

Collective Agreement

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025

- Between -

**The Board of School Trustees
Abbotsford School District**



- And -

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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025

0:1 INTRODUCTION

0:1.1 THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BETWEEN:

The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)
(hereinafter referred to as the “Board”)

0:1.2 AND:

Teamsters Local Union No. 31
(hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

0:2 PREAMBLE

0:2.1 WHEREAS the Union has been certified as the bargaining agent for all employees in School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) except employees included in the bargaining unit established by Section 5 of the Public Education Labour Relations Act and those excluded by the Labour Relations Code;

0:2.2 AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of both parties to this Agreement to promote the effective and efficient operation of this School District recognizing meanwhile the parties' responsibilities and obligations each to the other;

0:2.3 AND WHEREAS both parties desire to promote the morale and well-being of the employees in the bargaining unit, and to maintain a harmonious relationship between the Board and the employees;

0:2.4 AND WHEREAS both parties recognize the mutual value of joint discussions on the terms and conditions of employment affecting the employees in the bargaining unit;

0:2.5 NOW THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties agree each with the other as follows:

1 DEFINITIONS

1:1 **“Regular” Employee:** shall mean an employee who, regardless of FTE:

1. has completed the probationary period; and,
2. has seniority in accordance with Article 10; and,
3. is in receipt of Health and Welfare benefits; and,
4. is in receipt of Pension benefits; and,
5. has either a posted position; or
6. has met the criteria in Article 8:6.1.

- 1:1.1** **“12-month” Employee:** shall mean a “regular” employee who, regardless of FTE, works throughout the entire calendar year.
- 1:2** **“School-Term” Employee:** shall mean a “regular” employee who, regardless of FTE, works during the ten (10) month period coincident with students being in attendance at school. A “school-term” employee is also referred to as a “10-month” employee and the terms are inter-changeable.
- 1:2.1** **“10-month” Employee:** is a “school-term” employee.
- 1:3** **“FTE”:** shall mean “Full Time Equivalent” and 1.0 FTE will vary according to the normal weekly hours of a classification as stipulated in Article 12:1.
- 1:4** **“Casual”:** shall mean an employee who is employed on a day-to-day basis to augment regular and school-term employees for a limited duration within any 12-month period.
- 1:4.1** **“Extended Service Casual”:** shall mean a Casual employee who has been assigned and has worked four hundred and eighty (480) hours.
- 1:4.1.1** **“ESC”:** shall mean Extended Service Casual, and the terms are interchangeable.
- 1:4.1.2** **“UFN” (Until Further Notice):** shall mean an employee in a temporary assignment which is not required to be posted under the Collective Agreement in accordance with Article 3:4, Article 3:5 and the Letter of Understanding Instructional Support Staff Posting Process.
- 1:5** **“Probationary” Employee:** shall mean an employee of any status who is still within the four hundred and eighty (480) hour probationary period.
- 1:6** **“Trial Period”:** is the period of time when an employee is new to a classification and is subject to the terms of Article 6.
- 1:7** **“Qualification(s)” or “Qualified”:** shall mean to possess the knowledge, skills, ability and academic qualifications.
- 1:8** **“Classification(s)”:** shall mean any position(s) within the jurisdiction of the bargaining unit included in Schedules A.1 to A.7.
- 1:9** **“Board”:** shall mean the Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) or authorized delegated authority through the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 1:10** **“Union”:** shall mean Teamsters Local Union No. 31 Head Office.
- 1:11** **“Approved Position”:** shall mean any regular or school-term position approved by the Board.
- 1:12** **“Calendar Year”:** for vacation purposes, shall be the twelve (12) month period from July 1st to June 30th.

1:13 **“Work Week”**: the work week for regular and school-term employees is set out in Article 12:3-Work Week.

1:14 **Plural or Feminine Terms**: may apply whenever the singular or masculine is used in the Agreement and shall be considered as the plural or feminine used within the context the party or parties hereto so requires.

1:15 **“Level of Classification”**: shall be as defined in Schedules A.1 to A.6.

2 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

2:1 The management of the work force and methods of operation shall be vested exclusively in the Board, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement and as may be subject to the grievance procedure.

3 JOB POSTINGS

3:1 POSTINGS – DEFINITIONS

Notwithstanding any other definitions in this Collective Agreement, for the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall be applied:

3:1.1 **“Position”** – shall mean any regular job within a classification in the bargaining unit.

3:1.2 **“Assignment”** – shall mean any job that is filled by an employee in the bargaining unit by any means other than the posting procedure set out in Article 3:3 and Article 3:5.

3:1.3 **“Direct service”** – the following classifications shall be considered to provide direct services to a student(s):

- 1. Education Assistant**
- 2. Youth Care Worker**
- 3. Indigenous Support Worker**
- 4. Bus Driver**
- 5. Any other classification as mutually agreed between the Board and the Union.**

3:1.4 **“Vacant”/ “Vacancy”** – any position for which work is available and, in the sole discretion of the Board, is required to be performed, but is not occupied by a posted bargaining unit employee, shall be considered vacant.

3:1.5 **“Temporary Vacancy”** – as defined in Article 3:4.1.

3:2 POSTINGS – GENERAL PROCEDURE

3:2.1 Except as specifically provided otherwise, the Board shall fill all vacant positions within the bargaining unit using the posting procedures outlined within this Article.

- 3:2.2 The Board shall post, in the School Board office and in every Board facility, each notice of vacancy and a copy shall be forwarded to the Union at the same time.
- 3:2.3 In the event the Board withdraws a posting, the Union shall be advised, in writing, of the reasons for the withdrawal. The reasons for withdrawal are subject to the grievance procedure.
- 3:2.4 Except as specifically provided otherwise, when a “direct service” position becomes vacant, the Board shall immediately fill the position by assignment of a qualified and available Casual/Extended Service Casual, in accordance with Article 8:2 or Article 8:3, until the vacant position is permanently filled in accordance with Article 3:3 herein.
- 3:2.5 When a position other than a “direct service” position becomes “vacant”, the Board shall post the position in accordance with Article 3:3 herein. The Board may, but is not required to, make a Casual/Extended Service Casual assignment(s) on an interim basis, in accordance with Article 8:2 or Article 8:3 herein.
- 3:2.6 The Bus Driver posting procedure shall be administered in accordance with the Letter of Understanding – Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work.**
- 3:3 POSTINGS - PERMANENT VACANCIES**
- 3:3.1 Upon a previously occupied posted position becoming unoccupied, the Board shall determine within seven (7) calendar days if the position is “vacant” in accordance with Article 3:1.4 and advise the Union if the position is “vacant” or not.
- 3:3.2 If the Board determines that a position is vacant or upon the Board determining that a new position in the bargaining unit will be created, the Board shall post the position immediately upon making their determination of vacancy.
- 3:3.3 If the Board determines that a position is not vacant, the Board shall advise the Union.
- 3:3.4 Article 3:3.2 herein does not apply when, as the result of a Classification Review, a new position is created in either an existing or newly created classification.
- 3:3.5 The posting shall be published, in accordance with Article 3:3.2 herein, for seven (7) calendar days. In the interim, the position will be filled in accordance with Article 3:2.4 or Article 3:2.5 herein.
- 3:3.6 a. Subject to paragraph (b) below, the vacant position will be awarded and filled within twenty-five (25) calendar days of the date the posting closed.
- b. A vacant position in a classification in Schedule “A-4” (Instructional Support) will be awarded and filled within thirty (30) calendar days of the date the posting closed.
- 3:3.7 In the event there are no qualified applicants from within the bargaining unit, notwithstanding Article 3:2.1, the Board shall hire a new employee.

3:3.8 In the event the Board hires a new employee, the position will be awarded and filled within sixty (60) calendar days of the date the posting close.

3:3.9 In the event the Board makes every reasonable effort to hire an employee in accordance with Article 3:3.7 but there are no qualified applicants, the Board shall advise the Union prior to the expiry of the timeline referred to in Article 3:3.8 and the parties shall meet to discuss how the work allocated to the vacant position will be performed.

3:4 ASSIGNMENTS – TEMPORARY VACANCIES

3:4.1 When a position becomes vacant, as defined in Article 3:1.4 herein, as the result of:

1. an employee serving a trial period that exceeds fourteen (14) calendar days; or,
2. an employee being absent due to illness or injury in excess of fourteen (14) calendar days; or,
3. an employee being temporarily transferred in excess of fourteen (14) calendar days; or,
4. an employee is granted any leave in excess of fourteen (14) calendar days; then, the vacancy shall be considered a “temporary vacancy”.

3:4.2 Upon the Board determining that a position is temporarily vacant, the Board shall immediately fill the position by assignment of a qualified and available Casual/Extended Service Casual, and in the event of a Foreman position, by assignment of a regular employee who normally works under that Foreman, and such assignment will last until Article 3:4.4 herein applies. The Board will not be required to fill the vacancy created by the regular employee filling a temporary Foreman assignment. The assignment of a regular employee to the Foreman position shall be on the basis of qualifications and ability with due regard to seniority.

3:4.3 When the Board knows in advance and with certainty that a position will be “temporarily vacant” in excess of forty-two (42) calendar days, the position will be filled in accordance with Article 3:4.2 herein, if applicable, and the “temporary vacancy” will be filled by a “Postings-Temporary Vacancies”, in accordance with Article 3:5 herein.

3:4.3.1 Without limiting the application of Article 3:4.3, the Board will consider a position to be temporarily vacant in excess of forty-two (42) calendar days “in advance and with certainty” and post same in accordance with Article 3:5 upon being furnished, within the period of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of first absence, with a copy of the following portions of an employee’s application form for health and welfare benefits: the applicant’s name and expected length of absence exceeding forty-two (42) calendar days.

3:4.3.2 The Union and the members covered by this Agreement hereby authorize the immediate release of the information set forth in Article 3:4.3.1 to the Board whenever an application for benefits is made and which indicates an expected absence from work exceeding forty- two (42) calendar days.

3:4.4 A temporary assignment/posting, pursuant to Article 3:4.2 or Article 3:4.3, shall be completed:

1. Upon the original posted employee returning to their position, the Board shall provide at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the incumbent.
2. When a temporary vacancy becomes a permanent vacancy pursuant to Article 3:4.6 herein, the temporary vacancy will be completed on the date the successful applicant commences work in the position. The Board shall provide at least twenty- four (24) hours' notice to the incumbent.

3:4.5 Upon the completion of a temporary vacancy assignment (for any reason), the incumbent will return to their posted position or to casual dispatch, whichever is applicable.

3:4.6 Under no circumstances will a "temporary vacancy" last more than eighteen (18) calendar months from the date the position was actually vacated. Seven (7) calendar days prior to the position being temporarily vacant for eighteen (18) calendar months, the Board will post the position in accordance with Article 3:3 herein.

3:4.7 When an employee whose position has been "temporarily vacant" is able and available to return to their position the employee shall be returned to their position.

3:4.8 In the event that the regular employee's position no longer exists, including when the position has been filled pursuant to Article 3:4.6 herein, the employee will have access to Article 11 – Layoff and Recall Procedures.

3:5 POSTINGS – TEMPORARY VACANCIES

3:5.1 Notwithstanding Article 3:4, and except as specifically provided otherwise, any temporary vacancy that meets the conditions as outlined in Article 3:4.3 herein shall be posted as a "temporary vacancy" and open to bidding from any regular employee in the bargaining unit.

3:5.2 All timelines for posting shall be as described in Article 3:3 herein, with the exception that the vacant temporary position will be awarded and filled within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date the posting closed.

3:5.3 Any vacancy created as the result of a regular employee filling a temporary vacancy posting shall be filled in accordance with Article 3:4.2 herein.

3:5.4 The Board shall first consider qualified regular employee applicants for the posted temporary vacancy before giving consideration to any qualified casual employees who may have applied for the temporary vacancy. In the event there are no internal applicants for a temporary vacancy posting, the Board will fill the temporary vacancy in accordance with Article 3:4 herein.

3:5.5 Upon the completion of a temporary vacancy posting, the regular employee shall be returned to their previous posted position.

3:6 POSTINGS – INFORMATION

3:6.1 Every posting shall include the following information:

1. Classification/level (if applicable)
2. Rate of pay
3. FTE
4. Location(s) (if applicable)
5. General Description/Duties
6. Job Description
7. Qualifications per Job Description
8. Existing area (Custodians only) – Square Footage Range
9. Expected start date
10. Permanent or Temporary
11. Posting Open and Closing Date for applications
12. Shift information including start time and end time, and whether straight or split (if applicable)
13. Posting Identification Number
14. 10-month or 12-month position

4 Appointments and Transfers

4:1 Effective Date of Pay Rates

4:1.1 Regular and school-term pay rates pertaining to promotion, transfer and demotion shall become effective from the date of appointment to the position.

4:2 Conditions Governing Selection and Appointments

4:2.1 Qualified regular or school-term employees are eligible to apply for a vacant posted position. Where qualifications are equal, the seniority provisions of the Agreement shall be the determining factor in selection.

4:2.2 In the event that there are no qualified applicants from within the bargaining unit interested in a vacancy, notwithstanding Article 3:2.1, the Board may, at its discretion, hire a new employee.

4:2.2.1 The Board may, after consultation with the Union, transfer a present employee. This transfer will only be done where necessary and provided it does not involve any loss of earnings.

4:2.2.2 The employee shall have recourse to the grievance procedure.

5 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

5:1 Every employee shall serve a probationary period of four hundred and eighty (480) work hours.

5:1.2 The probationary period begins immediately upon:

1. completion of training, where training is a prerequisite to continued employment; or,
2. hire as a Casual; or,
3. hire as a new employee to fill a posted position.

- 5:1.3 The probationary period will be served once per employee, except where the employment relationship has been permanently terminated and the employee has been subsequently re-hired.
- 5:1.4 The probationary period for an employee can only be extended by written agreement between the Board and the Union.
- 5:1.5 (1) During the probationary period, the Board shall assess both the ability of the probationary employee to satisfactorily complete all the requirements of the classification, and the employee's suitability for continued employment. If the employee does not prove satisfactory, after access to the Grievance Procedure, the employee will be terminated.
- (2) During the probationary period, the parties agree that the Board is not bound by the "just clause" provision contained in Section 84(1) of the B.C. Labour Relation Code.
- (3) The Board will provide the employee with written reasons and the employee will have access to the Grievance Procedure at Step 3.
- 5:1.6 An employee must complete their probationary period before they can apply for a position in a different job classification or job band, unless otherwise agreed to by the Board and the Union.**

6 Trial Period

- 6:1 Every employee who has already completed their "probationary period", upon starting work in a classification level in which they have not worked and has not completed a Trial Period as a regular employee within the previous three (3) year period, shall serve a two hundred and forty (240) working hours "Trial Period".
- 6:2 During the "Trial Period", the Board shall assess the ability of the employee to satisfactorily complete all the requirements of the classification.
- 6:2.1 The Board may extend the Trial Period by a maximum of 120 working hours with written agreement between the Union and the Board.
- 6:2.2 If the Board determines the employee cannot satisfactorily complete all the requirements of the classification during the Trial Period or the extended Trial Period, if applicable, then the employee will be returned to their previous position. The Board shall verbally advise the employee of their inability to meet the requirements of the classification, any time prior to the completion of the Trial Period, and provide written reasons to the employee within twenty-one (21) calendar days.
- 6:2.3 The employee may choose to voluntarily return to their previous classification at any time within the two hundred and forty (240) working hour Trial Period by providing their supervisor notification in writing. Upon receipt of the written notification by the supervisor, the employee shall be returned to their previous position within seven (7) calendar days.

6:3 Every employee in the “Trial Period” shall have their previous position held available throughout the duration of the “Trial Period”.

6:3.1 In the event that the previous position of the employee in the Trial Period no longer exists at the time the employee is entitled to return to that position, pursuant to Article 6:2.1 or 6:2.3, the employee will have access to Article 11 – Layoff and Recall Procedure.

7 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

7:1 UNION SECURITY

7:1.1 The Board recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all employees affected by this Agreement and for whom the Union has been certified.

7:1.2 The Board agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with employees of the Board who are members of the Union, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the items and provisions of this Agreement. Any such agreement will be null and void.

7:2 UNION MEMBERSHIP

7:2.1 All employees will be required to become members of the Union and remain members in good standing as a condition of continued employment, in accordance with the Union’s constitution and by-laws.

7:3 DUES CHECK OFF

7:3.1 The Board agrees to deduct from the earnings of each employee in the bargaining unit, union dues, fees and assessments legally levied, and in the amount communicated to the Board by the Union from time to time. The Board will supply a list of employees and deductions with each remittance. All new employees hired for positions for which the Union has been certified will be deducted from wages an amount equal to union dues and assessments.

7:3.2 When an employee is absent through illness or injury or has been terminated and a grievance is pending, the Board shall continue to pay the employee’s union dues so that the employee shall be protected to the utmost, provided:

7:3.2.1 the employee reimburses the Board for such contributions made on their behalf and is at no time more than five (5) months in arrears, and

7:3.2.2 the period of such coverage shall not exceed twelve (12) months except by mutual agreement of the two (2) parties.

7:3.3 When an employee returns to work, the Board shall deduct from their earnings any monies owing that the Board has paid out in respect of their union dues.

7:3.4 In the event an employee does not return to work, and the employee refuses or neglects on demand at their last known address to make restitution for such monies paid out, the Union shall then reimburse the Board for said amount.

7:4 REMITTANCE

7:4.1 Deductions will be forwarded to Local Union No. 31 no later than the 15th day following the end of the pay period in which such deductions were made, together with a list of employees which shall indicate the amount of deductions in each case.

7:5 UNION REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS

7:5.1 The Union shall inform the Supervisor or designate whenever designated representative(s) of the Union intend to visit District facilities for the purpose of conducting Union business during working hours and as such shall have access and be provided with a letter of introduction for the purpose of conducting Union business. Such visits shall not disrupt or interfere with instruction and/or District operations.

7:5.2 The Union shall provide the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources or designate with a written list of names of the shop stewards by September 1st of each year.

7:5.3 The Union will immediately advise the Board, in writing, when a new Shop Steward is added to the list or a current Shop Steward is remove.

7:6 EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION

7:6.1 The Union shall appoint or elect Shop Stewards from any employee in the bargaining unit provided:

1. the employee has successfully completed they probationary period; and
2. the employee is a member in good standing in accordance with Article 7:2.1.

The Board will recognize Shop Stewards and will not discriminate against them for lawful Union activity.

7:6.2 No Shop Steward shall leave their place of work without obtaining the permission of their immediate supervisor. Employee/Shop Steward discussions shall take place where instruction and/or District operations are not affected. Shop Stewards shall be permitted to represent an employee's interests without loss of pay when such meetings are scheduled during the Shop Steward's hours of work.

7:6.3 Where an employee has asked or is obliged to be represented by the Union in relation to the presentation of a grievance, the Shop Steward and the employee, where operational requirements permit, shall be given reasonable time off without loss of pay for the purpose of discussion/presentation when the discussion takes place at the employer's place of business.

7:6.4 An employee may choose to have a Shop Steward present at any meeting which the Board requires the employee to attend and which the Board believes could reasonably lead to discipline. Efforts will be made to accommodate the employee's preference of shop steward, provided there are no unreasonable delays.

7:6.4.1 The Board shall notify the employee of the nature of the meeting and of the employee's right to choose to have a Shop Steward present at the meeting. Provided that an undue delay of the appropriate disciplinary action being taken does not occur, such notification shall be provided to the employee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

7:6.4.2 Article 7:6.2 shall apply to a Shop Steward who is requested by an employee to attend a meeting with the Board under this Article. The required permission of the Shop Steward's immediate supervisor, in order for the Shop Steward to leave their place of work, will not be unreasonably withheld.

7:7 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

7:7.1 Potential new employees being hired may be required to provide the Board with a medical statement certifying that the employee is physically and mentally fit for work and free of infections or contagious disease.

7:7.2 The Board reserves the right to require employees on staff to produce a certificate of medical fitness or to be examined by the Board's physician, including when the employee is in receipt of Weekly Indemnity benefits. In such cases, the Board will bear the cost of required examinations plus time off with pay when it is impossible for such examination to take place other than during normal working hours. The employee may request that an examination required by the Board be undertaken by a physician other than the Board's designated physician by mutual agreement of the parties.

7:7.3 When an employee is examined by a physician paid by the Board, and it is found that such employee is not fit to carry on their employment, the physician shall first consult with the employee's personal physician. If, after such consultation, it is found that the employee involved is capable of carrying on in their present classification, they will be reinstated forthwith.

7:7.3.1 If, after consultation, the two physicians do not reach an agreement, then a third physician shall be selected by the two physicians to make an examination of the employee and their decision shall be final and binding.

7:7.3.2 The cost of the third physician shall be paid equally by both parties to this Agreement.

7:8 TUBERCULOSIS (T.B.) TESTS

7:8.1 Employees may be required as a condition of continued employment, to take TB tests in accordance with policies recommended by the Regional/District Medical Health Officer, and forward the results to the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources for record purposes.

7:9 DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

7:9.1 Employees required to operate a Board vehicle, if required pursuant to the National Safety Code as may be amended from time to time, shall provide a written authorization to the Board, by August 30 of each year, to allow the Board to obtain an official summary of their driving record.

7:9.2 Where the Motor Vehicle Branch requires a physical or medical examination, the request shall be promptly complied with by all employees required to operate a Board vehicle. The Board shall pay the cost for all such physical or medical examinations and any time loss during working hours.

