provisions of the collective agreement. The Parties agree to the following paragraphs:

*Minimum Hours*

*The parties agree that, having regard to the unique nature of the position of Strong Start Facilitator, the needs of the program and the requirement for flexibility in scheduling hours of work outside of the hours of operation of*

*the Strong Start Centre, the four-hour minimum shift shall be interpreted as average four hours work daily over the course of each two week pay period.*

Break Periods

*The parties agree that the paid rest period contemplated by Article 4 shall be taken during times that will not interfere with the operation of the Strong Start Centre.*

Hours of Work

*In recognition of the unique and challenging requirements of the Strong Start Facilitator's duties, it is agreed the normal work day shall fall between 8 am and 5 pm.*

10. The Union and the Employer agree that all grievances related to the Strong Start Program are resolved as a result of the agreement set out in this Letter of Understanding.
11. The Union and the Employer agree that this Letter of Understanding will continue until such time as the Union and the Employer agree to terminate or amend the Letter of Understanding.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

Original signed May 21, 2012

Darlene Turner, Secretary Treasurer

Original signed May 21, 2012

Paula Cox, President

## SCHEDULE 1

### STRONG START FACILITATOR

Without limiting management's right to establish or vary the qualifications, fitness and ability required for the position, the required qualifications, skills, fitness and ability that must be demonstrated for the position of Strong Start Facilitator include:

1. A certificate, preferably a Diploma, in Early Childhood Education;
2. A Community Care Facilities Branch B.C. License to practice;
3. A valid Child Safe First Aid Certificate;
4. A clear Criminal Record Review, completed prior to hiring;
5. Experience in creating, planning, implementing and budgeting for a parent participation early learning program;
6. Strong verbal and written communication skills and interpersonal skills;
7. Good organizational and planning skills;
8. An understanding of, and a commitment to, quality early learning;
9. Ability to work effectively with a variety of parents, children, volunteers, professionals and community members;
10. Knowledge of child development, family dynamics, community resources and early learning;
11. A class 5 driver's license;
12. Such other qualifications, skills and abilities as may be required to meet Ministry requirements or terms of the Strong Start contract.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #15**

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91

("The Board")

AND

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL4177

("The Union")

Re: Agreed Understanding of the Term Education Assistant

For the purposes of this collective agreement, where applicable, the term Education Assistant (EA) has the same meaning as Aboriginal Education Worker, Aboriginal Education Home School Coordinator, At Risk Youth Worker; Youth Care Worker, learning Support Worker, Personal Attendant (including Hearing Impaired, Autism, Intervenor, Visually Impaired), Personal Care Assistant, Secondary School Concession Worker, as found in the 2010-2012 Collective Agreement and is not intended to alter or amend any terms or conditions of employment.

The parties will meet to review existing position titles and develop a schedule of position(s) that require the incorporation of the position title Education Assistant (EA).

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014



For the Board



For the Union

Signed this 18th day of September, 2013.

Peter Cameron

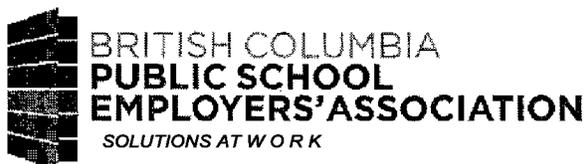
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BCPSEA

Bill Pegler

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September 18, 2013

Claire Avison  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Governance, Legislation and  
Regulation Ministry of Education

Dear Ms. Avison:

As part of the framework discussions between the K-12 Support Staff Unions and *BCPSEA*, the parties have agreed that it is desirable to facilitate a transition from the term "Teacher's Assistant" to "Education Assistant".

The parties agree that " Education Assistant" more accurately describes the nature of the work in the current context and into the future. We respectfully request that consideration be given to the possibility that a similar change could be made to applicable legislation and regulations.

Yours truly,

*[Original signed by Peter Cameron]*

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Peter Cameron  
BCPSEA

*[Original signed by Bill Pegler]*

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Bill Pegler  
CUPE

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - #16**

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES)  
(hereinafter called the "Board")

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 4177)  
(hereinafter called the "Union")

**RE: Labour Market Adjustment – Qualified Trades Lump Sum Payment**

The parties agree to the following:

For the term of this contract it is agreed that active Maintenance Employees possessing a Red Seal Trades Certificate will be eligible for a Lump Sum annual payment of \$1,500.00. This payment is also provided to IT Technicians Level 3. Any holders of both certificates may only be eligible for one lump sum payment annually.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNION

"Darlene Turner"

"Devon Gardner"

Darleen Turner, Secretary Treasurer

Devon Gardner, President – CUPE 4177

On January 9, 2023.

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**Letter of Agreement No. 1 (Significant Irritants)**

**BETWEEN**

The Board of Education of School District No. 91(Nechako  
Lakes) AND

Canadian Union of Public  
Employees LOCAL 4177

Re: Significant Irritants

The parties agree that the irritants listed in this Letter of Agreement will be forwarded to a committee made up of the union and the employer representatives. The committee will hold regular meetings to find resolution to the issues listed below.

Identified Irritants include:

Article 5 Section 4 (Loss of Seniority)  
Article 7 Section 4 (Bumping)  
Article 8 Section 3 (Selection Process)  
Article 10 Section 2 (Classification of Changes)  
Article 11 Section 1 (Overtime)  
Article 14 Section 2 (Compassionate  
Leave) 5 Minute Increments – Bus  
Drivers  
EA Pooling  
Posting – position vs.  
person PA Transitioning  
with Student

If agreement is not reached by, either party may advance the issues to the next round of bargaining or to the Labour Relations Board of the Province of British Columbia.

Signed on behalf of:

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

*Original signed February 24, 2012*

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Marie Poncia, Human Resources Manager    Paula Cox, President