7:10 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

7:10.1 Termination of an employee's employment with the Board will occur as a result of just cause.

7:10.2 Written notice of termination will be given by the Board to both the Union and the employee concerned. The Board will provide the employee with a written letter giving the reasons for termination.

7:10.3 Where an employee is terminated or resigns, the employee shall, at the time of termination or resignation, return to the Board any uniform, protective clothing, or any other item supplied by the Board.

8 CASUAL AND EXTENDED SERVICE CASUAL EMPLOYEES

8:1 GENERAL

8:1.1 Casual employees and Extended Service Casual (ESC) employees are entitled to a percentage of their straight time pay in lieu of statutory and non-statutory benefits while working in a classification set out in Schedule "A.1", "A.2", "A.3", "A.4", "A.5", or "A.6.

8:1.1.2 All casual and ESC employees are excluded from Article 10-Seniority and from Article 11- Layoff and Recall Procedure.

8:2 CASUAL EMPLOYEES

8:2.1 Casual employees will be assigned as determined by the Board.

8:2.2 A casual employee, excluding ESC employees, shall be removed from the casual list where the employee has not been assigned to a casual assignment in a sixty (60) consecutive calendar day period, from the first day of the school year in September to the last day of the school year in June.

8:3 EXTENDED SERVICE CASUAL EMPLOYEES (ESC)

8:3.1 The following provisions shall apply only to employees designated as ESC, in accordance with Article 1:4.1 and 1:4.1.1.

8:3.2 The Board shall assign an ESC from a "classification dispatch list" on the basis of their ESC date, subject to Article 8:5.5 herein.

8:3.3 An ESC finishing an assignment and becoming available for further assignment cannot displace a casual or ESC who has been previously assigned by the Board to any work requiring assignment

during that ESC's period of unavailability, whether the ESC was unavailable due to being assigned work by the Board or because the ESC was unavailable for any other reason.

8:3.4 In the event that there is more than one work assignment in a classification for which an ESC is available and qualified, the Board will assign the work that is expected to be of longer duration to the ESC with ESC date of longer tenure.

8:3.5 For the purpose of calculating the ESC date, the date on which the employee has accumulated the requisite service, in accordance with Article 1:4.1, shall be considered the ESC date.

8:3.6 There is a requirement that ESC employees be available for work on an as needed basis. Consistent unavailability for work, as defined in Article 8:3.6.1 herein, will be grounds for a review of the employee's work record. Part of such a review will consist of a documented demonstration of the employee's unavailability for work. Consistent unavailability may result in removal from the ESC list.

8:3.6.1 An employee who, due to unavailability, refuses work three (3) times in any twelve (12) month period, when assigned by the Board, shall be considered as consistently unavailable for work. An ESC who refuses work in a classification as a result of accepting an assignment of work in their primary classification (as per Article 8:5.6 herein) will not be considered as having refused work.

8:4 ADDITIONAL WORK – REGULAR/CASUAL/ESC EMPLOYEES

8:4.1 It is the responsibility of a regular employee working less than full time hours to inform the Board, in writing, if they desire to be assigned additional work.

8:4.2 Where practicable, such additional work, if available, shall be assigned to a regular employee working less than 1.0 FTE in their classification prior to being assigned to a casual or ESC employee.

8:4.3 It is understood that additional work will only be assigned by the Board to a regular employee when the additional work is supplemental to a regular employee's regular posted work and, under no circumstances, will the Board assign additional work to an employee if the assignment of such additional work conflicts with the performance of the regular employee's duties.

8:5 ASSIGNMENT OF WORK TO EXTENDED SERVICE CASUALS

8:5.1 For the purposes of this Article, "primary classification" means the first classification that a Casual/ESC employee has been hired to work in by the Board.

8:5.1.1 For the purposes of this Article, "classification dispatch list" is the list used by the Board for dispatching all of the casual and ESC employees who are qualified for work in that specific classification. Every classification that utilizes casual employees will have its own "classification dispatch list".

8:5.1.2 For the purposes of this Article, "master casual/ESC dispatch list" is the list maintained by the Human Resources Department based upon data maintained in each of the "classification dispatch lists".

8:5.2 The Board shall maintain a “master casual/ESC dispatch list”, in the Human Resources Department, containing the following information:

1. The names of all casual and ESC employees;
2. The date of hire for each employee;
3. The ESC date for each ESC employee;
4. The casual or ESC employee’s “primary classification”;
5. Any other classification(s) where the Board has established that a casual or ESC is qualified;
6. Total hours worked year-to-date in each classification for which the employee is qualified;
7. Total hours worked in employee’s probationary period;
8. Date employee last assigned work; and,
9. Date(s) employee has been unavailable for work.

8:5.2.1 The Board shall provide the Union with an updated “master Casual/ESC dispatch list” on a quarterly basis – October 1, January 1, April 1 and July 1 each year.

8:5.3 The Board shall maintain a “classification dispatch list” for each of Schedules “A.1”, “A.2”, “A.3”, “A.4”, “A.5”, and “A.6” consisting of all the ESC employees who were hired for the purpose of working in a “primary classification” as set out on the applicable Schedule.

8:5.4 The Board will assign casual hours of work that are available in a classification in accordance with Article 8:3.2 herein to those ESC employees who are on the dispatch list for the classification in which casual hours are available.

8:5.5 An ESC can be dispatched from more than one “classification dispatch list”, however, in the event that casual work is available in more than one classification on the same day, the ESC will be dispatched the casual work available in their “primary classification”.

8:6 TRANSITION FROM CASUAL/ESC EMPLOYEE TO REGULAR EMPLOYEE

8:6.1 Regularization – In the event that a casual/ESC employee (except Instructional Support Staff) works, in the one year period from July 1 to June 30, eighty percent (80%) of the annual hours stipulated as 1.0 FTE for a classification, upon reaching the required hours for a classification, the ESC will have their status changed from a “casual ESC” employee to a “regular” employee as defined in Article 1:1 herein.

In the event that a casual/ESC Instructional Support Staff employee works, in the one year period from July 1 to June 30, fifty three (53%) of the annual hours stipulated as 1.0 FTE for a classification, upon reaching the required hours for a classification, the ESC will have their status changed from a “casual ESC” employee to a “regular” employee as defined in Article 1:1 herein.

8:6.2 For the purpose of calculating a casual/ESC employee’s percentage, the following will apply:

1. Only hours actually worked by a casual/ESC in the classification that is the subject of calculation will be considered in the eighty percent (80%).

- a. For clarification, it is understood and agreed that a normal work week consisting of 40 hours has 2080 hours as the equivalent of 1.0 FTE and a normal work week consisting of 35 hours has 1820 hours as the equivalent of 1.0 FTE.
 - b. For further clarification, it is understood and agreed that eighty percent of the hours in a one year period in a classification with 2080 hours as 1.0 FTE = 1664 hours and with 1820 hours as 1.0 FTE = 1456 hours
 - c. It is understood and agreed that fifty three percent of the hours in a one year period in a classification with 1820 hours as 1.0 FTE = 965 hours.
2. The annual hours for a classification will be determined based on the normal work week for the classification as stipulated in Article 12:1.
 3. All hours worked by a casual/ESC in each classification in which they have worked will be reported to the Union on May 1, June 1 and July 1 each year.

8:6.3 Upon determining that a casual/ESC has worked eighty percent (80%) of the required hours in a classification, the Board shall:

1. Confirm to the employee and the Union, in writing, that the employee's status has been changed to regular; and,
2. Provide all necessary documentation for participation in the Health and Welfare and Pension Plans in accordance with Article 17:1 and Article 17:2; and,
3. Assign the employee a seniority date in accordance with Article 10.

8:6.4 A casual/ESC employee who has changed status to a "regular" employee shall continue to be assigned work from the casual list until they are successful in being awarded a posted position.

8:6.5 A casual/ESC employee who has changed status to a "regular" employee shall receive vacation entitlement as follows:

1. Article 14:1.7 shall apply to a casual/ESC employee whose status was changed while working in a classification set out in Schedule "A.1" or "A.2"; and
2. Article 14:1.4 shall apply to a casual/ESC employee whose status was changed while working in a classification set out in Schedule "A.3", "A.4", "A.5", or "A.6".

8:6.6 There is a requirement that a regular employee who has not held a posted position and who is being assigned work from the casual dispatch list be available for work on an as needed basis. "Consistent unavailability for work" (as defined in Article 8:3.6.1 herein) will be grounds for a review of the employee's status. Part of such a review will consist of a documented demonstration of the employee's unavailability for work. Consistent unavailability may result in termination.

8:6.7 An employee who has transitioned to regular status, but does not hold a continuing or temporary position in the classification in which they regularized, must, in order to maintain their regular status and benefits, apply for all continuing and temporary postings for which they are qualified in the employee’s primary classification (as defined in Article 8:5.1) or in any other classification in which the employee has worked up until the employee’s status being changed to a “regular” employee (pursuant to Article 8:6.1). **Failure to apply for such a posting of a continuing or temporary position, or failure to accept a posted continuing or temporary position upon being awarded same, will result in loss of benefits and seniority and the employee will be transitioned back to casual/ESC status.**

9 SCHOOL-TERM

9:1 School-term Administrative Support employees as listed on Schedule “A.3” may work one (1) week after school closing and one (1) week prior to school opening.

9:2 School-term Administrative Support employees as listed on Schedule “A.3” shall work during the Christmas and spring breaks but may be moved to alternative positions as directed by the **Associate Superintendent of Human Resources.**

9:3 All school-term Administrative Support employees as listed on Schedule “A.3” will be offered available work during the summer break by seniority, providing such employees possess the required qualifications. School-term Administrative Support employees wishing to work cannot displace regular staff and must register their availability for the summer break with the Human Resources Department, in writing, prior to June 15th.

Note: This language is intended to replace both the casual summer work process and casual bus driver process

9:4 Notwithstanding Article 9:3, it is understood that when Administrative placement for summer employment is required at secondary schools, the first opportunity to work will be given to the senior qualified Administrative employee at the particular school by way of recognized call back procedures. Other secondary school-term Administrative staff will be given recall opportunities prior to other elementary school-term and casuals being utilized. Secondary Administrative Support employees are exempt from Article 11:9-Failure to Report on Recall.

9:5 School-term employees classified as Instructional Support, Food Service Worker are excluded from the opportunity to work during recognized Christmas, spring and summer breaks with their work requirements recognized as being aligned to students being in school. Professional Development and Administrative days will be recognized as having students in school. Layoff notice as outlined under Article 11 is not required. School-term Administrative Support employees shall not require layoff notice for the summer break as outlined under Article 11.

9:6 School-term employees (Instructional Support) assigned to a class or student(s) during the regular school year will be given first preference to work during the summer school session with that class or student(s). School-term employees (Instructional Support), wishing to work must register their availability for the summer break with the Human Resources Department, in writing, prior to June 15th.

9:7 School-term employees working less than full-time shifts shall be eligible to receive monetary benefits on a pro rata basis, or as specified.

9:8 Regular school term (10 month) employees can register for Summer, Spring or Winter break extra work by providing a written request to perform work for which they are qualified. This written request to the Human Resources Department must be submitted by May 31st with qualifications and shall stipulate dates unavailable.

On June 1st, extra work categories will be posted with the description of duties and the associated rate of pay. Such work will be offered in order of seniority to qualified employees.

9:8.1 Employees who register for summer, spring or winter break, who decline three or more dispatched jobs will be removed from the call out list for the remainder of the year.

10 SENIORITY

10:1 SENIORITY DATE

10:1.1 An employee's seniority date is established by their appointment to a non-temporary regular position or when an employee's status has changed from a "casual/ESC" employee to a "regular" employee, pursuant to Article 8:6.1.

10:1.2 Where two (2) or more employees are appointed to a regular or school-term position on the same date, their placement on the seniority list shall be determined as follows:

10:1.2.1 in order of Extended Service Casual date ranking first,

10:1.2.2 Casuals, on basis of hours worked per annum and full-time equivalent (FTE) second, and,

10:1.2.3 third, employees new to the District by random selection.

10:2 SENIORITY LISTS

10:2.1 The Board shall by September 1 of each year forward to the Union and to each facility, a list of employees in order of seniority, setting out the length of seniority as of June 30 of that year. Such seniority dates shall be subject to correction for error on proper representation, in writing, by the Union.

10:3 LOSS OF SENIORITY

10:3.1 An employee shall only lose they seniority, and their employment shall be terminated, in the event:

10:3.1.1 they are discharged for just cause and are not reinstated 10:3.1.2 they resign;

10:3.1.3 they fail to report on recall;

10:3.1.4 they are laid off for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive months.

10:4 SENIORITY DURING TRANSFER OUTSIDE THE BARGAINING UNIT

10:4.1 When an employee within the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement receives leave of absence, in writing, with a copy to the Union, to take a position within the Board which is beyond the sphere of the bargaining unit, they may retain their seniority for a maximum of one (1) year within the former bargaining unit. The starting date of such an appointment shall be posted in the appropriate section. During this leave of absence such employee shall continue to be covered by any benefits provided in this Agreement.

10:4.2 At the end of this period of one (1) year the employee must exercise their seniority rights by returning to their former unit and position or relinquish all such seniority rights. Should the employee return or be returned to the bargaining unit for any reason, they must remain within the unit for a minimum period of one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days prior to exercising that privilege again.

11 LAYOFF AND RECALL PROCEDURE

11:1 LAYOFF – GENERAL

11:1.1 When a layoff is identified for a position within a classification covered by Article 11:2 or 11:3, the Union and the Board may consider potential layoff avoidance strategies for a maximum of five (5) working days (unless the parties mutually agree to extensions) prior to initiating the bumping procedure.

11:1.2 Each employee in the bargaining unit falls into one of the following categories:

1. 12-month employee
2. 10-month employee
3. Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker and Itinerant Youth Care Worker
4. Bus Driver

11:1.3 Each category of employee listed in 11:1.2 has a different procedure, as follows: (Refer also to LOU Classifications and Levels of Classifications).

11:2 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

11:2.1 12-month employees designated for layoff shall use the following procedure:

1. they shall bump the most junior 12-month employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification who has the same or greater FTE;
2. if option 11:2.1(1) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 12month employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification whose FTE is closest;
3. if option 11:2.1(2) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 12month employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their classification who has the same or greater FTE;

4. if option 11:2.1(3) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 12month employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their classification whose FTE is closest;
5. if option 11:2.1(4) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 12month employee, who possesses less seniority, with the same or greater FTE in any classification for which they are qualified;
6. if option 11:2.1(5) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 10month employee, who possesses less seniority, in any classification for which they are qualified;
7. if option 11:2.1(6) is not possible, the employee shall:
 - a. be deemed laid off and be afforded recall rights in accordance with Article 11:8 herein; and,
 - b. upon receiving written notice from the employer, be dispatched before any casual/ESC employee in any classification for which the employee is qualified.

11:3 10-MONTH EMPLOYEES

11:3.1 10-month employees designated for layoff shall use the following procedure:

1. they shall bump the most junior 10-month employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification who has the same or greater FTE;
2. if option 11:3.1(1) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 10month employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification whose FTE is closest;
3. if option 11:3.1(2) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 10month employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their classification who has the same or greater FTE;
4. if option 11:3.1(3) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 10month employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their classification whose FTE is closest;
5. if option 11:3.1(4) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 10month employee, who possesses less seniority, with the same or greater FTE in any classification for which they are qualified;
6. if option 11:3.1(5) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior 12month employee, who possesses less seniority, in any classification for which they are qualified;
7. if option 11:3.1(6) is not possible, the employee shall:

- a. be deemed laid off and be afforded recall rights in accordance with Article 11:8 herein; and,
- b. upon receiving written notice from the employer, be dispatched before any casual/ESC employee in any classification for which the employee is qualified.

11:4 EDUCATION ASSISTANT/YOUTH CARE WORKER/INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER

11:4.1 Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** shall not be laid off during the school year, nor shall they have any bumping rights. Any Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** who occupies a position designated for either a full or partial reduction in FTE shall be made whole, based on their original FTE as posted and awarded, and be placed in any position for which they are qualified.

11:4.2 Every Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** will be deemed laid off at the end of their shift on the last day of the school year. Unless a position occupied at the end of the school year by an Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** has been designated for layoff as determined by Article 11:6.7.1 herein, the Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** will automatically return to their posted position as held at the end of the previous school year. Nothing herein prevents an Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** from exercising their right to bid on any other posted position for which they are qualified.

~~11:4.3 After the completion of the current school year and prior to the commencement of the next school year (during the summer break), the Board will post every vacancy since the commencement of the previous school year and every newly created position that has not previously been subject to the posting procedure.*~~

*This language is currently suspended, refer to Letter of Understanding – Instructional Support Staff **Posting** Process

~~11:4.4 Education Assistant, Youth Care Worker and Itinerant Youth Care Worker positions shall only be posted during the summer break in accordance with Article 11:4.3 herein and are exempt from any other posting language in the Collective Agreement*~~

* This language is currently suspended, refer to Letter of Understanding – Instructional Support Staff **Posting** Process.

11:4.5 Any Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** who has been made whole in accordance with Article 11:4.1 herein shall bid on the available postings issued in accordance with Article 11:4.3 herein. If they are able to successfully bid on a posting that provides the same or greater FTE from which they were originally laid off, they will no longer be made whole. If they are unable to successfully bid on a posting that provides the same or greater FTE from which they were originally laid off, they will have bumping rights as outlined in Article 11:3.1 herein, however, these bumping rights must be exercised prior to the commencement of the next school year.

- 11:4.5.1** The Board may assign any Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** being “made whole” (in accordance with Article 11:4.1) to any “vacancy” prior to any “vacancy” being posted. This Article supersedes Article 3.
- 11:4.5.2** The Board may assign any Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** being “made whole” to any work otherwise performed by a casual/ESC.
- 11:4.6** The Board may assign any Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/**Indigenous Support Worker** being “made whole” to any supplemental work being assigned to a regular employee in accordance with Article 8:4.
- 11:5** **BUS DRIVERS**
- 11:5.1** Bus drivers will be laid off at the completion of each school year and any reduction in FTE during the school year, whether full or partial reduction in FTE, will be addressed in accordance with Article 20:3.4.
- 11:6** **NOTICE OF LAYOFF**
- 11:6.1** The Board will give regular and school-term employees who are laid off or terminated for reason other than just cause, fourteen (14) calendar days’ notice, or ten (10) working days’ pay in lieu of notice of such layoff or termination except where specified.
- 11:6.2** All notices of layoff or reductions in FTE shall be in writing. If a choice is to be made by the employee the notice shall include all information necessary and relevant to the employee to make any decision available to them.
- 11:6.3** Any employee in receipt of written layoff notice and who has an option must reply to the Board in writing within 72 hours (not including weekends or statutory holidays) of receipt of the notice with their decision.
- 11:6.4** The Board shall not be required to give written notice of layoff to any 10-month employee/Bus Driver at the end of the school year. All 10-month employees are deemed to be on layoff effective at the end of their shift on the last day of the school year.
- 11:6.5** The Board can, in writing, extend the deemed layoff date for any 10-month employee, prior to the end of the school year.
- 11:6.6** Any employee bumping into a higher classification (as determined by hourly rate of pay) shall be required to serve a trial period as specified in Article 6.
- 11:6.7** Any reduction in FTE to an employee in a classification that works forty (40) hours per week shall be deemed a layoff and the employee shall have access to the layoff provisions herein.
- 11:6.7.1** Any reduction in FTE of 10% or greater (compounded) from the original posting for any employee other than employees working 40 hours per week shall be deemed a layoff and the employee shall have access to the layoff provisions herein, however, the employee shall have

the choice of accepting the reduction in FTE and staying in their current position or exercising their layoff rights.

11:7 PAYMENT AT LAYOFF

11:7.1 A regular employee shall be entitled to receive on the day of layoff all monies due to them including vacation pay.

11:7.2 A school-term employee shall be entitled to receive all monies due to them, including vacation pay, no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the day of layoff.

11:8 RECALL

11:8.1 Prior to any recall of a laid off regular employee, all vacant regular positions, other than the same regular position that the regular employee was laid off from, shall be posted in accordance with Article 3:3 of this Agreement.

11:8.1.1 A regular employee who is deemed to be laid off pursuant to Article 11 shall be recalled directly to:

1. the same regular position that they were laid off from, or
2. any other position, regardless of the FTE, in any classification on the same Schedule as the regular position from which they were laid off, provided that:
 - a. the posting period specified in Article 3:3.5 has expired, and
 - b. the laid off regular employee is senior to any other employee who may have applied for the posted regular position, and
 - c. the laid off regular employee has the qualifications to perform the required work of the posted regular position.

11:8.1.2 Articles 11:8.1 and 11:8.1.1 shall not apply to:

1. Education Assistants, Youth Care Workers and Itinerant Youth Care Workers (who are otherwise covered by Article 11:4 of this Agreement), and
2. Bus Drivers (who are otherwise covered by the Letter of Understanding entitled "Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work").

11:8.2 A regular employee who has been deemed to be laid off will maintain their status as a "regular" employee and will be assigned work prior to any casual/ESC in any classification for which the laid off employee is qualified.

11:8.3 In the event that a regular employee referred to in Article 11:8.1.1 is not recalled to work within a period of fifteen (15) consecutive months from the date they were deemed to be laid off, the employee shall lose all seniority and their employment with the Board will be terminated.

11:9 FAILURE TO REPORT ON RECALL

11:9.1 Except in the case of illness or other extenuating circumstances, failure to return to work at the time specified will be regarded as voluntary termination of employment. Failure to return to work after seven (7) calendar days of mailing will be grounds for dismissal. The employee affected is held responsible to make a written submission outlining the reasons and be given due consideration as to why their employment should be continued.

11:10 EMPLOYMENT ON LAYOFF

11:10.1 It shall not be cause for discharge for any employee to secure and/or accept gainful employment when on layoff provided the employee complies with Article 11:9.1.

11:11 LAYOFF AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES

11:11.1 When a layoff is identified for a position within a classification covered by Article 11:2 or 11:3, the Union and the Board may consider potential layoff avoidance strategies for a maximum of five (5) working days (unless the parties mutually agree to extensions) prior to initiating the bumping procedure.

12 HOURS OF WORK

12:1 HOURS OF WORK/WORK WEEK

12:1.1 The normal workday and work week for employees covered by the Agreement shall be as follows, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties:

12:1.1.1 With respect to the reference of “mealtimes” in the provisions which follow, the parties agree that all employees who attend work for longer than five (5) consecutive hours are entitled to an unpaid meal break, as determined by the Board, of at least thirty (30) minutes but not more than sixty (60) minutes.

12:1.2 Day Shift

12:1.2.1 Eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per week, exclusive of mealtimes for classifications included on the following schedules - Wages & Allowances:

- A.1: Maintenance
- A.2: Custodial
- A.5: Information Technology

12:1.2.2 Up to seven (7) hours per day, thirty-five (35) hours per week, exclusive of mealtimes for classifications included on the following schedules - Wages & Allowances:

- A.3: Administrative
- A.4: Instructional Support

12:1.3 Afternoon Shift

12:1.3.1 Seven and one-half (7-1/2) hours per day, thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) hours per week, exclusive of mealtimes for classifications included on the following schedules - Wages & Allowances:

- A.1: Maintenance
- A.2: Custodial
- A.5 Information Technology

12:1.3.2 Up to seven (7) hours per day, thirty-five (35) hours per week, exclusive of mealtimes for classifications included on the following schedules - Wages & Allowances:

- A.3: Administrative
- A.4: Instructional Support

12:1.4 Night Shift

12:1.4.1 Seven (7) hours per day, thirty-five (35) hours per week, exclusive of mealtimes for classifications included on the following schedules - Wages & Allowances:

- A.1: Maintenance
- A.2: Custodial
- A.5 Information Technology

12:2 SHIFT SCHEDULES

12:2.1 Shifts and/or hours of work shall be scheduled as follows unless varied by mutual agreement of the Board and the Union:

12:2.2 Day Shift

12:2.2.1 Day shift shall be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with all hours of work consecutive.

12:2.2.2 The Board may schedule casual/ESC Custodians to work a day shift which straddles the afternoon shift. In such circumstances, the scheduled day shift shall be between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. with all hours of work consecutive. The afternoon shift differential shall be paid, pursuant to Article 13:4.1.1, for any day shift work scheduled after 5:30 p.m.

12:2.3 Afternoon Shift

12:2.3.1 Afternoon shift shall be between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. with all hours of work consecutive.

12:2.4 Night Shift

12:2.4.1 Night shift shall be between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. with all hours of work consecutive.

12:3 WORK WEEK

12:3.1 The work week for regular and school-term employees shall be defined as either: 12:3.1.1 Monday through Friday - Saturday and Sunday off, or;

12:3.1.2 Tuesday through Saturday - Sunday and Monday off, or;

12:3.1.3 Where it is determined that it is to the Board's advantage to implement a four-day work week/schedule, the Board and the Union shall meet to discuss an implementation plan. Such implementation plan shall be mutually agreed between the parties.

12:3.2 In the event the Board's operational requirement necessitate a change in the scheduled Monday through Friday work week for regular and school term employees, fourteen (14) calendar days written notice shall be given to the affected employee and the Union by the supervisor or designate to effect such change.

12:3.3 Forty-eight (48) hours' notice is required upon return to the normal Monday through Friday work week.

12:4 NOTICE OF HOURS OF WORK

12:4.1 Daily hours of work for regular and school-term employees shall not be changed except upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice. If forty-eight (48) hours' notice is not given, all time worked outside the hours of work schedule will be paid at the appropriate overtime rate. Daily hours of work for casual employees may be changed upon one (1) days' notice.

12:5 CALL OUT

12:5.1 When an employee has completed their regular day or weekly work and is called back to work, the same shall constitute a call out. In such instance, the employee shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the applicable overtime rate for the period commencing at the time the employee leaves their residence and terminating at the time of return to residence, provided that the employee proceeds to and returns directly from the place of work.

12:6 ON-CALL PREMIUM

12:6.1 For the purposes of this Article, employees in Maintenance (Schedule "A.1") shall mean all classifications.

12:6.2 Employees classified as Maintenance (Schedule "A.1") shall notify the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate in writing or email by December 1st of each year that they wish to be designated as "on-call" for the next calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

12:6.2.1 On-call shall mean the time period specified by the Board during which an off-duty employee is required to be available for work. Such time periods shall be in terms of week(s) and shall be assigned in order of the seniority of those Schedule "A.1" employees making application for "on-call" status.

- 12:6.2.2 Where a Schedule "A.1" employee is designated as "on-call" the employee shall receive all District emergency calls during the period of time they are carrying the cell phone.
- 12:6.2.3 Where a Schedule "A.1" employee is designated in writing by the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate to be "on-call" for emergencies the following provisions shall apply:
- 12:6.2.4 The "on-call" employee shall remain within the limits of the City of Abbotsford, shall keep the equipment (i.e. cell phone) with them at all times, and shall respond promptly (eg. no greater than twenty (20) minutes) to all emergency calls during the term of the on-call duty.
- 12:6.2.5 The on-call premiums are considered to be a premium only for services rendered outside scheduled working hours and do not bear a direct relationship to an employee's hourly rate of pay.
- 12:6.2.6 A Schedule "A.1" employee on-call shall be paid at straight time of two (2) hours per day. An employee shall be paid at straight time of two and one-half (2.5) hours per day for recognized statutory holidays and weekends.
- 12:6.2.7 A Schedule "A.1" employee designated as "on-call" is authorized to use a District vehicle, if available, to travel from the Maintenance yard to their residence and the call-out location and return as required. If no District vehicle is available, the applicable mileage rate (pursuant to Board policy) will apply provided the employee is called out.
- 12:6.2.8 Schedule "A.1" employees required to attend a District facility while on-call shall:
 - 12:6.2.8.1 establish the reason for the call, and
 - 12:6.2.8.2 secure the facility; secure the intrusion alarm system, and
 - 12:6.2.8.3 clean up all debris, glass, water, etc., to minimize the hazard and prevent further damage, and
 - 12:6.2.8.4 dispatch appropriate employee(s), (this requires the prior authorization of the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate), and
 - 12:6.2.8.5 unless previously notified under Article 12:6.5.4, report incident(s) to the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate immediately or the following morning, as circumstances warrant, and
 - 12:6.2.8.6 maintain the prescribed log of calls and submit same to the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate weekly.

12:7 REST PERIODS

- 12:7.1 All employees working seven (7) hours or more shall be allowed two fifteen (15) minute uninterrupted paid rest periods each working day (one in each half of their shift). Employees working less than seven (7) hours shall receive one fifteen (15) minute rest period.

12:7.2 If an employee is requested to extend their shift prior to the end of their regular day's work such a request shall not constitute a call out. However, in such cases the employee shall be entitled to a fifteen (15) minute paid rest break before extending their shift.

12:7.3 For the purpose of this article, rest periods will not apply to bus drivers unless they drive for more than five (5) consecutive hours.

12:8 EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

12:8.1 When weather conditions or emergency situations make regular work impractical or impossible, employees may be required to perform work not normally required in their job and, therefore, the requirements of the moment shall determine the type of work to be performed. Such work shall be within the scope of the certified unit. It is understood that an employee shall not be expected to perform a task for which they are not adequately trained. Employees with a physical impairment shall not be assigned to such work where the impairment endangers themselves or others.

12:8.2 Where an employee is scheduled and reports for work and no work is available such employee shall be paid for a minimum two (2) hours or, they may elect to be employed elsewhere, if work is available. In the event that an employee commences work, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be paid. All casual employees who are scheduled and report to work shall be paid for two (2) hours and may not elect to continue working.

12:8.3 Emergency overtime snow removal work shall be offered to regular employees in the following order:

1. General Maintenance understood to be "Grounds",
2. Schedule A.1 employees, in order of overall seniority,
3. Any other regular employees in this bargaining unit, in order of overall seniority,
4. Any extended service casual or casual employees in this bargaining unit, in order of overall seniority.

12:8.3.1 Those employees noted in (c) and (d) above shall notify the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate by October 1st of each year that they are available for emergency overtime snow removal for the upcoming winter months.

12:8.3.2 Notification of intent shall be submitted in writing and should include name, seniority date, department, and a primary telephone number. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to keep the Director of Facilities and Transportation or designate notified of their current telephone number.

13 REMUNERATION

13:1 WAGES AND SALARIES

13:1.1 Employees will be paid on a two-week payroll basis. All payments will be made by direct deposit every second Friday to the bank or credit union of the employee's choice located within the School District. A pay statement will be provided following the end of each two-week period

detailing the gross pay and deductions. It is the employee's responsibility to keep the Human Resources Department notified of their current address, telephone number and bank account number.

13:1.2 Regular rates of pay for categories covered by this Agreement shall be provided for in Schedules "A" - Wages and Allowances, which follows and forms part of this Agreement. These Schedules shall not bind the Board to create or fill any position within the classifications set out therein.

13:1.3 When a new classification of employment is established or a new position(s) is created within an existing classification for which rates of pay are not included in Schedules "A" of this Agreement, such position(s) shall be subject to negotiation between the parties. The rate(s) established shall be retroactive to the date of implementation.

13:1.3.1 If the parties are unable to reach agreement on the negotiated wage rate for the new job classification, then the dispute will be settled through the arbitration procedure of this Agreement.

13:1.4 No employee shall suffer a loss of their hourly rate of pay because of the signing of this Agreement.

13:2 OVERTIME

13:2.1 Authorized overtime shall be paid in accordance with the following provisions and all overtime will be on a voluntary basis except in the case of real emergency.

13:2.2 When overtime becomes necessary in order to complete a particular task or assignment such overtime shall be offered first to the incumbent employee at the conclusion of their shift.

13:2.3 When overtime becomes necessary after employees have completed their regular day or weekly work, such overtime shall be offered in order of seniority by classification, department, and where qualified, at each District work site.

13:2.3.1 Notwithstanding Article 13:2.3, any weekend custodial work required for a Community Use Group shall be offered, in order of seniority as follows:

1. to regular Custodians, who are regularly assigned to work at the facility to be used by the Community User Group, at the applicable rate of pay;
2. to casual Custodians where the work to be performed would be paid at the applicable straight-time rate of pay;
3. to other regular Custodians at the applicable rate of pay;
4. to casual Custodians where the work to be performed would be paid at the applicable overtime rate of pay.

- 13:2.4 All hours worked in excess of a full shift as outlined in Article 12:1 shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the first three (3) hours and thereafter double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- 13:2.4.1 Bus Drivers participating in the "equalization pool" shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) per week (Monday to Friday).
- 13:2.4.2 Bus Drivers not participating in the "equalization pool" shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the first three (3) hours in excess of eight (8) hours and thereafter double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- 13:2.5 All hours worked outside the employee's hours of work schedule and qualifying for overtime in accordance with the provisions of Article 12:3 shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the first four (4) hours and thereafter double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- 13:2.6 Work performed on an employee's first day of rest (normally Saturday) shall be at time and one-half (1-1/2) for the first four (4) hours and thereafter double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.
- 13:2.6.1 Work performed on an employee's second day of rest (normally Sunday) shall be paid at double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.**
- 13:2.6.2 Work performed on statutory holidays or days observed as such shall be paid at double (2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay in addition to pay for such statutory holiday.
- 13:2.7 Except as provided elsewhere in this article, employees working less than a full shift shall not be entitled to the overtime provisions of this article until they have worked the number of hours applicable to the related full shift.

13:3 BANKING OF OVERTIME

- 13:3.1 Where an employee desires to bank their overtime as outlined in Article 13:2- Overtime, for the purpose of additional vacation (hereinafter referred to as "V/O", Vacation Overtime), they shall request, complete and return a form (Form HR26SS) supplied by the Board to the Human Resources Department.
- 13:3.1.1 Where an employee has requested banking of their overtime in accordance with Article 13:3.1, the employee shall indicate on their time sheet overtime hours which are to be banked as "V/O" in accordance with this Agreement, and overtime hours which are to be paid as overtime in accordance with this Agreement.
- 13:3.2 Overtime which is accumulated as V/O shall be credited in terms of hours, and when taken as time off, shall be paid out at the same hourly rate as accumulated. (For example, one (1) hour worked at time and one-half equals one and one half (1-1/2) hours banked V/O.) When a regular employee leaves the Board, all accumulated hours in the employee's V/O bank will be paid out in total.

- 13:3.3 A regular or school-term employee may accumulate an unlimited number of V/O hours.
- 13:3.3.1 An employee must provide a written request to their manager to use V/O hours from their V/O bank prior to the hours being withdrawn.
- 13:3.3.2 The Board's response to the employee's written request shall also be in writing and shall be based on operational requirements as determined by the Board. The Board will not unreasonably deny an employee's request for use of their banked V/O hours.
- 13:3.3.3 An employee who has hours available in they V/O bank can withdraw those hours in increments of any size, provided there is mutual agreement between the Board and the employee as to the number of hours to be withdrawn and there are sufficient hours available in the employee's V/O bank.
- 13:3.4 Should too many regular employees request their V/O at the same time, seniority would be the deciding factor.
- 13:3.5 Accumulated V/O shall be taken by or paid out in full to the employee on June 30. The Board will keep a record of all banked V/O which will be made available to the employee through the Payroll Department.
- 13:3.6 Banked Overtime does not take priority over Article 14:2-Vacation Periods.
- 13:3.7 With the provision of ten (10) working days written notice to the Payroll Department, an employee shall receive on their next paycheck monies accumulated in they V/O bank.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES

13:4.1 Shift Differential

- 13:4.1.1 Employees working on the afternoon or night shifts shall be paid the appropriate shift differential allowance as provided in Schedule "A.7" - Miscellaneous.

13:4.2 Leadhand

- 13:4.2.1 A Leadhand, when so designated by the Manager/Supervisor for the area or their designate, shall be defined as an employee who shall direct the work of other employees while performing similar work themselves.
- 13:4.2.2 A Leadhand shall not have the authority to hire, fire, suspend or discipline employees and shall be a member of the Union in accordance with Article 7:2.1 herein.
- 13:4.2.3 Designation shall be on the basis of qualifications and ability with due regard to seniority.
- 13:4.2.4 A Leadhand shall receive special allowance as provided in Schedule A.7 - Miscellaneous.

13:4.2.5 During the Summer cleaning of the Board’s facilities, the Custodian designated by the Employer to be the Team Leader of the cleaning crews shall be paid at the Custodian IV rate of pay for all hours worked as the Team Leader.

13:4.2.5.1 The Leadhand special allowance under Article 13:4.2.4 shall not be paid to the Custodian designated to be the Team Leader under Article 13:4.2.5.

13:4.3 First Aid

13:4.3.1 Providing an employee holding a valid First Aid Certificate is designated in writing by the Board and is required to act as a First Aid Attendant in a facility, the Board shall pay the designated employee an allowance in accordance with an Administrative Procedure of the School District as determined by the Superintendent of Schools for performing duties of the First Aid Attendant.

1. in a facility as determined by the Board requiring basic Level I First Aid;
2. in a facility as determined by the Board requiring Level II First Aid.

13:4.3.2 The allowance shall be considered a premium only for services rendered and shall not bear a direct relationship to an employee’s hourly rate of pay.

13:5 PAY FOR CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

13:5.1 When a qualified regular employee is assigned, in writing, to substitute in a position and perform the duties in a higher wage category, they shall receive the rate of pay for the higher rated wage category.

13:5.2 A copy of the above correspondence must be forwarded to Payroll in conjunction with the employee’s time sheet for recognition and to the Union for information purposes.

14 ANNUAL VACATIONS

14:1 ANNUAL VACATIONS WITH PAY

14:1.1 12-month employees covered by this Agreement shall receive in each calendar year, an annual vacation with pay, subject to Article 14:1.8, based on length of continuous employment to the last day of the previous calendar year.

14:1.2 Regular and school-term employees who have been continuously employed for less than a twelve (12) month period but are on the payroll at June 30th, shall be considered to have completed, for vacation purposes only, their first calendar year of service.

14:1.3 Except as provided in Article 14:1.8, a 12-month employee who has completed their first calendar year of service shall receive one (1) working day with pay per full month of service, to a maximum of ten (10) working days with pay, pro-rated to F.T.E.

14:1.3.1 Where an existing 10-month employee transfers or posts from a school-term position to a 12-month position, vacation entitlement will be calculated in accordance with Article 14:1.3 and the appropriate percentage provided in Article 14:1.7.

- 14:1.4 School-term employees shall receive the applicable percentage of vacation entitlement (i.e. 4%, 6%, 8%) of their gross earnings for the calendar year payable at the conclusion of each pay period, as provided in Article 14:1.7.
- 14:1.5 Casual and Extended Service Casual employees shall receive the appropriate vacation entitlement percentage as set out in The Employment Standards Act, calculated on their gross earning for each pay period.
- 14:1.6 12-month employees leaving the service of the Board shall receive vacation pay on the basis of the applicable percentage of their gross earnings for the calendar year in which they leave the service of the Board, as outlined in the vacation table, less any vacation pay received under Article 11:7; and if termination occurs before the 12-month employee has taken the annual vacation due under this section, the 12-month employee shall receive the vacation pay due.
- 14:1.7 12-month employees who have completed two (2) or more years of continuous service shall receive annual vacation at regular rates of pay or the percentage of gross earnings, whichever is greater, as shown in the following table:

Complete Years of Service	Number of Days in Annual Vacation	% of Gross Earnings During Preceding Calendar Year
2	10	4.0
3 to 5	15	6.0
6 to 12	20	8.0
13 to 17	25	10.0
18	26	10.4
19	27	10.8
20	28	11.2
21	29	11.6
22	30	12.0
23	31	12.4
24	32	12.8
25	33	13.2
26	34	13.6
27 & Over	35	14.0

- 14:1.8 12-month employees who, due to layoff or unpaid leave of absence, have not received pay during a 4-week period of the preceding calendar year shall not be entitled to pay at their regular rate of pay but only at the percentage of their gross earnings for the preceding calendar year applicable to their years of continuous employment.

14:2 VACATION PERIODS

- 14:2.1 Wherever possible, annual vacations shall be arranged at the time requested by the 12-month employee. In cases where two or more 12-month employees request the same time and it is not

possible to grant the request to all the 12-month employees concerned, seniority shall be the guiding factor.

14:2.2 On or before April 1st of each calendar year, 12-month employees shall make application for annual vacation on forms supplied by the Board, and on or before April 30th the relevant Supervisor shall notify the 12-month employees of the approved annual vacation. Applications made after April 30th may not be approved as requested and it should be understood that a senior 12-month employee within a department or school who requests a change to their vacation period subsequent to April 30th cannot override a junior 12-month employee whose vacation period(s) has been approved in accordance with the above.

14:2.3 In the event of promotion, transfer or demotion to another position, the regular employee's vacation period will be subject to review and may be changed by mutual agreement of both parties.

14:2.4 Annual vacations are not accumulative and must be taken in the fiscal year of entitlement.

15 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

15:1 QUALIFICATIONS

15:1.1 Each regular and school-term employee who has received remuneration for at least fifteen (15) days in the thirty (30) day period immediately prior to or immediately following the general holiday, shall receive at the time of the general holiday one (1) day's pay based on the employee's regular daily rate as holiday pay for each of the following holidays or days observed in lieu thereof:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
BC Family Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Easter Monday	Christmas Day
Victoria Day	Boxing Day
Canada Day	

and any other general holiday proclaimed by the Federal or Provincial Government.

15:1.2 School-term employees working less than full-time hours shall receive statutory holiday pay based on the average daily hours worked in the qualifying period as outlined in Article 15:1.1.

15:1.3 Casual and Extended Service Casual employees shall receive four percent (4%) statutory holiday entitlement calculated on their gross earnings, exclusive of overtime, for each four (4) week payroll period.

15:1.4 The statutory holiday pay provided to an employee shall be specified on the employee's pay statement.

15:2 DAY OFF IN LIEU

15:2.1 When any of the above holidays fall on a regular employee's normal day of rest or during a regular employee's annual vacation, and no other day is declared in substitution thereof, the regular employee shall receive a day off in lieu of the holiday at their regular daily rate of pay, such day to be determined by mutual agreement between the regular employee and their Supervisor but not later than the conclusion of the regular employee's annual vacation.

15:2.2 Should one of the above holidays fall on a school-term employee's normal day of rest they shall receive a day off in lieu of the holiday at their daily rate of pay.

15:3 UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE

15:3.1 In the case of an unauthorized absence on the day before or the day after a general holiday, entitlement to the provisions of this article will be forfeited.

16: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

16:1 UNION BUSINESS

16:1.1 Negotiations

16:1.1.1 Eight (8) employees as designated by the Union, being members of the bargaining committee of the Union, shall be allowed leave of absence with pay, as outlined in the attached Letter of Understanding titled "Union Bargaining Committee", for the purpose of contract negotiations with the Board.

16:1.1.2 The Union may designate additional committee members with the prior written approval of the Board. Any such additional committee members shall be allowed leave of absence, without pay, unless otherwise agreed to in writing between the parties.

16:1.2 Union Conventions & Seminars

16:1.2.1 Upon written request from the Union, the Board will grant leave of absence without pay for attendance at Union conventions and/or seminars to not more than four (4) employees at any one time provided representation is by mutual agreement of both parties. Total absence allowed for this purpose shall not exceed forty (40) working days in one year. It is understood that the Board will bill the Union for the cost of wages and benefits of such employees.

16:1.3 Union Positions

16:1.3.1 It is agreed that any employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the Union or anybody with which the Union is affiliated, shall be granted leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority by the Board for a period of up to one year. This leave may be renewed for an additional period of up to one year by mutual agreement. It is understood that the Board will bill the Union for the cost of wages and benefits of such employees.

16:1.3.2 At the end of the period granted in Article 16:1.3.1, the employee must exercise their seniority rights by returning to their former unit or relinquish all such seniority rights. Should the employee return or be returned to the bargaining unit for any reason, they must remain with

the unit for a minimum period of one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days prior to exercising that privilege again.

16:1.3.3 Where an employee exercises their seniority rights by returning to their former unit, they will be returned to a comparable position.

16:2 PERSONAL INJURY

16:2.1 When an employee meets with a personal injury while on duty which prevents him/her from completing their scheduled shift and the injury requires medical care, the employee will be compensated for their scheduled shift on that day. The employee is required to complete and submit the “Worker’s Report of Injury or Occupational Disease to Employer” form not later than the following day. Compensation payments will be made directly to the employee by the Workers’ Compensation Board upon acceptance of claim.

16:3 MATERNITY LEAVE

16:3.1 A pregnant employee shall be granted upon request a leave of absence as provided for in Part 6 of the Employment Standards Act.

16:3.1.1 Such requests shall be made in writing four (4) weeks before the employee proposes to begin leave to the Human Resources Department accompanied by a certificate from the employee’s physician estimating the date of birth. Employees wishing extended leave must make application in accordance with the provisions of this article.

16:3.1.2 Where an employee requires additional information, such requests may be made to the Human Resources Department.

16:3.2 Should the Board, prior to the employee commencing the Maternity Leave, have a concern about the employee’s ability to reasonably perform work duties because of the pregnancy, the Board may require the employee to provide a medical certificate indicating that the employee is medically fit to perform work duties.

16:3.2.1 Such a leave must continue until the Board is provided with a medical certificate indicating that the employee can resume the regular duties of the position.

16:3.3 While an employee is on Maternity Leave, employment is considered to be continuous for the purpose of establishing entitlement to annual vacations, etc. During the absence all pension, medical and other plans continue provided the employee pays the requisite costs of any jointly paid benefit plans.

16:3.4 While on Maternity Leave, an employee may choose to post for another position, subject to Article 3:3 of the Collective Agreement.

16:4 PARENTAL LEAVE

16:4.1 An employee shall be granted upon request a parental leave as provided for in Part 6 of the Employment Standards Act.

16:4.2 An employee granted leave under Article 16:3.1, who chooses not to return to work at the expiration of that leave, must apply in writing to the Human Resources Department for Parental Leave without pay four (4) weeks prior to the expiration of their leave.

16:4.3 In the event that both parents are employees of the District, leave granted under Article 16:3.1 and 16:4.1 shall be granted to only one parent at any one time. Such leave granted under Article 16:4 must be continuous.

16:4.4 An employee returning from Parental Leave without pay shall notify the Board four (4) weeks in advance. Where it is not possible to return an employee to their original position, they shall be returned to a comparable position.

16:4.5 While on parental leave, an employee may choose to post for another position subject to Article 3:3 of the Collective Agreement.

16:5 EXTENDED PARENTAL LEAVE

16:5.1 An employee shall be granted extended parental leave in accordance with Part 6, Section 51(2) of The Employment Standards Act.

16:6 USE OF SICK LEAVE

16:6.1 If, at the end of the agreed upon period of leave, an employee is unable to return to duty because of ill health, the employee shall present the Board with an acceptable medical certificate and shall qualify for the sick leave provisions subject to Article 17:4 Sick Leave.

16:7 EARLY RETURN AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

16:7.1 In the case of an incomplete pregnancy, death of the child, or other special situations, an employee may return to duty earlier than provided in the agreed upon leave to their previous position;

16:7.1.1 An employee intending to make an earlier return to duty will submit a written application to the Human Resources Department and a medical certificate twenty-one (21) calendar days in advance;

16:7.1.2 In emergency situations, the employee's application for leave will be considered on seven (7) calendar days notice;

16:8 ASSIGNMENT

16:8.1 1. A regular employee returning from:

a. Maternity Leave within a period of seventeen (17) weeks, or

b. A combination of Maternity Leave and Parental Leave within a period of seventy-eight (78) weeks, or

c. Parental Leave within a period of sixty-two (62) weeks

Shall be assigned to the same position held prior to the leave. Where the employee's position no longer exists, the employee shall be returned to a comparable position.

2. A regular employee returning from extended Maternity or Parental Leave which exceeds the applicable period set out in paragraph (a) above shall be assigned to the same position held prior to the leave. Where the employee's position no longer exists, or where continuity and stability in the assignment in regard to an employee in a classification in Schedule "A-4" (Instructional Support) may be affected, the employee shall be returned to a comparable position.

16:8 An employee may choose to apply for another position subject to Article 3 – Job Postings.

16:9 PATERNITY LEAVE

16:9.1 On the birth of a child or in the case of adoption or legal guardianship, the father may apply in writing to the Board and shall be granted one (1) day Paternity Leave with pay.

16:10 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

16:10.1 1. Regular and school-term employees shall be granted up to five (5) working days leave of absence with pay following notification of a death in their immediate family, being spouse, son or daughter, parent, or guardian.

2. The five (5) working days leave of absence until Article 16:10.1(a) may be taken, at the employee's option, as follows:

- a. On consecutive working days immediately following the employee's receipt of the notification of death, or
- b. Up to four (4) consecutive working days immediately following the employee's receipt of the notification of death, and one (1) working day within a period of thirteen (13) months thereafter for the purpose of the employee attending a religious or traditional ceremony or event related to the death.

The employee shall advise the Board of their choice at the time that the employee requests the leave of absence under Article 16:10.1(a).

16:10.2 1. Regular and school-term employees shall be granted up to three (3) working days leave of absence with pay following notification of a death in their immediate family (i.e., brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law). Provided the employee attends the funeral and that day is one other than one of the days above, the employee shall be compensated at their regular straight time hourly rate for hours lost from their regular schedule on the day of the funeral.

2. The three (3) working days leave of absence under Article 16:10.2(a) may be taken at the employee's option, as follows:

- a. On consecutive working days immediately following the employee's receipt of the notification of death, or,
- b. Up to two (2) consecutive working days immediately following the employee's receipt of the notification of death, and one (1) working day within a period of thirteen (13) months thereafter for the purpose of the employee attending a religious or traditional ceremony or event related to the death.

The employee shall advise the Board of their choice at the time that the employee requests the leave of absence under Article 16:10.2(a).

16:10.3 If necessary, additional leave without pay shall be granted for travel and estate affairs.

16:10.4 If necessary up to one-half (1/2) day will be granted without loss of pay to attend a funeral as a pallbearer provided such employee notified, in writing, their supervisor or the Human Resources Department for Administrative and Instructional Support Employees.

16:11 JURY DUTY

16:11.1 The Board will pay a regular or school-term employee who is required to serve as a juror or is subpoenaed as a witness, the difference between their normal daily earnings and the payment they received for jury or witness service. The employee will present proof of service and the amount of pay received before payment is made.

16:11.2 A regular or school-term employee on any shift other than day shift, shall be given sufficient time after court to have reasonable time to rest or to prepare themselves for work.

16:11.3 Period of rest shall not be greater than the prescribed time spend in court, including traveling time to a maximum of two (2) hours.

16:11.4 Employee(s) involved may be reassigned by their supervisor.

16:11.5 Regular and school-term employees shall be compensated for such time at their regular rate of pay.

16:11.6 If an employee is working an afternoon shift and has to appear for jury duty on that day, they will not be required to work the afternoon shift of the same day and shall be compensated at their regular rate of pay.

If an employee working the graveyard shift has to appear for jury duty, they shall not be required to work the graveyard shift prior to the court hearing and shall be compensated at their regular rate of pay.

16:12 OTHER

16:12.1 Leave of Absence without pay may be granted to an employee requesting such leave for good and sufficient cause. Leaves of longer than one (1) month granted under this Article shall be at no cost to the Board.

Employees will not be granted an unpaid leave of absence for paid employment opportunities elsewhere.

16:13 LONG TERM SERVICE LEAVE (Without Pay)

16:13.1 The Board shall grant long term service leave to employees having seven (7) calendar years of service as a regular employee as of the date of their written application. This leave may be applied for once every seven (7) years.

Employees will not be granted unpaid leave of absence for paid employment opportunities elsewhere.

16:13.2 Leave will normally be granted one (1) year at a time. Availability of a suitable replacement is necessary criteria for granting of this leave. No more than five (5) employees may be granted leave under this article in any given year.

16:13.3 Written application must be made prior to May 1.

16:13.4 Intention to return the following year must be given in writing to the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources or designate prior to May 31 of that year.

16:13.5 On return from leave, the provisions of Articles 3:4.7 and 3:4.8 shall apply. 16:13.6The following criteria apply to leave granted under this article:

16:13.6.1 current Teamsters' National Benefit Plan benefits shall be discontinued for the duration of the leave,

16:13.6.2 the period of leave shall not be considered continuous service for the purposes of pension contributions and vacation entitlement.

16:14 EDUCATIONAL LEAVE (Without Pay)

16:14.1 After three (3) or more years of employment with the Board, on application, an employee shall be eligible for educational leave.

16:14.2 Leave will normally be granted for up to one (1) year at a time. If the program of studies being undertaken is of a longer duration than one (1) year, the employee must re-apply for additional leave. No more than five (5) employees may be granted leave under this article in any given year.

16:14.3 Written Application must be made prior to May 1.

16:14.4 Intention to return the following year must be given in writing to the Director, Human Resources or designate prior to May 31 of that year.

16:14.5 On return from leave, the provisions of Articles 3:4.7 and 3:4.8, shall apply.

16:14.6 The following criteria apply to leave granted under this article:

16:14.6.1 current Teamsters' National Benefit Plan benefits shall be discontinued for the duration of the leave,

16:14.6.2 the period of leave shall not be considered continuous service for the purposes of pension contributions and vacation entitlement.

16:15 LEAVE FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS

16:15.1 An employee may utilize one-half (1/2) day total accumulated sick leave credit each calendar year for personal business leave. Such time may be granted in portions not to exceed one-half (1/2) day total.

16:15.2 (*) Effective January 1, 2020: For the purposes of this article, Personal Business Leave shall be defined as medical, dental, legal/financial appointments, family matters, or bereavement not covered under Article 16:10, or sick leave after the annual sick leave credits granted under Article 17:4 have been used where such business cannot be conducted outside the employee's regular hours of work.

16:15.3 The employee must apply, in writing, to their supervisor with a copy to the Human Resources Department with reasonable notice prior to the time requested, stating the reasons for the request. Approval of such requests will be subject to work schedules and continuity and stability in the assignment.

16:15.3.1 In the event notice cannot be given, the employee shall advise their supervisor prior to leaving the worksite and shall submit confirmation of the request upon return. The problem must be one of major importance not a mere convenience.

16:15.4 It is not the intent of this provision to provide extension of vacations and/or holidays. If, however, due to factors outside the employee's control, the leave for personal business is required immediately preceding or following a vacation and/or holiday, then such leave shall be granted provided the provisions of this article are adhered to.

16:15.5 Employees working less than 1.0 FTE will be granted such leave on a pro rata basis. Leave shall not be granted if an employee has depleted their accumulated sick leave credits.

16:16 AUGMENTATION OF PERSONAL BUSINESS LEAVE

16:16.1 A regular, school-term, or probationary employee may carry over to the subsequent calendar year unused sick leave credits (Article 17:4.1-Sick Leave) on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis, for the purposes of augmenting their leave for personal business (Article 16:15). Sick leave credits carried over for the purposes of leave for personal business shall not accumulate and must be utilized within the following calendar year. Such carry over shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

16:16.1.1 Effective January 1, 2023, replace Article 16:16.1.1 with the following: two (2) but less than four (4) non-accumulated sick leave credits as of December 31 of the calendar year, the employee shall be entitled to carry over one (1) day for the purposes of leave for personal business;

16:16.1.2 Effective January 1, 2023, replace Article 16:16.1.2 with the following: four (4) but less than six (6) non-accumulated sick leave credits as of December 31 of the calendar year, the employee shall be entitled to carry over two (2) days for the purposes of leave for personal business;

16:16.1.3 Effective January 1, 2023, replace Article 16:16.1.3 with the following: six (6) or more non-accumulated sick leave credits as of December 31 of the calendar year, the employee shall be entitled to carry over three (3) days for the purposes of leave for personal business.

16:16.2 It is not the intent of this article to provide for the accumulation of sick leave credits.

16:17 LEAVE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE OR PUBLIC SERVICE

16:17.1 When a regular or school-term employee is nominated to contest a municipal, provincial or federal election and requires leave, they shall provide a written application for leave of absence, without pay, during the election campaign. The employee shall be responsible for benefit premiums while on unpaid leave of absence.

16:17.2 Should the employee be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly or Member of Parliament, they shall resign their position thirty (30) calendar days following their election.

16:18 EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

16:18.1 The Board will pay an allowance to regular or school-term employees who resign from the School District before reaching age 65, subject to the following conditions:

The employee must:

1. have been actively at work on a regular and continuing basis for the previous twelve (12) month period,
2. be age 55 or over,
3. have completed ten (10) years of service in this District,
4. Provide two (2) calendar months' written working notice to their Manager. With the Employer's agreement, the requirement for two (2) calendar months' working notice may be reduced or waived,
5. retire from employment in this District prior to their 65th birthday.

16:18.2 An eligible employee shall receive a financial incentive of \$10,000 prorated to their average FTE over their total years of service.

16:18.3 The financial incentive for regular and school-term employees shall be paid once only.

16:18.4 Employees are no longer eligible to participate in the benefit plans.

16:18.5 An employee, who has resigned and received the early retirement incentive pursuant to this Article, may apply to be rehired as a casual employee by the Board, subject to the following conditions:

1. The decision as to whether the resigned employee should be rehired as a casual employee shall be at the sole discretion of the Board;
2. If rehired as a casual employee, the resigned employee shall be considered as a new employee for all purposes of the Collective Agreement; and
3. A resigned employee who is rehired as a casual employee cannot thereafter apply for or achieve the status or designation of a regular employee in any circumstance whatsoever.

17 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

17:1 TEAMSTERS' NATIONAL PENSION PLAN

17:1.1 Participation

17:1.1.1 It is agreed that The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) (the "Employer") will participate throughout the life of the Collective Agreement negotiated with Teamsters Local Union No. 31 (the "Union") in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan (the "Plan"), as amended from time to time, with respect to those eligible employees who are participating in the Plan on or after July 1, 2021.

17:1.2 Eligibility Conditions

17:1.2.1 The provision in Article 17:1 (Teamsters' National Pension Plan) shall only be applicable to those eligible employees who are participating in the Plan as of July 1, 2021.

17:1.2.2 Any eligible employee, who is participating in the Plan as of July 1, 2021, shall remain a member of the Plan.

17:1.2.3 Any employee who,

- 1. is newly hired by the Employer into a position within the Union's bargaining unit on or after July 1, 2021, and**
- 2. is not participating in the Plan as of July 1, 2021,**

shall join the Municipal Pension Plan, subject to the terms and conditions of the Municipal Pension Plan.

17:1.3 Benefits

17:1.3.1 Benefits provided by the Plan are established by the Pension Plan Board of Trustees (the "PP Trustees").

17:1.4 Contributions

17:1.4.1 The cost of contributions to the Plan shall be borne wholly by the Employer.

17:1.4.2 Contributions shall be made on a bi-weekly basis to coincide with Teamsters employee pay role for each eligible employee, and the Employer shall submit the total contribution to the Trust aforesaid, not later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the last pay date.

17:1.4.3 Article 17:1.4.3 shall be replaced by the following provisions effective the first day of the pay period which occurs after a period of sixty (60) days following the date of the ratification by both parties of the 2022-2025 collective agreement.

Subject to Article 17:1.4.3.1, the employer shall contribute, in respect of those eligible employees who are participating in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan ("TNPP"), the same Employer contribution rate as the Employer pays to the Municipal Pension Plan for its eligible employees participating in the MPP. (Note: as of December 2022 the Employer contribution rate to the MPP is 9.31%).

17:1.4.3.1 Any eligible employee participating in the TNPP, for whom the Employer is currently paying pension contributions at a higher rate than would be paid based on the MPP rate of contribution, shall be maintained at their current pension contribution rate until such time as the MPP contribution rate paid by the Employer exceeds the TNPP contribution rate being paid for that employee, at which time Article 17:1.4.3 shall be applied.

17:1.4.4 The following shall be deemed to be periods of work for which contributions are required to be paid by the Employer:

1. All straight time hours
2. All paid overtime hours
3. Periods of paid vacation
4. Paid jury duty
5. Paid sick leave
6. Paid bereavement leave
7. Paid statutory holidays
8. Paid Augmentation of Personal Business Leave
9. Usage of banked overtime (determined in hours at current hourly rate)

No contributions are required to be paid for:

1. Change in shift penalty
2. Call time – where a call involves a four (4) hour minimum embodying call time and hours worked, contributions are only required for hours worked - Severance allowance
3. On-Call premium paid in accordance with Article 12:6

4. Non-work hours as described in Article 17:1.5.1 hereunder

17:1.4.5 Where there are pension contribution changes, the Board shall implement the new contribution amount as of the first day of the full pay period in which the effective date of the change occurs.

17:1.5 Non-Work Hours

17:1.5.1 In order that the Pension Plan Trustees may properly adjudicate any pension credits that may be due to an employee during periods of absence from work due to disability, the Employer agrees to provide to the Plan Administrator, on a monthly basis, a report of all hours of work lost by any employee due to disability for which the employee is receiving temporary time loss benefits from WorkSafeBC, Weekly Indemnity (WI), or Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits under a group insurance plan provided pursuant to this Agreement, or Maternity/Parental benefits under the Employment Insurance Act.

This report shall be provided no later than the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the month in which the employee suffered loss of hours due to disability or Maternity/Parental Leave.

17:2 TEAMSTERS' NATIONAL BENEFIT PLAN

17:2.1 Participation

17:2.1.1 It is agreed that The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) (the "Employer") will participate throughout the life of the Collective Agreement negotiated with Teamsters Local Union No. 31 in the Teamsters' National Benefit Plan (the "Plan").

17:2.2 Eligibility Conditions

17:2.2.1 Subject to Articles 17:2.2.2 and 17:2.2.3 below, any eligible employee employed, Pursuant to the Collective Agreement, shall join the Plan on the first (1st) day of the month coincident with or immediately following the date on which the employee is hired as a "regular" or "school-term" employee.

17:2.2.2 Notwithstanding Article 17:2.2.1 above, any eligible employee employed pursuant to the Collective Agreement, who has been covered under the Plan within the thirty (30) calendar day period immediately prior to the date on which they commences work with the Employer and who is hired as a "regular" or "school-term" employee, shall join the Plan on the latter of the date referred to in Article 17:2.2.1 above or the day following termination of their previous coverage.

It is understood that any person who is not subject to the terms of the Collective Agreement, or any person employed on the basis of being a dependent contractor, is not eligible to participate in the Plan.

17:2.2.3 A "casual" or "ESC" employee who is hired by the Board into a regular or school term position shall join the Plan in accordance with Article 17:2.2.1 above, however, if the "casual" or "ESC" employee does not successfully complete their Trial period, in accordance with Article 6 of the

Collective Agreement, and reverts to “casual” or “ESC” status, they will be ineligible for continued benefits under the Plan, and coverage shall cease effective the last day of the month in which the reversion to “casual” or “ESC” status occurred.

17:2.2.4 If an employee, whose coverage has been terminated due to layoff or any other temporary interruption of work, works a minimum of one (1) shift, coverage for the Weekly Indemnity (WI) and Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits will commence on the date of return to work, and all other benefits will be reinstated as of the first (1st) day of the month in which return to work occurs.

17:2.2.5 When an eligible employee goes off work due to disability for which WI and/or LTD benefits are payable under this Plan, or if due to disability for which the employee has applied for benefits under the Workers’ Compensation Act, or if a grievance is invoked in their discharge, the Employer shall continue to pay contributions for their health and welfare coverage so that the employee shall be protected to the utmost, provided:

1. The period of such coverage shall exceed twelve (12) months only by mutual agreement of the two Parties to this Agreement.
2. When an employee returns to work, the Employer shall deduct from their earnings any monies the Employer has paid out normally paid by the employee with respect to their health and welfare coverage.
3. In the event that a grievance is invoked by the Union on behalf of an eligible employee, the Employer will continue to pay contributions for their health and welfare coverage, however, in the event the grievance is denied and the employee is terminated, the Union will reimburse the employer for all health and welfare contributions paid by the employer on behalf of the employee for that period of time when, had the grievance not been invoked, the employee would have had coverage terminated under the Plan.

17:2.2.6 1. Any employee not covered under the Plan who is absent from work due to layoff, leave of absence, disability or any other temporary interruption of employment on the date coverage would normally take effect shall not be eligible to become covered until the date on which they returns to active employment and works one “shift”. Coverage for all benefits except WI and LTD will be established as the first day of the month in which the return to work occurs. WI and LTD benefits will be established as of the date of return to work.

2. For the purpose of this Article, “shift” means an employee’s regular work day, regardless of FTE.

17:2.3 Rehabilitative Employment

17:2.3.1 Any eligible employee who, immediately following a period of disability for which benefits were payable under the Plan may, with the approval of the Union, the National Benefit Plan Trustees (“BP Trustees”) and the Employer return to work on a trial basis, either on full or limited duties without right or entitlement to coverage under the Plan other than would have been provided had such return to work not have occurred.

- 17:2.3.2 During such periods of “rehabilitative employment”, it is agreed that:
1. The employee will be paid by the Employer at their normal rate of pay for hours worked.
 2. The duration of such “rehabilitative employment” shall exceed thirty (30) days only by mutual consent of the Employer, the Union and the “BP Trustees”.

17:2.4 Benefits

17:2.4.1 Benefits provided by the Plan are established solely by the “BP Trustees”.

17:2.4.2 For Information Purposes Only – School term employees who remain covered during period of layoff in accordance with Article 17:2.6.1 herein shall receive full and regular coverage for all benefits except for WI benefits. In the event that a school- term employee becomes disabled during the summer layoff period, WI benefits will be suspended during the layoff period and will commence on the date that return to work would have occurred. The period of disability will be deemed to have commenced on the date the disability occurred.

17:2.4.3 An employee shall not have access to the grievance procedure or recourse against the Employer through the Collective Agreement for any dispute concerning the granting of benefit(s) from the Plan, in whole or in part, save and except when any benefit is unavailable to an employee as a result of the employee being deemed not eligible by the Plan in circumstances where, due to any action or omission of same by the Employer, the employee would otherwise be eligible in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement.

17:2.4.4 Benefits currently provided are:

1. Group Life Insurance
2. Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
3. Weekly Indemnity
4. Long Term Disability
5. Dental
6. Extended Health
7. Medical Services Plan of B.C.

17:2.4.5 The amount of coverage and details of each benefit are established by the “BP Trustees” and are subject to amendment by them from time to time.

17:2.4.6 It is understood that coverage under the Medical Services Plan of B.C. does not form part of the Plan. The Employer agrees to be fully responsible for ensuring that eligible employees and eligible dependents are covered under the Medical Services Plan of B.C. in accordance with the requirements of the Medical Protection Act. Any MSP coverage provided through the Employer will be fully paid for by the Employer, except when an employee is on Long Term Disability benefit. It is agreed that eligibility rules for coverage for Medical Services Plan of B.C. benefits will be identical to eligibility rules for coverage under the Plan.

17:2.4.7 In the event that the Plan's weekly indemnity benefit is maintained at a level that will allow the Employer to qualify for premium reduction under the Employment Insurance Act, the employees' share of such reduction (5/12) shall be retained by the Employer as payment in kind for benefits provided.

17:2.5 Costs

~~17:2.5.1 The Employer shall contribute Three Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$310.00) for any month in which any eligible employee is covered by the Plan for one day or more.~~

Effective the first (1st) day of the calendar month following the date of ratification by both Parties of the 2022-2025 collective agreement, the Employer shall contribute Three Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$327.00) per month.

Effective July 1, 2023, the Employer's monthly contribution shall be increased by the percentage of the General Wage Increase effective July 1, 2023 (inclusive of any COLA adjustment).

Effective July 1, 2024, the Employer's monthly contribution (in effect in June 2024) shall be increased by the percentage of the General Wage Increase effective July 1, 2024 (inclusive of any COLA adjustment).

17:2.5.2 Contributions will be made on a calendar month basis for each eligible employee and the Employer shall remit the total contribution to the Plan not later than the twentieth (20th) day of the month for which coverage is being provided.

17:2.6 Termination of Coverage

17:2.6.1 Except as provided under 17:2.2.5, all coverage under the Plan will terminate at the end of the month in which layoff or any other temporary interruption of employment commences, except for school term employees for whom coverage will be provided during the normal summer months in which the schools are closed.

17:2.6.2 If employment is terminated, coverage for Weekly Indemnity and Long-Term Disability benefits will terminate immediately upon termination of employment, and all other coverage will terminate at the end of the month in which termination of employment occurs.

17:2.6.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Employer to advise the Administrator of the Plan in a timely fashion of termination of the eligible employee's coverage, and the Employer will be held responsible for any costs incurred by the "BP Trustees" that result from late notification of termination of coverage.

17:2.7 General

17:2.7.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Employer to provide the employee the necessary forms to enroll and make claim under the Plan.

- 17:2.7.2 It shall be the responsibility of the employee to cause such forms to be completed.
- 17:2.7.3 It shall be the responsibility of the “BP Trustees” to provide all necessary enrolment and administration forms to the Employer.

17:3 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN

- 17:3.1 The Board shall pay one hundred per cent (100%) of the cost of an Employee Assistance Plan.
- 17:3.2 Each eligible regular or school-term employee and their eligible dependents will be entitled to a minimum of four (4.0) hours of counseling per calendar year.

17:4 SICK LEAVE

17:4.1 Subject to Article 17:4.6, all regular, school-term and probationary employees shall be entitled to annual sick leave accumulation on the following basis:

17:4.1.1 Effective January 1, 2022, regular full-time employees shall be granted nine (9) days on January 1st, non-accumulative;

17:4.1.2 full-time school-term employees shall accumulate on the same basis as a regular employee. School-term employees working less than full-time shall accumulate on a pro rata basis in the same manner as above.

17:4.2 Paid sick leave shall be applied as follows:

17:4.2.1 One (1) full day’s paid sick leave for each of the first (1st), second (2nd) and third (3rd) days of sickness, provided those days are regular workdays.

17:4.2.2 In the event an employee has worked less than half their regularly scheduled shift and are unable to continue work due to illness, upon approval by their supervisor, the employee may access their annual sick leave accumulation. The employee will receive regular pay for the hours worked and paid sick leave for the number of hours required to pay the employee the equivalent of one (1) day’s regular pay for that day.

For the purposes of this article, this day shall be considered the first day of absence.

17:4.2.3 In the event an employee has worked one-half (1/2) of their regularly scheduled shift or greater, but less than a full shift, and is unable to continue work due to illness, upon approval by their supervisor the employee may access their annual sick leave accumulation. The employee will receive regular pay for the hours worked and paid sick leave for the number of hours required to pay the employee the equivalent of one (1) day’s regular pay for that day. For the purposes of this article, this day is to be considered the first day of absence.

17:4.2.3.1 It is not the intent of this provision to provide leave for appointments or reasons other than *bona fide* illness necessitating absence from work. Prior to exercising this provision,

the employee must receive approval and such approval must be recorded on the employee's time sheet.

- 17:4.2.4 A day's pay for employees will be the normal daily hours scheduled.
- 17:4.2.5 It shall be the responsibility of the employee to claim for accredited sick leave on such forms as the Board may prescribe.
- 17:4.3 Any proven abuse of the Sick Leave provisions may subject the employee to immediate dismissal with recourse to the Grievance Procedure.
- 17:4.4 A medical certificate may be required to claim benefits under this provision. A Weekly Indemnity Form must be completed and submitted to the Teamsters' National Benefit Plan in order to claim Weekly Indemnity benefits.
 - 17:4.4.1 Such medical certificates shall include the date of the examination and the estimated date of return to work.
- 17:4.5 The employee's share of the Unemployment Insurance Premium reduction resulting from registration of the cumulative sick leave plan with the Unemployment Insurance Commission as a Wage Loss Replacement Plan qualifying for premium reduction shall be applied to the Board's share of the cost of increased employee benefits.
- 17:4.6 Leave will only be granted due to illness or medical reasons. Maternity Leave is excluded from this section (See Article 16:3 - Maternity Leave). Regular and school-term employees will notify the Board as soon as possible if they are absent from duty because of illness or medical reasons and are expected to give the Board reasonable notice of their anticipated return to work.
- 17:4.7 To receive consideration for sick leave/weekly indemnity entitlement, written approval must accompany the time sheet (Article 17:4.4). The regular and school-term employee may be required to contact their immediate Supervisor or designate each day while absent from work. Administrative Support and Instructional Support staff are required to notify the Human Resources Department in this instance.
- 17:4.8 If there is no unused sick leave available in accordance with the Sick Leave Plan, employees will be granted, upon request, leave as follows:
 - 1. Without pay until eligibility requirements are met for weekly indemnity benefits, or,
 - 2. Employee(s) may utilize any unused vacation leave or banked overtime for the days of sickness referred to in Article 17:4.2.1; thereafter leave without pay until eligibility requirements are met for weekly indemnity benefits.

Employee(s) shall, upon request, provide a doctor's note confirming illness.

- 17:4.9 When no one at home, other than the employee, can provide for the needs of a sick member of their immediate family, the employee shall be entitled, after notifying their supervisor, to use up to two (2) unused sick leave credits per calendar year to care for the member of the**

family who is ill. For the purposes of this Article, “immediate family” shall be defined as any person who lives with the employee as a member of the employee’s immediate family.

18 GENERAL PROVISIONS

18:1 TRAVEL

18:1.1 An employee who is requested by the employer to use their vehicle for School Board purposes and consents to such use will be reimbursed at the rate set by the Board in Board Policy. All mileage must be certified by the employee’s immediate Supervisor on the form provided.

18:1.2 Employees will not be expected to use their cars for the purpose of transporting equipment or material that would normally be delivered by truck.

18:2 TOOLS

18:2.1 No employee other than a Journeyman/Tradesman will be required to supply hand tools. Such employees may store the required tools, when not in use, on Board property in a place approved by the Supervisor.

18:2.2 A list of such tools shall be given to the Supervisor prior to the Board accepting responsibility for replacement of these tools in case of fire or theft.

18:2.3 The Board shall bear the expense of sharpening tools and of repairing and replacing tools damaged or broken in the service of the Board with tools of the same or equivalent manufacture, quality and value. Such repair or replacement shall be made provided the employee advises the Board of the damage at the time of occurrence. The cost of such repair or replacement shall be borne by the Board, subject to verification, and provided the employee advises the Board of the damage at the time of the occurrence.

18:3 PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

18:3.1 Employees working in any unsanitary or dangerous job where normal clothing may be soiled shall be supplied with all the necessary protective clothing by the Board, (i.e. smocks, coveralls, gloves, hard hats, rainwear, knee pads and safety toes).

18:3.2 An employee working in the foreman, journeyman/tradesman, trades mechanic, mechanics helper, general maintenance, gardener, warehouse and delivery classifications shall receive a yearly allowance, in accordance with Schedule “A.7”, for the purpose of supplying and wearing safety footwear and rubber boots. Such safety footwear and rubber boots shall conform to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations of the Workers’ Compensation Act. This allowance will be pro-rated for employees commencing work in these classifications subsequent to July 1.

18:4 BULLETIN BOARDS

18:4.1 The Board shall make available Teamster bulletin boards in the staff room at all places of employment for the posting of job vacancies and Union notices.

18:5 EDUCATION ALLOWANCE

18:5.1 The employer shall pay the tuition costs of any course of instruction required and approved by the employer for an employee to better qualify themselves to perform their job upon successful completion of the course. The employee shall be compensated and reimbursed for any time absent from their regular scheduled workday.

18:6 PICKET LINES

18:6.1 It shall not be considered a violation of their employment when an employee refuses to cross a legal picket line at a place where a legal strike is in progress. Any employee failing to report to work for this reason shall be considered to be absent without pay.

18:6.2 In the event of a picket line, the employee shall contact their immediate supervisor or designate to advise they do not intend to cross the picket line.

18:6.3 The Board shall initiate the required action to establish the legality of the picket line. The picket line will be deemed to be legal until proven illegal.

18:6.4 During the life of this Agreement there shall be no strike or stoppage of work on the part of the members of the Union, nor any lockout of any employees on the part of the Board.

18:6.5 In the event of a violation of Article 18:6.4, the Union and the Board will instruct their members and representative officers who may be involved to cease such activity and comply with the terms of the Agreement.

18:7 ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILE

18:7.1 An employee may, upon written application to the Human Resources Department, have access to and review their personnel file. The file will be made available at a time convenient to the Human Resources Department, however, an employee will not be denied access before five (5) calendar days have expired.

18:7.2 Upon request employees may receive copies of any item found within their personnel file.

18:7.3 Access to personnel files and copies of any item found within the file(s) shall also be given to the Union representative provided written permission from the employee(s) is produced.

18:8 NO DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT

18:8.1 The Union and the Board recognize the right of all persons employed by the Board to work in an environment of mutual respect, free from discrimination, sexual harassment and personal harassment.

18:8.2 The Union and the Board agree that there shall be no discrimination against any employee with respect to employment or any term or condition of employment which would violate the Human Rights Code of BC or WorkSafe BC as may be amended from time to time

18:8.3

“Sexual harassment” shall include:

1. Unwanted sexual attention made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know that such attention is unwelcome; or
2. Unwanted physical contact, such as touching, patting or pinching, made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know that such contact is unwelcome; or
3. Implied or expressed promise of reward for complying with a sexually oriented request; or
4. Implied or expressed threat of reprisal, in the form either of actual reprisal or the denial of an opportunity which would otherwise be granted, for refusal to comply with a sexually oriented request; or
5. The inappropriate display of sexually oriented literature, pornographic or offensive material; or
6. Remarks or behaviour of a sexual nature which creates an uncomfortable working environment for the recipient, made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know such behaviour is unwelcome.

18:8.4

“Personal harassment” shall include:

1. Physical threat, intimidation or assault, or unwanted touching, patting or pinching made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know that such contact is unwelcome; or
2. Unwelcome behaviour or comment that is directed at or offensive to another person that demeans, belittles, causes personal humiliation or embarrassment to that person, and which the originating person knew or ought reasonably to know is unwelcome; or
3. Implied or expressed promise of reward or threat of reprisal, or the denial of opportunity which would otherwise be granted, for refusal to comply with a request which is unrelated to an employee’s employment with the Board; or
4. The improper use of power or authority inherent in the position held, which serves no legitimate work purpose, and which the person knew or ought reasonably to know is improper.

18:8.5

Where an employee brings a complaint of discrimination, personal harassment or sexual harassment, the Board shall carry out an investigation into the complaint. The complainant shall have the right to Union representation at all meetings and/or interviews where the complainant’s presence is requested.

18:8.5.1

In the event that an employee who initiated the complaint is not satisfied with the result of the Board’s investigation conducted pursuant to Article 18:8.5, the employee shall be entitled to file a grievance pursuant to Article 19 of this Agreement. Such grievance shall be commenced within

twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date that the result of the Board's investigation is communicated to the employee.

18:8.5.2 Where the person who is the subject of the complaint is the Board representative at any stage of the grievance procedure, then the Union may bypass that stage of the procedure or may present the grievance to another appropriate Board representative.

18:8.6 An alleged offender, who is the subject of a complaint brought pursuant to Article 18:8.5, shall be entitled:

1. to be given notice of the substance of the complaint brought against him/her; and
2. to Union representation at all meetings and/or interviews where the alleged offender's presence is requested; and
3. to be given notice of, and to attend and participate in, any arbitration hearing which is held with respect to the grievance brought by an employee pursuant to Article 18:8.5.1.

18:8.7 The Board and the Union agree to deal with any complaint brought pursuant to Article 18:8.5 expeditiously and with due regard for the confidentiality of any and all persons involved in the complaint.

18:8.8 An arbitrator, in the determination of a grievance brought pursuant to Article 18:8.5.1, shall take reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of all parties in the determination of procedural and evidentiary matters, subject to the requirement of procedural fairness to all parties.

18:8.9 Where the complainant and the person who is the subject of the complaint are both employees in the bargaining unit, an arbitrator who is seized with a grievance brought pursuant to Article 18:8.5.1 shall also retain jurisdiction in respect of any existing or subsequent grievance arising from related discipline imposed by the Board on the employee who is the subject of the complaint.

18:8.10 The Board agrees that the employee's grievance cannot be denied solely on the ground that a complaint has been lodged with the Human Rights Council.

18:9 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

18:9.1 A District Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be established by the Board.

18:9.2 In accordance with regulations established by the Workers' Compensation Board the committee shall have joint representation with equal numbers of Union and Board representatives.

18:9.3 The committee shall include no fewer than two (2) members, chosen by and representing the Union.

18:9.4 The committee shall be responsible for:

18:9.4.1 ensuring that the District is in compliance with all WorkSafeBC regulations,

- 18:9.4.2 promoting a healthy and safe working environment which includes procedures established by the Employer to eliminate or minimize the risk of workplace violence,
- 18:9.4.3 considering recommendations and proposing implementation where warranted, and
- 18:9.4.4 ensuring that the District is in compliance with the requirements of the Work Place Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS).
- 18:9.5 Committee minutes shall be forwarded promptly to the Union.
- 18:9.6 The Board shall endeavor to eliminate or reduce specific problems which could endanger the health and safety of the occupants of a facility, when recommended by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.
- 18:9.7 All employees shall report and record all incidents of workplace violence on the appropriate District forms.
- 18:9.7.1 The Administrator/Manager shall have forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays set out in Article 15:1.1, to respond after receiving the employee's report of an incident of workplace violence. If this requirement is not met, the employee shall contact the District Organizational Health and Safety Manager.

18:10 FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

- 18:10.1 Each facility in the District shall have an employee designated as the First Aid Attendant.
- 18:10.2 Determination of the First Aid levels in each facility shall be the responsibility of the Board and be in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Act and Regulations.
- 18:10.3 Where the designated employee is required by the Board to obtain or renew a First Aid Certificate recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia, the Board shall reimburse the employee, upon written application to the Human Resources Department, for the full cost of the course, including examination fees.
- 18:10.4 The responsible Administrative Officer shall make arrangements for the administration of medication to students.
- 18:10.5 No employee shall be required to administer medication on a regular or predictable basis.

18:11 USE OF VOLUNTEERS

- 18:11.1 Volunteers shall not be used to replace bargaining unit employees but may be used to perform tasks associated with special projects and/or activities. Where the use of volunteers becomes excessive, the Board and the Union shall meet in order to discuss the roles and responsibilities of volunteers within the District.

19 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

19:1 Purpose

In the event that a difference arises between the Board, the Union and/or an employee(s) concerning the interpretation, application, operation or any alleged violation of this Agreement, including any difference which has been found to be grievable through the application of generally accepted arbitrable principles, the employee(s) will continue to work and the dispute shall be adjusted in accordance with the following procedures.

19:1.1 The purpose of the grievance procedure is to encourage open and frank discussion of the issue(s). The parties are committed to achieving expeditious resolution of the issue(s) at the earliest possible stage of the grievance procedure.

19:1.2 Subject to Article 19:1.3 below, all potentially relevant documents and information requested by either party necessary to determine the validity of a grievance shall be promptly disclosed. Either party may attach such conditions on the distribution or use of such material as may be reasonably necessary to protect legitimate confidentiality or privacy interests.

19:1.3 The Board and the Union shall not be required to disclose any document and/or information which it believes is privileged or confidential, except by order. In such circumstances, the Board or the Union, as the case may be, shall advise the other party of the general nature of the document and/or information which will not be disclosed, and the reasons why.

19:2 STEP ONE

19:2.1 Within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the employee's knowledge of the circumstances giving rise to a difference, the employee(s) and the management supervisor shall meet and attempt to resolve the issue.

19:2.2 This discussion stage is intended to be informal. No notes are to be taken of the discussion, except by mutual consent of the employee(s) and management supervisor.

19:2.3 The discussion shall take place between the employee(s) and the management supervisor. A shop steward and a second representative of management may be present as observers only.

19:3 STEP TWO

19:3.1 If the grievance is not resolved, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the management supervisor, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the completion of the discussion(s).

19:3.2 The written grievance shall contain a full statement of the grievance, consisting of the circumstances/facts from which it arose, the reason(s) for the grievance, the article(s) of the Collective Agreement allegedly violated, if any, and the remedy requested. It is understood that any party may, however, alter or add to the sections of the Collective Agreement allegedly violated if such alteration or addition is related to the original grievance.

19:3.3 Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the receipt of the written grievance, a meeting shall be held between the grievor, a shop steward or another representative of the Union, and the relevant management supervisor, and another management representative. The difference shall

be discussed between these persons only, however, both the Union and the Board may assign an additional person to attend as an observer only. At the Union's option, the grievor may be excused from attending the meeting and instead may be represented wholly by their shop steward.

19:3.4 Within seven (7) calendar days of the completion of the Step 2 meeting, the Board will provide a written response to the grievance. The response will address the circumstances/facts from which the grievance arose, any differing opinion on the interpretation and/or application of the article(s) of the Collective Agreement, any other reasons that the grievance is denied and the Board's position on the remedy.

19:4 STEP THREE

19:4.1 The Union shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days from the receipt of the Board's written response to notify the Board of its desire to proceed to Step 3. The Union shall provide such notification in writing, and shall set forth the reasons why the grievance is being pursued.

19:4.2 Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the receipt of the Union's notification to proceed, two (2) authorized representatives of the Union and two (2) authorized representatives of the Board shall meet and attempt to resolve the grievance.

19:4.3 Within seven (7) calendar days of the completion of the Step 3 meeting, the Board shall provide a written response to the grievance with the reasons if the grievance is denied, or confirmation of acceptance of the grievance, and/or the remedy proposed.

19:5 STEP FOUR

19:5.1 From the receipt of the Board's Step 3 response, the Union shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days to respond in writing, confirming the resolution, withdrawing the grievance, or referring the matter to arbitration/expedited arbitration.

19:6 TIME LIMITS FOR GRIEVANCES CONCERNING DISCIPLINE

19:6.1 Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the receipt of notice of discipline, a grievance may be filed commencing at Step One or Step Two. The time limits in subsequent steps of the grievance procedure shall be shortened from twenty-one (21) calendar days to fourteen (14) calendar days.

19:6.1.1 Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of notice of dismissal, a grievance may be filed and shall commence at Step Two. The time limits in subsequent steps of the grievance procedure shall be shortened from twenty-one (21) calendar days to fourteen (14) calendar days.

19:7 GENERAL

19:7.1 More than one meeting may be held at any step by mutual agreement. All such meetings shall be held within the applicable calendar day period required under each step.

- 19:7.2 Whenever a stipulated time limit is mentioned in this Article, the said time limit may be shortened or extended by mutual consent of the Board and the Union.
- 19:7.3 Discussion of differences at any particular step may be waived by mutual consent of the Board and the Union.
- 19:7.4 Any communication between the parties pursuant to this Article concerning their respective positions is intended to provide the receiving party with sufficient detail so that it can understand the essential nature of the other party's position. Both parties agree to provide such information in their written document, and will add such information as may be reasonably necessary to fulfill the other party's request for information.
- 19:7.5 Any employee, the Union or the Board may file a grievance. In the event that the Union or the Board files a grievance, the grievance shall commence at Step Two and the names of the aggrieved party and the responding party shall be substituted as necessary throughout the grievance procedure.
- 19:7.6 Any grievance resolution reached between the Board and the Union shall be implemented promptly.
- 19:7.7 All time limits set out in this Article are mandatory. The Board and the Union agree that time is of the essence.

19:8 ARBITRATION

- 19:8.1 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been carried through all steps of the grievance procedure except by mutual agreement of the Board and the Union.
- 19:8.2 Where a grievance is referred to arbitration in accordance with Article 19:8.1, both parties shall propose, in writing, the name(s) of those acceptable to them as arbitrator(s).
- 19:8.3 In the event that the parties are unable to agree on a single arbitrator within seven (7) calendar days of the reference to arbitration, the arbitrator shall, upon the request of either party, be appointed in accordance with applicable legislation.
- 19:8.4 The arbitrator shall determine their own procedure in accordance with the relevant legislation and shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations. The arbitrator shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall attempt to render a decision within sixty (60) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing. The arbitrator will have the power to determine whether the matter is arbitrable and to settle the question to be arbitrated. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding on the parties to the dispute as well as any employee(s) affected by the award and shall be applied promptly.

19:9 ARBITRATION COSTS

- 19:9.1 The costs of the Arbitrator will be borne equally by the Union and by the Board.

19:10 EXPEDITED ARBITRATION

- 19:10.1 Any grievance that has not been resolved at the conclusion of Step 3, Article 19:4.3 may be referred to expedited arbitration in accordance with the following provisions.
- 19:10.2 No matter may be submitted to expedited arbitration which has not been carried through all steps of the grievance procedure, except by mutual agreement of the Board and the Union.
- 19:10.3 Where the grievance has been referred to expedited arbitration the Board and the Union shall agree on a single arbitrator within seven (7) calendar days of the referral. In the event the parties are unable to agree to a single arbitrator within the seven (7) calendar days, the arbitrator shall be chosen by lot from a list comprised of three (3) persons proposed by each party. If the selected arbitrator is not available to hear the grievance within the timeframe set out in Article 19:10.4, an alternate arbitrator shall be chosen by lot from the remaining names on the list.
- 19:10.4 Within thirty-five (35) calendar days of being appointed, the arbitrator shall hear the grievance, and shall render a final and binding decision within seven (7) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- 19:10.5 The decision of the arbitrator shall be in writing and will set forth in abbreviated form their findings of fact, reasoning and conclusion. The decision shall be in a form deemed appropriate by the arbitrator to convey a decision.
- 19:10.6 The hearing shall be held at a facility of the Board or at any other site mutually agreed between the parties.
- 19:10.7 The parties shall share equally the costs of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.
- 19:10.8 The arbitrator shall have the same powers and authority as established under the provisions of Article 19:8.4.
- 19:10.9 Unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the Board and the Union prior to the commencement of the expedited hearing, the decision of the arbitrator shall:
1. be limited in application to that particular dispute; and
 2. have no precedential value and shall not be referred to by either party in any subsequent proceeding.
- 19:10.10 No grievance may be referred to arbitration in accordance with Article 19:8 where it has been referred to expedited arbitration.
- 19:11 DISCIPLINARY ACTION/ADVERSE REPORT**
- 19:11.1 The Board shall notify an employee of its dissatisfaction in writing and this written reprimand from the appropriate Supervisor/Principal or designate shall become part of the employee's personnel record with a copy forwarded to the Union Business Representative.

19:11.2 An employee will receive a copy of any written reprimand or warning letter placed on their personnel file with a copy to the Union. Where adverse material other than an evaluation report is placed in the employee's personnel file, the employee may request to have the material removed two (2) years after the filing provided that no further material of that nature has been subsequently filed. The Board reserves the right to deny such requests without reason. Any incident causing such written reprimand or warning letter over a period of eighteen (18) months will not be used to compound other disciplinary action against the employee.

19:11.3 Discipline of an employee by the Board will occur as a result of just cause.

20 TRANSPORTATION

20:1 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are for the purpose of Article 20 and Article 3 - Posting Letter of Understanding titled "Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work".

1. *"bus driver work"* – for the purpose of tracking equalization hours only, shall mean all work performed by an employee classified as a "bus driver", whether the work is driving or otherwise.
2. *"equalization work"* – also referred to as "non-conflict work" means all extracurricular work available for dispersion to bus drivers registered in the "equalization pool".
3. *"kindergarten/assessment work"* – also referred to as "kindergarten routes" means bus driving work assigned by the Board to drivers who have registered, on "bid day", to be assigned "kindergarten routes" in accordance with Article 20:3.2.
4. *"regular route"* – is a shift (straight or split) of "bus driver work", including "kindergarten work", that is:
 - a. established by the Board; and,
 - b. posted; and
 - c. selected by a driver on "bid day" or a "mini-bid day"; or
 - d. assigned to a driver as kindergarten/assessment work after bid day, in addition to they a.m./p.m. route.
5. *"extra-curricular work"* – is any "bus driver work" that is not a "regular route".
6. *"conflict work"* – is "extra-curricular work" that is assigned due to a regular route conflict.
7. *"bid day"* – is the day scheduled by the Board, in accordance with the Letter of Understanding – Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work, item 4, for the purpose of drivers selecting posted routes.
8. *"regular bus driver"* – also referred to as a "regular driver", is a driver who works on a posted route and who does not normally perform any of the following work:

- a. “extra-curricular work” assigned through the “equalization pool”;
 - b. “kindergarten work”, or
 - c. “conflict work”
9. “*equalization bus driver*” – also referred to as an “equalization driver”, is a “regular bus driver” who has registered to perform “extra-curricular work” assigned to the “equalization pool”.
- “*equalization pool*” - is the list of bus drivers who have registered for assignment of “extra-curricular work” in addition to their regular posted routes.
10. “*assessment work*” – is bus driving work assigned by the Board, over and above, the regular driver’s route.
11. “*kindergarten bus driver*” – also referred to as a “kindergarten driver”, is a “regular bus driver” who has registered to perform and is subsequently assigned a “kindergarten route”, in accordance with Article 20:1(3) herein, in addition to they “regular route”.
12. “*mini-bid day*” – is any day, other than “bid day”, scheduled by the Board, for the purpose of allowing bus drivers to select posted routes.
13. “*paid for hours*” – represents the straight time equivalent, in hours, of the remuneration received for the work, regardless of the actual hours worked (e.g. 8 hours worked on a Saturday paying 1-1/2 times the regular hourly rate would result in 12 “paid for hours” and would be reported on the “equalization sheet” as 8 actual hours worked and 12 “paid for hours” worked).
14. “*standing default proxy*” – is a written authorization from a bus driver employee, renewed annually during “bid day” and kept on file by the Board, for the purpose of confirming they intention to bid on work arising during a “mini-bid day”.
15. “*proxy*” – is a written or telephone confirmation from a bus driver employee to the Board or a designated authorized representative of the Board for the purpose of stating that bus driver employee’s bidding preferences in they absence at “bid day”.

20:2 EQUALIZATION

20:2.1 The Board shall maintain an “equalization pool”.

20:2.2 The purpose of the pool is to equally distribute all “extra-curricular work” (as measured by “paid for hours”), occurring during the school year, amongst the “equalization drivers”.

- 1. Equalization will be based on a September to June format, with the intent to have no more than thirty (30) hours from the highest to the lowest driver, at the end of June. Hours are not carried forward and each September every driver starts at zero (0).

2. Equalization work is broken down into two (2) categories: Weekday (Monday to Friday) and Weekend (Saturday to Sunday). Drivers may choose to sign up for either or both categories.
3. Drivers may choose to sign up for both kindergarten and equalization, but may only be on one list at a time.
4. Averaging is based on a Sunday to Saturday work week.
5. Only the number of drivers who actually work during a week are to be used in calculating the average hours.
6. Drivers who are away due to illness, leave of absence or otherwise, less than five (5) days within a Monday to Friday, shall be credited their regular daily hours.
7. Drivers who are away due to illness, leave of absence or otherwise, for the full five (5) days within a Monday to Friday, shall be credited the calculated average of equalized hours for that period.
8. Overtime hours shall be calculated at their hours value for the purpose of equalization.

20:2.3 The Board shall post a list, referred to as the “equalization sheet”, on each Monday during the school year. The “equalization sheet” will provide the following information:

1. Names of all bus drivers, listed in five (5) separate sections as follows:
 - a. Weekday Equalization
 - b. Weekend Equalization
 - c. Kindergarten and mid-day assessment
 - d. Not equalization
 - e. Casual
2. Total “paid for hours” for each driver – year-to-date (beginning in September);
3. Hours declined year-to-date;
4. Paid hours for the past four (4) weeks;
5. Total “paid for hours” for each section.

20:2.4 All hours referred to on the “equalization sheet” are for reference and calculation purposes only and have no monetary value.

20:2.5 1. An “equalization driver” shall sign off on Equalization work seventy-two (72) hour prior to the assigned work.

2. An “equalization driver” who declines an assignment will have the equivalent number of ‘paid for hours’ added to they total on the “equalization sheet”, as though they had actually worked the assignment – provided – for any one piece of work, only one driver can have hours added to they weekly total as the result of declined work. In the event that more than one driver declines

the work, the hours will be added to the weekly 'paid for hours' total for the first driver who declined the work.

3. An "equalization driver" who declines work within seventy-two (72) hours of the Equalization work, twice in one month or three (3) times in any five (5) month period, shall be removed from the Equalization pool until the next opportunity to rejoin the pool next "bid day" and/or February 1st.

20:2.6 1. Any driver who commences participation in the "equalization pool" subsequent to "bid day" and/or February 1st shall be placed on the equalization pool list effective the beginning of the next reporting week.

2. Any driver added to the "equalization pool" in accordance with Article 20:2.6(1) above shall be credited with the year-to-date "paid for hours" equivalent to the driver who, at the time the new driver is added to the list, has the most year-to-date "paid for hours".

3. A driver electing to leave the "equalization pool" must provide the Board with written notice, indicating the date they will leave the pool. The driver will not be allowed to return to the "equalization pool" until the next "bid day" and/or February 1st in accordance with Article 20:1(7).

20:3 Postings and Assignments of Work

20:3.1 All "regular routes" and assignments of work to bus drivers will be posted in accordance with Article 3 – Postings and the Letter of Understanding – "Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work".

20:3.2 "Kindergarten/assessment work" will be assigned to the senior drivers who have applied for "kindergarten/assessment work" on "bid day". Kindergarten runs will be assigned based on the efficient scheduling of the operation but, in no circumstances will kindergarten or assessment work be assigned to a junior bus driver if a senior bus driver who has applied for "kindergarten/assessment work" has not been assigned any "kindergarten/assessment work".

20:3.2.1 If a regular driver, who has been assigned a kindergarten/assessment run, is absent from work, a casual driver may be used to perform a regular driver's kindergarten/assessment run for the first day of absence. Thereafter, the kindergarten/assessment run will be assigned for the duration of the absence to the most senior regular driver who had applied for such work on "bid day", but had not been assigned such work.

20:3.3 All assignments of "bus driver work" will go to the "equalization pool" prior to being assigned to a casual/ESC employee.

20:3.4 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Collective Agreement, routes and mileages for bus drivers may be altered at the discretion of the Board.

(2) In the event that such route or mileage alteration results in a driver having their daily posted "paid for" hours of work decreased by ten percent (10%) or more (compounded), the Board will make the driver whole (including pension plan contributions) until the next "bid day" or until the

driver is made whole by assignment of work in accordance with the Letter of Understanding “Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work” – paragraph 19(a).

(3) Any driver being made whole by the Board in accordance with 20:3.4(2) herein shall be assigned to a posted route on a “mini-bid day” if there is one available that provides more “paid for” hours than the route they is currently driving and being made whole on.

(4) In the event the route assigned in 20:3.4(3) herein does not make the driver whole in accordance with the original posted work, the Board will continue to make the driver whole until the next “bid day”.

20:3.5 Summer work for bus drivers shall, if regular in nature, be posted and offered in order of seniority to qualified employees.

20:4 BUS DRIVER PAY THROUGH

20:4.1 Any bus driver who works separate pieces of work that begin or end within one (1) hour of each other shall be paid continuously between the separate pieces of work. (See below examples):

Example #1

Regular Daily Scheduled Hours	7:00 AM – 9:30 AM = 2.5 hours worked (2.5 hours paid) 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM = 2.0 hours worked (2.5 hours paid)
Extra Hours Worked	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM = 1.5 hours worked* (call-out)
Total Hours Worked	6.0 hours
Total Hours Paid	7.0 hours

Example #2

Regular Daily Scheduled Hours	7:00 AM – 9:30 AM = 2.5 hours worked (2.5 hours paid) 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM = 2.0 hours worked (2.5 hours paid)
Extra Hours Worked	1:00 PM – 1:45 PM = 0.75 hours worked* (call-out)
Total Hours Worked	5.25 hours
Total Hours Paid	6.25 hours

20:5 General

20:5.1 A bus driver will be paid for all time spent washing and/or cleaning his/her bus when so required by the Board, and if such paid for time is outside the regular posted hours for that driver, all “paid for hours” will be reported on the “equalization sheet” and paid for at the overtime rate, if applicable.

20:5.2 The Board shall ensure constant monitoring of the 2-way radio during the morning, afternoon and kindergarten runs.

20:6 On-call Premiums

- 20:6.1 For the purposes of this Article, the term, “employee” or “employees” shall mean those employees occupying the positions of Trades Foreman – Transportation and Transportation Dispatcher.
- 20:6.2 On-call shall mean the period of time specified by the Board during which an off-duty employee is required to be available for work.
- 20:6.3 The Director of Facilities and Transportation or the Transportation Manager (or the designate of either) shall designate an employee to be on-call for the purpose of resolving transportation trip issues which may arise after working hours. An employee may choose not to be designated to be on-call. However, if none of the employees accept the designation to be on-call the most junior employee must accept the designation.
- 20:6.4 The employee who is designated to be on-call shall keep the cell phone with them at all times, and shall respond immediately to all calls received on the cell phone during the period of time during which they are required to be on-call.
- 20:6.5 The employee who is designated to be on-call shall be paid at straight-time of two (2) hours per day. An employee shall be paid at straight-time of two and one-half (2.5) hours per day, for recognized statutory holidays and weekends. The on-call premiums are considered to be a premium only for services rendered outside scheduled working hours and do not bear a direct relationship to an employee’s hourly rate of pay.
- 20:6.6 An employee who is required to respond to a call during the period of time when they are designated to be on-call, provided the call/issue is fifteen (15) minutes or longer in duration, shall receive two (2) hours pay at the applicable overtime rate.**
- 20:6.6.1 If a second call is received during this two (2) hour period, no further overtime will be paid to the employee.**
- 20:6.7 The employee who is designated to be on-call shall maintain the prescribed log of calls and submit same to the Director of Facilities and Transportation or the Transportation Manager (or the designate of either) weekly.

21 CLASSIFICATION REVIEWS

- 21:1.1 When the Employer establishes a new position in the bargaining unit, or makes material changes to an existing position in the bargaining unit, the Employer shall prepare/revise a new Job Description for the position and will classify the position within an existing band of positions.
- 21:1.2 The Employer will provide the Union, and any employee(s) in the existing position, with the new/revised Job Description for the position, and will advise the Union into which band of positions the Employer has classified the position
- 21:1.3 Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the information specified in paragraph 1.2 above, the Union shall notify the Employer in writing whether it accepts or objects to the band of positions within which the Employer has classified the position.


- 21:1.3.1 In the event the Union objects to the band of positions within which the Employer has classified the position, the Union shall provide the Employer with written reasons for the basis of its objection.
- 21:1.3.2 In the event the Union does not object to the classification of the position within the sixty (60) calendar day period specified in paragraph 1.3 above, the Employer's classification of the position shall be deemed to be established.
- 21:1.4 In the event that a resolution of the Union's objection, as specified in paragraph 21:1.3.1 above, is not reached between the Parties within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date the Employer receives the Union's written objection, the Union may refer the matter to be dealt with through the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement, commencing at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.
- 21:2.1 Where the Union or an employee consider that the qualifications and/or the job duties for a position have materially changed on an ongoing basis so that the position is no longer appropriately classified in its existing band of positions, the Union or employee may submit a written request to the Employer to conduct a review of the band of positions within which the position of concern is classified. The written request shall specify the reasons the Union or the employee consider that the position of concern is no longer appropriately classified in its existing band of positions, as well as the band of positions within which the Union or the employee believe the position of concern should be classified.
- 21:2.2 The Employer will review the written request received from the Union or the employee under paragraph 2.1 above, and will provide its written determination within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the written request.
- 21:2.3 If the Union or the employee is dissatisfied with the determination provided by the Employer under paragraph 2.2 above, the Union may, within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date the Union received the Employer's written determination, refer the matter to be dealt with through the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement, commencing at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.
- 21:3.1 The creation of a new band of positions, or any revision to the existing bands of positions, shall be mutually agreed to between the Employer and the Union.
- 21:3.2 The Party requesting the creation of a new band of positions, or a revision to the existing bands of positions, shall provide written notice to that effect to the other Party, which notice shall specify the reasons for the Party's request.
- 21:3.3 If the Employer and the Union are not able to reach a mutual agreement under paragraph 3.1 above, either Party may, within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date the written notice referred to in paragraph 3.2 was received or such longer period of time as may be agreed to between the Parties, refer the matter to be dealt with through the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement, commencing at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

22 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- 22:1 This Agreement shall be for the period from and including July 1, 2022, up to and including June 30, 2025, and from year to year thereafter, subject to the right of either party to the Agreement, at any time within four (4) months immediately preceding the date of the expiry of this Agreement (June 30, 2025) or immediately preceding the last day of June in any year thereafter, by written notice, to require the other party to the Agreement to commence collective bargaining.
- 22:2 Should either party give written notice as aforesaid, this Agreement shall thereafter continue in full force and effect and neither party shall make any changes in the terms of the said Agreement (or increase or decrease the rate of pay of any employee for whom collective bargaining is being conducted or alter any other terms or conditions of employment) until:
- 22:2.1 the Union shall give notice of strike (or goes on strike), or
- 22:2.2 the Board shall give notice of lock-out (or the Board shall lock out its employees), or 22:2.3 the parties shall conclude a renewal or revision of this Agreement, or enter into a new collective agreement, whichever is the earliest.
- 22:3 Should any statute or regulation render any part of this Agreement null and void, the remainder of the terms of the Agreement shall continue in effect and in that event, or in the event that legislation or regulation substantially alters the operation or effect of any provision of this Agreement, the parties agree that they will meet forthwith to negotiate in good faith modifications to the Agreement which will achieve the original intent of the Agreement to the fullest extent legally possible.

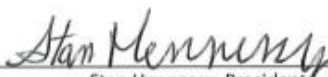
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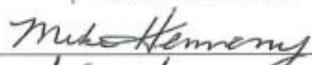
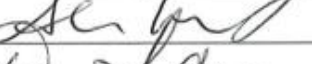


FOR THE BOARD:



 Shirley Wilson, Trustee
 The Board of Education of
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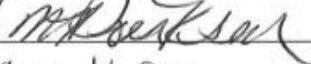



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FOR THE UNION:


 Stan Hennessy, President
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 Lance Matricardi, Business Representative
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SUBJECT: Administrative Support, Education Assistant, Youth Care Worker, Indigenous Support Worker Posting Procedure

The Parties agree to the following:

Administrative Support

In the event an Administrative Support position is increased by more than 10% of the original posted FTE, the position must be posted.

Education Assistant, Youth Care Worker & Indigenous Support Worker

At the discretion of the Board, an Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/Indigenous Support Worker hour of work may be increased during the course of the school year, with no requirement to post.

Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/Indigenous Support Worker positions created after the commencement of the school year will be filled by a Casual/Extended Service Casual Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/Indigenous Support Worker, subject to the provisions of Article 11:4.

Article 8:6.5 applies to a Casual/Extended Service Casual Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/Indigenous Support Worker whose status has changed to a "regular" employee pursuant to this Letter of Understanding, but who does not hold a posted position as of the commencement of the following school year.

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SUBJECT: Apprenticeship Program

The parties agree to the establishment of an Apprenticeship Program wherein the following provisions shall apply:

1. Position Establishment
 - a. the Board shall determine the specific Job Classification for participation in the Apprenticeship Program.
 - b. the Board shall determine the level required for the apprenticeship based on the specific Job Classification, and the operational needs of the District.

2. Selection Criteria: Industry Training Authority Qualifications
 - a. the applicant must meet standard Industry Training Authority entrance qualifications
 - b. the applicant must meet specifics for classification applied for
 - c. the applicant must meet entry level equivalency as determined by the Board and established by the Apprenticeship Board
 - d. the applicant must successfully pass the self-examination as established by the Industry Training Authority.

3. Selection Criteria: The Board of Education of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

4. Funding: New FTE Budget Approved Position and/or Positions Created through Attrition
 - a. newly created positions will be posted and filled in accordance with the job posting language contained in the current Collective Agreement
 - b. newly created positions will be open to all classifications
 - c. applicants will submit a letter advising why they are applying for the Apprenticeship Program.

5. Funding Departmental Restructuring

- a. in the event the Board restructures existing classifications to create an apprenticeship position, the Apprenticeship positions will be posted and filled in accordance with the job posting language contained in the current Collective Agreement
- b. such positions will be open to employees from that department only.

6. Wages

- a. internal candidates will be paid the General Maintenance rate (hired prior to Oct. 24, 1994) for the duration of the Apprenticeship Program
- b. external candidates will be placed on the sliding scale apprenticeship rate of pay as established by the Industry Training Authority.

7. Course Work

- a. leave of absence, without pay, will be approved by the Board for all classroom time required
- b. employee to seek unemployment insurance benefits while attending school
- c. the Board will arrange for the continuation of all benefits, except disability benefits, while attending school (disability benefits recommence upon the employee's return to work).

8. Course Materials

- a. the employee agrees to cover the cost of all textbooks and course materials required for their participation in the Apprenticeship Program
- b. upon successful completion of each course as established by the Industry Training Authority, the employee may approach the Board for textbook and materials cost sharing.

9. Placement Upon Completion of Apprenticeship Program

- a. where an employee receives they trades qualification for a specified job classification, and there is no approved budgeted position available, the employee will:
 - i. be placed in the least senior position in the job classification the employee held prior to participation in the Apprenticeship Program
 - ii. maintain the General Maintenance rate of pay (hired prior to Oct. 24, 1994)
- b. where an employee is in an Apprenticeship Program and there are staff reductions, the apprentice will be placed in the least senior position in the job classification the employee held prior to participation in the Apprenticeship Program and be paid in accordance with the collective agreement for that position
- c. where an external hire employee is in an Apprenticeship Program and there are staff reductions, Article 11:1 Layoff-General would apply.

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SUBJECT: Banding

Effective July 1, 2019, all positions will be placed into bands as per the attached Schedules and employees' wage rates will be adjusted to reflect the median rate for the band in which their position is placed. Employees who are currently paid a wage rate that exceeds the median rate for the band in which their position is placed will maintain their current (higher) wage rate and receive general wage increases.

Effective July 1, 2019, all job postings will reflect the median rate for the position. Should an employee who is currently paid a wage rate that exceeds the median rate for the band in which their position is placed post into a different position, the employee will be paid the median rate for the band of their new position (i.e. rate noted on the job posting).

All Job Content Reviews (JCR) submitted prior to September 5, 2019 will proceed according to current practice and the LOU – Job Content Review (JCR) Maintenance Agreement. Should the outcome of the JCR process result in a wage increase, the wage increase will be implemented retroactive to the date that the JCR was submitted. No JCR's will be accepted after September 4, 2019.

The LOU – Job Content Review (JCR) Maintenance Agreement will be removed from the collective agreement and replaced with a new article outlining a classification review process which will be effective the date of ratification.

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SUBJECT: Bus Driver Short Notice Extension of Shift

Due to the nation-wide shortage of school bus drivers, The Parties agree to the following effective July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2025, then to be reviewed. This agreement is on a without prejudice or precedent basis:

1. Bus drivers who are interested in being assigned a short notice extension of shift, beyond their regular shift end time, may sign up in the transportation office.
2. Bus drivers who sign up as per #1 above, will be assigned by who has the earliest final stop location end time, in seniority order.
3. Bus drivers who are assigned a short notice extension of shift will be paid a minimum of one (1) hour at time and one half (1 ½) their regular hourly rate of pay. If the extension of shift is longer than one (1) hour, which is deemed reasonable by the Transportation Manager, the bus driver will be paid time and one half (1 ½) their regular hourly rate of pay for the remaining amount of time worked.

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SUBJECT: Busing/General Maintenance Pilot

The following pilot for the Busing/General Maintenance positions have been agreed to as follows:

1. The pilot positions will be posted internally on May 24, 2022, the positions will start July 2, 2022.
2. The pilot positions will end June 30, 2023. The pilot will be reviewed by May 15, 2023, to determine if the positions will become permanent or if the positions will be discontinued.
3. If the positions become permanent, they will be regular continuing 12-month positions, therefore these positions would not be posted on an annual basis, (as we do not post other regular continuing 12-month positions on an annual basis).
4. The successful incumbents will not have access to equalization (this will be included in the posting).
5. If there is only one person needed either on the early or late shift the most senior incumbent on that shift will be dispatched for busing (this will be included on the posting).
6. There will be two separate pilot postings: Monday to Friday from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM ("morning shift") and Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ("afternoon shift").
7. During summer, winter and spring breaks these positions will work in General Maintenance (this will be included in the posting).
8. If an incumbent wants to move back to just busing they will have to post out and apply for a busing position during a mini bid or during the annual bid (this will be included in the posting).
9. The earlier shift incumbents will know by approximately 7:00am M-F, if they are needed for busing, if not, they will report to the supervisor in General Maintenance. The later shift incumbents will know by approximately 12:00pm M-F, if they are needed for busing, if not, they will report to the supervisor of General Maintenance. There may be times when a bus driver is needed to cover a last minute PM route wherein the most senior incumbent will return to transportation department to cover the regular run (this will be included in the posting).
10. If Pro D is a bus washing day, the incumbents will work in General Maintenance for the day. If Pro Dis training, then the incumbents will stay for the training in busing and will return to the General Maintenance position once the training has ended (this will be included in the posting).
11. If the successful incumbents are in the busing pension plan, they will remain in the busing pension plan (this will be included in the posting).
12. These positions will also assist delivery drivers with moves and deliveries if/when required.
13. The rate of pay when working in both positions will be the busing rate of pay \$25.81.

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Subject: Casual to Regular Custodian Vacation Entitlement

The Parties agree to the following:

The following formula will be utilized to determine vacation entitlement for Custodians transitioning from casual to regular employee.

The process for calculating the Custodian's vacation entitlement date is as follows:

1. 2080 hours is the maximum regular annual hours for a full-time custodian position;
2. Casual Custodians receive 4% in lieu of stats per year (96 hours per year);
3. Casual Custodians receive 4% in lieu of vacation time off (80 hours per year);
4. 2080 hours less 168 hours (less 96 hours for stats and 80 hours for vacation) = 1904. This is the annual hours to use to calculate vacation years;
5. Determine regular hours worked for the year and divide it by 1912 hours to determine vacation years;
6. Use the vacation years to determine new vacation entitlement date by counting backwards using a calendar from the regular status date.

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SUBJECT: Classification: "Education Assistant – Limited Placement"

An Education Assistant – Limited Placement is assigned to work with students whose medical or behavioural needs can't be met by an Education Assistant in any other category listed in Schedule A.4. If the student is absent for more than one (1) consecutive day, the employee does not attend the workplace. If the assigned student moves to a different school in the district, the Education Assistant – Limited may follow the child to the new school.

Layoff

If the child moves out of the school district, the position will be discontinued at the date of the child's withdrawal from the school district. If, at any time in the school year, it is determined by the student's care team that an Education Assistant – Limited is no longer necessary, the employee shall receive notice of layoff.

Education Assistants – Limited who are not deemed qualified for alternate positions at the time of layoff are not eligible to recall rights per Article 11:8.1.2.

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SUBJECT: Classifications & Levels of Classifications: Application to the Bumping Provisions in Article 11

Whereas the Parties have mutually agreed that it is in both Parties’ interests to clarify the bumping processes outlined in the Collective Agreement (the “Agreement”);

And Whereas the Parties have mutually agreed that the definitions of “classification” and “levels of classification” and how they will be identified in applying the bumping processes in Article 11 of the Agreement are in need of clarification;

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. This Letter of Understanding shall be incorporated into and form part of this Agreement. It will be used solely for the purposes of interpreting and applying the bumping processes outlined in Articles 11:2.1, 11:3.1 and 11:4.5 of the Agreement. In particular, the Parties acknowledge that this Letter of Understanding is meant to supplement the bumping provisions set out in Article 11 of the Agreement. However, the Parties agree that in the event there is found to be any inconsistency between the provisions contained in this Letter of Understanding and the provisions set out in Articles 11:2.1, 11:3.1 and/or 11:4.5 of the Agreement, then the provisions contained in this Letter of Understanding shall prevail.
2. The attached Schedules “A.1”, “A.2”, “A.3”, “A.4”, “A.5” and “A.6” (**See SCHEDULES: CLASSIFICATIONS**) will be used to identify the “classifications” and “levels of classifications”, respectively, referred to in applying the bumping provisions in Article 11 of the Agreement.
3. For purposes of interpreting the bumping provisions in Article 11 only, the terms “classification” and “level of classification” shall be interpreted as follows:
 - a. “Classification” shall be the general category into which a particular position falls and will be as designated in bold type in the attached Schedules;
 - b. “Level of Classification” shall refer to the particular categorization of positions within each classification. Positions within each classification shall be designated a certain numerical grade as set forth in the attached Schedules. Positions with the same number will be considered to be

at the current level of classification, and positions with each successively lower number will denote positions at the next lower level of classification. A classification with only one position shall be in bold type and shall be its own level of classification.

4. For bumping purposes, employees filling positions or possessing multiple postings with more than one (1) level shall be deemed to have the level that takes up the largest portion of their time.
5. The Parties agree that the following two (2) steps shall be applied in the bumping process immediately before the step whereby an employee is required by the applicable provision in Article 11 to bump into another classification in a different Schedule, if qualified.
 - a. If an employee cannot bump anyone in their current level or the next lower level of their classification, they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their classification, if qualified; and
 - b. If an employee cannot bump anyone in their classification, they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their Schedule, if qualified.
6. It is agreed that an employee must be able to meet any trade qualification or language proficiency in order to bump into a position requiring such trade qualification or language proficiency.
7. In the event that an Education Assistant is laid off in accordance with this Agreement:
 - a. they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current position within their current level of classification, who has the same or greater FTE;
 - b. if option (a) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification, who has the same or greater FTE, if qualified;
 - c. if option (b) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current position within their current level of classification, whose FTE is closest;
 - d. if option (c) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in their current level of classification, whose FTE is closest, if qualified;
 - e. if option (d) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their current classification, who has the same or greater FTE, if qualified;
 - f. if option (e) is not possible, then they shall bump the most junior employee, who possesses less seniority, in the next lower level of their current classification, whose FTE is closest, if qualified.

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SUBJECT: Classification Levels for Education Assistant Job Family

WHEREAS:

1. The Union presented its Bargaining Proposals, for the renewal of the 2019-2022 Collective Agreement between the Parties, to the Board on May 17, 2022.
2. Proposal #10 of the Union's May 17, 2022 Bargaining Proposals is entitled "Job Classification description in agreement EAs and Indigenous Support Workers (ISW)".
3. The Parties have agreed to refer the Union's Proposal #10 to a Working Group to consider the classification levels for Education Assistants (EAs) employed by the Board.

NOWHEREFORE the Parties have agreed to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Parties agree to establish an EA Classification Levels Working Group (the "Working Group"), which shall be comprised of up to four (4) representatives appointed by the Board and up to four (4) representatives appointed by the Union.
2. The topics to be considered by the Working Group shall include:
 - a. The strengths and weaknesses associated with the current classification levels for EAs employed by the Board;
 - b. The potential revisions of the current classification levels for EAs employed by the Board; and
 - c. The potential service delivery impacts which may arise from any proposed revisions to the classification levels for EAs employed by the Board.
3. The Working Group shall report its findings, and any non-binding recommendations, to the Board and the Union within one (1) year from the date of the ratification of the 2022-2025 Collective Agreement, or such later date as may be mutually agreed to by the Parties. In the event that any recommendations made by the Working Group are approved by both the Board and the Union, the Parties may agree to have the approved recommendation(s) implemented during the term of the 2022-2025 Collective Agreement.

- a. Employees appointed by the Union to the Working Group shall be granted leave of absence without loss of regular pay for the periods of time spent attending meetings of the Working Group during their regularly scheduled hours of work.

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SUBJECT: Contracting Out

In order to provide job security for the members of the bargaining unit, the Board confirms that during the life of the Collective Agreement, it intends to maintain its current practice of having work currently performed by existing employees continue to be performed by those existing employees. This is with the recognition that the Board has the right to employ services/companies or organizations where deemed necessary by the Board.

Circumstances which may necessitate the use of outside services/companies or organizations include, but are not limited to:

1. where specialized equipment or expertise is deemed necessary, or
2. in the event of an unanticipated or emergent situation.

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SUBJECT: Custodial Area Formulas and Custodial Posting Requirements

Custodial positions will be posted in accordance with the following area formula.

Area Formulas

Workload factors used in this formula are as follows:

1. Area in square meters
 - a. Secondary school = 2,350 square meters
 - b. Middle school = 2,150 square meters
 - c. Elementary school = 1,950 square meters
2. Portables will be considered to be 135 square meters each
3. The square meters of portable complexes will be added to the school's square meters.

The custodial area formula is based on:

1. (Square meters + square meters of the number of portables = FTE)

If the Board increases the above area formula(s), the Board will simultaneously reduce the service level in direct relation to the increase in area size (e.g. area formula increases by 10% = level of service decreases by 10%).

Posting Requirements

1. Changes in location caused by the operational requirements of the Board shall be posted.
2. Adjustments of two (2) or more hours shall be posted (e.g. a 6 hour location A and 2 hour location B becomes a 4 hour location A and 4 hour location B = posting).
3. Permanent changes of shift shall be posted (e.g. afternoon shift to day shift).

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SUBJECT: Emergency Services

The Parties agree to clarify the provisions for Emergency Services detailed below:

LEVEL 1

ALL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES, except those designated as emergency services personnel. Emergency services personnel who cannot attend their regular place of work due to unsafe conditions must contact their supervisor.

LEVEL 2

ALL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED. Employees who cannot attend their regular place of work due to unsafe work conditions can attend an alternate work site closest to their home upon contacting their supervisor.

LEVEL 3

A SCHOOL OR SOME SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED. Employees who cannot attend their regular place of work due to unsafe work conditions can attend an alternate work site closest to their home upon contacting their supervisor.

LEVEL 4

A SCHOOL OR SOME SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES. All employees at those sites should not attend work except for emergency services personnel. Emergency services personnel who cannot attend their regular place of work due to unsafe work conditions must contact their supervisor.

Compensation

LEVEL 1

Employees who have been called for emergency services duties on a regularly scheduled work day shall be provided with their regular rate of pay, or the General Maintenance rate of pay, whichever is higher, as well as equivalent time off. For example: an employee who is called in for emergency duties on Tuesday November 3, 2018 from 7:00am to 3:30pm shall receive their regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours as well as receive eight (8) hours of time off – to be scheduled and taken prior to June 30 of the following year or paid out by June 30 of the following year.

Regular support staff employees (including those employees working in a UFN position) will be paid their regular rate of pay. Casual employees who are not in a UFN position, but are dispatched daily, will not be paid.

LEVEL 2 & 3

Regular support staff employees (including those employees working in a UFN position) who do not attend work at their regular work site or alternate site, will not be paid. Casual employees who are not in a UFN position, but are dispatched daily, will not be paid. Employees who have been called for emergency services duties on a regularly scheduled work day shall be provided with their regular rate of pay.

LEVEL 4

Regular support staff employees (including those employees working in a UFN position) will be paid at those locations closed to students and employees. Casual employees who are not in a UFN position, but are dispatched daily will not be paid. Employees who have been called for emergency services duties on a regularly scheduled work day shall be provided with their regular rate of pay, or the General Maintenance rate of pay, whichever is higher, as well as equivalent time off. For example: an employee who is called in for emergency duties on Tuesday November 3, 2018 from 7:00am to 3:30pm shall receive their regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours as well as receive eight (8) hours of time off – to be scheduled and taken prior to June 30 of the following year or paid out by June 30 of the following year.

Regular employees who have been called for emergency services duties on a day of rest (typically Saturdays and/or Sundays) shall be provided with the applicable overtime as per Collective Agreement Article 13:2.

Other than General Maintenance/Grounds employees, and Schedule A.1 employees, all other regular employees in this bargaining unit shall notify the Director of Facilities and Transportation, or designate, by October 1 of each year that they are available for emergency duties for the upcoming school term.

Hours of Work Change

During emergency situations, employees shall only require an eight (8) hour rest period between the next shift.

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OF THE SECOND PART

SUBJECT: Hiring Individuals with Special Needs

The Parties agree to hire individuals with special needs as follows:

1. Special Assistant positions may be created at the discretion of the District.
2. It is agreed that a maximum of six (6) casual positions may be created at one time.
3. Individuals will be given a work schedule with a maximum of twelve (12) hours per week. The positions will be filled as casual status and will remain as casual status.
4. The rate of pay for all positions in this program will be \$17.50/hour + 8% in lieu of statutory and non-statutory benefits. All positions in this program are excluded from Article 10 – Seniority and Article 11 – Layoff and Recall.
5. The hourly rate of pay for this program will be reviewed annually by the Board and the Union.
6. Individuals in this program will be subject to Article 5 – Probationary Period.
7. Individuals in this program will work under the general supervisor of Teamsters Local 31 employees, as determined by the Board.
8. During the first five (5) shifts worked by a new Special Assistant, any staff who are scheduled to work with that Special Assistant to provide support, assistance and training as required, will be paid the Training Allowance premium for the hours worked with the Special Assistant. After the first five (5) shifts, staff who are scheduled to work with the Special Assistant will be paid the **Leadhand Allowance** per hour worked with the Special Assistant.
9. Individuals in this program shall become members of the Teamsters Local Union 31 and will pay
10. \$20.00/month for union dues to the Teamsters Local 31 Union, and will have the union initiation fees waived.
11. No Teamsters Local 31 Union support staff (regular or casual) will be displaced or have their hours of work reduced as a result of this program.
12. The Board reserves the right to end one or more of the Special Assistant positions or the entire program at any time, or recruit and fill a vacant position(s) with new individuals.

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SUBJECT: Instructional Support Staff Posting Process

This LOU applies to Education Assistants and Youth Care Workers. Articles 11.4 and 11.6 apply with the addition of the following:

Staffing Process:

After the completion of the current school year until September 30th, the Board will post every vacancy since the commencement of the previous school year and every newly created position that has not been previously subject to the posting procedure. Education Assistants and Youth Care Workers, who are the successful applicant to a vacant posted position, are not eligible to bid on another posting for the balance of the school year, unless the vacated position is an increase in FTE or a higher classification.

Education Assistant, Youth Care Worker, and Itinerant Youth Care Worker positions shall only be posted from the completion of the school year until September 30th. Postings from the completion of the school year until August 20th will be posted for a duration of 7 days, postings from August 20th until September 30th will be posted for two days (excluding weekends). Successful candidates will commence work in the position immediately, and previous positions backfilled with a casual employee. The postings are exempt from any other posting language in the Collective Agreement.

Any position vacated due to retirement, resignation or termination of employment between October 1 and April 30 will be posted no later than May 15. Commencement into the position will begin the following school year. Should the position be reduced or eliminated prior to the occupation of the position, the employee shall remain in the former position held. Employees awarded a position in the May 15 round shall not be prohibited from participating in the summer posting procedure.

Layoff Process:

The least senior employee within the job classification at a school site shall receive the notice of layoff. Should the reduction of staff at the school site be adjusted prior to September 30, the layoff shall be rescinded.

Instructional Support Staff issued layoff can post for vacant positions.

Should the employee post into a position prior to the end of August, the layoff is deemed resolved. If an employee does not post into a vacant position, they will receive information about their bumping position/location in the last week of August.

School Reassignment Process:

A School Reassignment process will be conducted prior to the May 15 posting round for Education Assistants and Youth Care Workers posted to a school.

When a regular Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker has been issued layoff notice, and there is a continuing or one-year temporary vacancy at the same school, in an equal or lower classification with an equal or lower FTE, which they are qualified for, the vacancy will be offered to the laid off employee as a School Reassignment. If the employee accepts the School Reassignment, their employment will be deemed to have been made whole.

Employees who have been issued layoff notice and accept a one-year temporary vacancy in the School Reassignment process, will be deemed made whole for the school year, and the staffing/layoff/reassignment process outlined above will apply in the following school year. While working in the temporary position, the employee's benefits will continue.

Employees choosing School Reassignment shall not be prohibited from participating in posting rounds.

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SUBJECT: Job Descriptions

The Board shall notify all affected employees if the Board updates or changes a Job Description for the position which the employee holds, with a copy to the Union.

All current Job Descriptions shall be forwarded to the Union by **December 20, 2022**.

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SUBJECT: Pay Equity

The parties agree that this Letter of Understanding forms part of the Collective Agreement and is in force accordingly:

1. The parties are committed to the principle of "equal pay for work of equal value" (pay equity) regardless of gender.
2. The parties agree that if any pay equity funds become available from any appropriate source, they will jointly apply for, and work cooperatively toward the securing of, such funding and apply same according to their commitment.
3. In the event that such funding is secured, any disagreement over how such funding is to be allocated shall be settled by the arbitration provisions in this Agreement.

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SUBJECT: Posting and Assignment of Bus Driver Work

This Letter of Understanding shall be appended to and form part of the Collective Agreement in effect between the Parties and shall continue to be in effect for the life of the Collective Agreement.

Where there is a conflict between the terms and conditions specified in this Letter of Understanding and any other Article in this Collective Agreement, the terms and conditions specified in this Letter of Understanding shall prevail.

"Bid Day" Board

1. Prior to the commencement of the school year, the Board shall determine the number of regular bus driving routes (referred to as "regular routes") required for the upcoming school year.
2. For each "regular route", the Board shall determine and specify the following:
 - a. Straight or split shift;
 - b. Start and end times for each shift and, if a split shift, the start and end times for each segment;
 - c. School(s) serviced by the route, including identification as elementary, middle and secondary;
 - d. Identification of wheelchair equipped bus used on the route;
 - e. "paid for hours" for the route - no "regular route" will have fewer than five (5) "paid for hours" in a day;
 - f. Route number.
3. Bus drivers shall be provided the opportunity to preview all the available "regular routes" for at least three (3) calendar days prior to "bid day".
4. The Board shall hold a meeting (referred to as "bid day"), at a facility designated by the Board, within the week prior to the commencement of the school year (and immediately following the final day of preview), at which time bus drivers will have the opportunity to select a "regular route", either in person or by "proxy".

5. The Board shall make every effort to provide the date, time and location of the “bid day” meeting for the following school year prior to the completion of the current school year in June. In the event the Board is unable to provide the information prior to the completion of the school year, a notice of the meeting date, time and location will be mailed to each bus driver employee’s last known address no later than the last day in July.

“Bid Day” Drivers

6. On “bid day”, in order of seniority, a driver will indicate the following:
 - a. they choice of a “regular route”;
 - b. whether or not they wants to be assigned “kindergarten work”;
 - c. whether or not they wants to be part of the “equalization pool”.
7. A driver must indicate they choices in writing on the lists provided for this purpose by the Board.
8. In the event a driver is not present in person on “bid day”, they may indicate they choices for “regular”, “kindergarten” and “equalization” work by written or telephone proxy, provided:
 - a. a written proxy is received by the Board prior to “bid day”; or,
 - b. if by telephone proxy, prior to “bid day” and to the person(s) designated by the Board to receive the information.
9. In the event that a driver does not attend “bid day” in person, the following shall apply:
 - a. when it is that driver’s turn to select their choices, the Board will apply the choice indicated by that driver’s written or telephone proxy; or
 - b. in the event that the driver is not present and has not left a written or telephone proxy, or they have left a written or telephone proxy but none of the choices indicated by proxy are available when it is their turn to bid, the Board will assign the driver as follows:
 - i. if the “regular route” held by the driver the previous year has not yet been taken, the driver will be assigned that route (provided the route has not been “substantially changed” for the previous year); or,
 - ii. in the event the previous year’s route is not available or has “substantially changed”, the driver will be assigned an available route that is similar to the previous year’s route in terms of “paid for hours” and wheelchair or regular bus, with the primary consideration given to the similarity in “paid for hours”.
10. For the purpose of 9(b)(i) and (ii) above only, “substantial change” means any change of plus or minus thirty (30) minutes of “paid for hours” per week or six (6) minutes per day to a “regular route” OR any change to the type of equipment required OR any change to the type of school(s) serviced.

“Bid Day” General

11. a. If a current employee, who has not previously worked for the Board in the bus driver classification, intends to bid into the bus driver classification through the posting procedure outlined in this Letter of

Understanding, it is the responsibility of the employee to contact the Human Resources Department for the purpose of establishing, prior to “bid day” or “mini-bid day”, that the employee is qualified.

b. An employee intending to exercise their rights under paragraph 11(a) herein must advise the Human Resources Department, in writing, no later than twenty-eight (28) calendar days prior to “bid day” or “mini-bid day”.

12. Any posted “regular route” that is not signed on bid day by a “regular employee” will be awarded to the Casual/Extended Service Casual (ESC) driver(s) in accordance with their ESC date and the employee will have their employee status changed to “regular employee” in accordance with the applicable Articles of the Collective Agreement.
13. Any Casual/ESC employee who has their employee status changed to “regular employee” as the result of the procedures outlined in this Letter of Understanding, is still subject to the “probationary” and “trial period” language, if applicable, contained in the Collective Agreement.
14. On the preview days, the Board will make available for perusal all driver proxies received to that point in time.

“Mini-Bid Day”

15. When a “regular route” becomes “vacant” or a new “regular route” is created by the Board, the Board shall post the work as soon as possible and issue a notice of posting seven (7) calendar days prior to the “mini-bid day”.
16. The posting shall contain the same information as required on “bid day” posting.
17. On the notice of posting, the Board will identify the date, time and location of the “mini-bid day”.
18. The Board will provide an opportunity for a three (3) calendar days preview of the work to be posted.
19.
 - a. On “mini-bid day”, the work will first be assigned, if applicable, to any bus driver being made whole in accordance with Article 20:3.4.
 - b. After work has been assigned in accordance with paragraph 19(a) herein, if applicable, the resulting “vacancy” and any subsequent “vacancy” will be awarded to the senior qualified applicant.
 - c. A bus driver participating in a “mini-bid day” must make their selection in accordance with their seniority and cannot defer their right to bid until a later time in the process.
20. The work previously performed by the successful applicant will automatically be deemed “vacant” and subject to immediate posting and awarding.
21. The process outlined in paragraphs 19(b) and 20 herein will be repeated until there are no more applicants from amongst the “regular employees” to fill a “vacancy”.
22. The final “vacancy” will be awarded to a Casual/ESC based upon their ESC date and the ESC employee will have their employee status changed to “regular employee” forthwith, provided they have satisfied the requirement of Article 5 – Probationary Period.

“Standing Default Proxy”

23. For the purpose of this Letter of Understanding, a “standing default proxy” is a written authorization from a bus driver to be awarded a “regular route” that has more “paid for hours” than they current “regular route” posting.
24. The only criterion for change a driver can list on they “standing default proxy” is the amount of change in “paid for hours” from their current “regular route” necessary to activate their “standing default proxy”. (Example: a driver would indicate on their “standing default proxy” that they do not want to bid on an available route if the difference in “paid for hours” is less than 30 minutes per week. If a “regular route” becomes available with only a 20 minute difference in “paid for hours” for the week, the driver’s “standing default proxy” will not be considered and the driver will remain on their current “regular route”.
25. In the event that a bus driver is not available on a designated “mini-bid day”, for any reason, they will only be allowed to exercise their right to bid if they have filed a “standing default proxy” with the Board.
26. In the event that a bus driver is not available on the “mini-bid day”, for any reason, and they have filed a “standing default proxy” and is the next senior bus driver eligible to bid, the Board will award an available “regular route” to the absent bus driver if, and only if, the available “regular route” meets the criteria of the “standing default proxy”.
27. A driver can only file a “standing default proxy” with the Board on “bid day” or upon becoming a “regular employee”, on a form provided for this purpose by the Board, and they can only change the conditions of the proxy when they change their “regular route” or at the beginning of the school year.
28. A “standing default proxy” is only valid for work available on a “mini-bid day” and is not valid on “bid day”.

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SUBJECT: Potential Increase to the Funding provided to the Board for the Learning Improvement Fund

WHEREAS:

1. It is anticipated that the Provincial Government may increase the level of Learning Improvement Fund ("LIF") provided to School Districts in the 2023-2024 School Year.
2. During the negotiations for the renewal of the 2019-2022 Collective Agreement, the Parties reached agreement with respect to how to allocate any additional LIF funding that the Board may receive from the Provincial Government in the 2023-2024 School Year.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties have agreed to the following terms and conditions:

3. The Parties agree to allocate any increased funding received by the Board from the Provincial Government in the 2023-2024 School Year so as to increase the number of regular hours to be worked by some Education Assistant (EA) positions which are currently scheduled to work five and one-half (5 ½) hours per day, as specified in paragraph #2 below.
4. The Parties have agreed, insofar as the available increased LIF funding to the Board by the Provincial Government in the 2023-2024 School Year would permit, to have the following EA positions posted for more than five and one-half (5 ½) hours, up to seven (7) hours, per day.
 - a. At each Elementary School – 1 or 2 EA positions; and
 - b. At each Middle School – 1 EA position.
5. The Parties agree that the EA Classification Levels Working Group shall be responsible for recommending to the Board and the Union how any available increased LIF funding provided to the Board by the Provincial Government in the 2023-2024 School Year shall be allocated among the potential EA positions as specified in paragraph #2 above.
6. The continuation of the increased hours for the EA positions, as implemented pursuant to paragraphs #2 and #3 above, shall remain in effect beyond the 2023-2024 School Year for as long as the Board

continues to receive the increased amount of the LIF funding from the Provincial Government or until the Parties mutually agree otherwise, whichever occurs first.

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SUBJECT: Professional Development

Effective July 1, 2024, the Parties agree to allocate \$80,000 to professional development and/or an increase to the number of regular hours to be worked by some Education Assistant (EA) positions which are currently scheduled to work five and one-half (5 ½) hours per day, as mutually agreed to by the Parties.

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SUBJECT: Recovery of Overpayments

The parties agree that:

1. Where an error results in a shortage of gross pay greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) the error shall be corrected within three business days.
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2. Where an error results in an employee receiving an overpayment of gross pay in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the Board shall recover the overpayment in installments not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per two-week pay period, unless:
 - a. the employee agrees to a greater installment amount, or
 - b. the employment is terminated, in which case the Board shall be entitled to recover the remainder of the overpayment from any amounts owing to the employee.

Where it is not possible, due to legal or fiscal requirements, to meet the provisions set out above, the parties shall meet to discuss payment schedules.

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SUBJECT: Restructuring of Library Technicians

The following re-structuring of the Library Technicians has been agreed to:

1. All regular/continuing Library Technicians will be laid off from their current positions effective July 9, 2022. The lay-off letter and options forms will be sent via email to all regular/continuing Library Technicians on May 24, 2022.
2. The new positions will be provided to all Library Technicians for preview on May 24 to 30, 2022. The new positions will not be posted. The laid off Library Technicians will choose which new position they want by means of a selection/bid process which will occur on May 30, 2022, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at CORE, by order of seniority. Employees who are successful in a bid for a new position cannot drop any portion(s) of the new position as the new positions are deemed one (1) regular/continuing position. The new positions will take effect on August 29, 2022.
3. There are four (4) new part-time positions that are thirteen (13) hours per week. When any of these part-time positions are permanently vacated, they will be posted as temporary until another thirteen (13) hour per week Library Technician position becomes permanently vacant, at which time the two (2) positions will be posted as one (1) continuing/regular position.
4. Any regular/continuing Library Technicians cannot drop their regular/continuing position to post into one of the temporary positions as listed in #4 above.
5. There are currently no job-sharing opportunities available for Library Technicians.
6. The Board agrees to continue benefits up to August 31, 2022, for the Library Technicians who did not have the opportunity to bid on the new positions due to the restructuring decrease in two (2) positions and their seniority.
7. If an employee chooses not to bid/accept a new position, they will need to advise Human Resources, via email, by 4:00pm June 1, 2022, if they are retiring, resigning or transferring to casual status.

8. When a Library Technician position becomes vacant the position will be posted as per Article 3 - Job Postings.

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SUBJECT: Service Improvement Fund

Teamsters Local 31 and School District # 34 (Abbotsford) Service Improvement Allocation (SIA) funding outlined in item 3 of the Provincial Framework Agreement is \$246,600 annually, which will commence July 1, 2020.

The parties agree to use the SIA on the following items:

1. \$209,800 for a 2% Labour Market Adjustment to Education Assistant Level 1 positions commencing July 1, 2020;
2. \$27,000 for a 2% Labour Market Adjustment to Bus Driver positions and Delivery Driver positions commencing July 1, 2020; and
3. Remaining funds will be allocated to a professional development fund.

The District is under no obligation to expend more than the SIA allocation of \$246,600 per year.

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SUBJECT: Strong Start Facilitators

The Parties agree as follows as it relates to the employment of the Strong Start Facilitators:

1. In recognition of the character of the Strong Start program, similar to recognition given to the district character of other programs and positions under the Collective Agreement, the Union and Board have agreed that in addition to the terms contained within Article 11 – Layoff and Recall Procedures, the terms of Schedule 1 will apply to the Strong Start Facilitator classification.
2. The daily operation of the Strong Start program does not mirror the K-12 education programs or the school day. The Union and the Board have agreed to recognize this in the application and administration of Article 12 – Hours of Work provisions of the Collective Agreement. The Parties agree to the hours and scheduling of work as in the attached Schedule 2.
3. The Union and the Board agree that this Letter of Understanding will continue until such time as the Union and the Board agree to terminate or amend the Letter of Understanding.

Schedule 1 - Layoff and Bumping

1. The regular layoff and bumping language within Article 11 will apply as per usual, except for the following locations where specific knowledge of the language and culture are essential:
 - a. Harry Sayers Elementary
 - b. Clearbrook Elementary

Schedule 2 – Hours of Operation

1. The Strong Start Centre may operate between Monday to Sunday, inclusive. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 12 – Hours of Work, the Parties agree that having regard to the unique nature of the role of the Strong Start Facilitator and the needs of the program, there is a requirement for flexibility in scheduling the hours of work from Monday to Sunday, with the Strong Start Facilitator taking two consecutive days off. Strong Start Facilitators may be scheduled under the hours of work as per Articles 12:2.2 and 12:2.3.

2. Work beyond forty (40) hours per week or eight (8) consecutive hours per day shall be deemed overtime. Where conditions necessitate overtime, and where the work is authorized, such overtime shall be paid for as specified within Article 13:2 Overtime.

Day Shift

1. Up to eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per week, exclusive of meal times for classifications included on the following schedules – Wages and Allowances:
 - a. A4: Strong Start

Afternoon Shift

2. Up to seven and one-half (7-1/2) hours per day, thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) hours per week, exclusive of meal times for classifications included on the following schedules:
 - a. A4: Strong Start

Strong Start Facilitator

1. Rest periods contemplated in Article 12:7 must be taken during times that will not interfere with the operation of the Strong Start Centre.

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SUBJECT: Article 17.1 Teamsters' National Pension Plan – Employee Pension Bi-Weekly Voluntary Contribution Rates

WHEREAS:

1. The Employer and the Union want to permit the Employer's employees who elected to remain in the Plan as of July 1, 2021 (the "Teamsters' Plan Employees") to make contributions to the Plan in order to enhance the pension that accrues in the Plan for those individuals going forward (as opposed to a top-up contribution);
2. The Employer and the Union agree that Teamsters' Plan Employees' contributions will be governed by this Letter of Understanding and the terms of the Plan as decided by the Board.

The Employer and the Union agree that, despite any contrary terms in the Collective Agreement and effective July 1, 2021:

1. By November 1, 2021, the Teamsters' Plan Employees will be given an option to elect to make mandatory contributions to the Plan which election will take effect once it can be processed by the Board of the Plan. An election by a Teamsters' Plan Employee to not make contributions to the Plan is irrevocable.
2. If a Teamsters' Plan Employee elects to make mandatory contributions to the Plan then:
 - a. The contribution rate will be fixed at \$2.00 per hour worked (with the hours determined using section 17:1.4.4 and Schedule A 7 of the Collective Agreement);
 - b. The Employer will remit the contributions to the Plan at the times set out in section 17:1.4.2 of the Collective Agreement;
 - c. Those contributions will be "contributions made on behalf of" the Teamsters' Plan Employee as that term is used in the Plan including to determine the pension benefit that accrued to the Teamsters' Plan;

- d. Those contributions are subject to the terms of the Plan as determined from the time by the Board of the Plan;
 - e. The Teamsters' Plan Employee can elect to become non-contributing by communicating the election to the Board and the Employer. Such decision will be irrevocable and will take effect when the Board of the Plan process the election.
3. Any employee of the Employer who is represented by the Union and who joins the Plan on or after July 1, 2021 will be given a one-time opportunity to contribute to the Plan on terms set out above and such individual will become a "Teamsters' Plan Employee" as that term is used in this Letter of Understanding.

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SUBJECT: Article 17.1 Teamsters' National Pension Plan

WHEREAS:

1. The Plan will no longer provide Credited Service to a member who is enrolled with the Municipal Pension Plan and not enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan.
2. The Employer and the Union wish to clarify the reporting obligations of the Employer with respect to employees enrolled in each of the Teamsters' National Pension Plan and the Municipal Pension Plan.

The Employer and the Union agree that effective July 1, 2021:

1. Despite Section 17:1.5.1 of the Collective Agreement the Employer's obligation to report absences to the Plan Administrator in the case of the following classes of employees will be as follows:
 - a. With respect to currently working employees who have elected to and have successfully enrolled in the Municipal Pension Plan, and not enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan, no reporting of lost hours is required;
 - b. With respect to currently working employees who have elected to remain enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan, no change is required with respect to reporting to the plan administrator pursuant to Article 17.1.5 with respect to employees absent due to disability or maternity/parental leave;
 - c. With respect to employees currently on leave who have elected to enroll in the Municipal Pension Plan, until they successfully enroll in the Municipal Pension Plan they remain enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan, and reporting will continue until they successfully enroll in the Municipal Pension Plan and cease to be enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan, no change is required with respect to reporting to the plan administrator pursuant to Article 17.1.5 with respect to employees absent due to disability or maternity/parental leave; and it is the intention of the Union that they shall continue to accrue service credits under the Teamsters' National Pension Plan until the employee is enrolled in the Municipal Pension Plan;

After the employee successfully enrolls in the Municipal Pension Plan, reporting pursuant to Article 17.1.5 will no longer be required with respect to that employee; and

- d. With respect to employees currently on disability leave who have elected to remain enrolled in the Teamsters' National Pension Plan, no change is required with respect to reporting to the plan administrator pursuant to Article 17.1.5 with respect to those employees' absence due to disability or maternity/parental leave.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 (ABBOTSFORD)

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Board")
OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 31

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Union")
OF THE SECOND PART

SUBJECT: Temporary General Maintenance Positions for Grass Cutting

For the 2002 grass cutting season and every subsequent year the Board undertakes grass cutting responsibilities, the Board shall fill available temporary General Maintenance positions in accordance with the following:

1. All qualified regular district employees shall be offered available temporary General Maintenance positions in order of overall seniority.
2. In the event that there are insufficient qualified regular district employees to fill available temporary General Maintenance positions, these positions will next be offered to all qualified Extended Service Casual employees, on the basis of their ESC date.
3. The grass cutting crew will be assigned from the General Maintenance group, based on past practice and their ability to do the work.
4. Where required, positions left vacant as a result of temporary transfers shall be filled by Extended Service Casuals. In the event that there are insufficient ESC casuals to fill the temporary vacancies, they will be filled by Casuals on an as-needed basis.
5. Regular employees accepting temporary General Maintenance positions as a result of grass cutting will not be prohibited from applying for posted vacancies, except as specified in Article 3 (Job Postings). Successful applicants will be awarded the positions at a date which coincides with the conclusion of the temporary General Maintenance assignment, at which time the Trial period will commence. Any exceptions to this condition shall be at the sole discretion of management. Should these employees not successfully post to other positions, they will return to their former positions at the end of the temporary General Maintenance assignments.
6. A regular employee, who is working in a temporary General Maintenance position, may be transferred back into their base position at any time due to operational requirements, subject to the following conditions:

7.
 - a. All available and qualified casual employees, in the Department where the regular employee's base position is located, will be working before the regular employee is transferred back to their base position.
 - b. The regular employee will continue to be compensated for the total hours of work of the temporary position and be paid at the rate of pay of the temporary General Maintenance position, or their regular rate of pay, whichever is greater, during the period of time that the regular employee is transferred back to their base position.
 - c. When the work for which they were transferred back to their position is completed, the regular employee will return to their temporary General Maintenance position.

The Parties acknowledge the desire of the Board to explore partnering arrangements with the City of Abbotsford (the "City") with respect to the grass cutting activities undertaken by each organization within the boundaries of the City of Abbotsford. The purpose of any partnering arrangements is to achieve mutual efficiencies through the rationalization of the overall grass cutting activities undertaken by the Board and the City. The Board confirms that any partnering arrangement with the City will not result in the reduction of grass cutting activities by the Board's employees.

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OF THE SECOND PART

SUBJECT: Theatre Technician

This Letter of Understanding shall be appended to and form part of the Collective Agreement in effect between the Parties and shall continue to be in effect for the life of the Collective Agreement.

Due to the unique operational requirements associated with the Theatre Technician position, and notwithstanding any provision in the Collective Agreement, the parties agree that the Theatre Assistant position will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The Theatre Technician position shall be classified as "Regular" twelve-month;
2. The Theatre Technician shall receive remuneration for forty (40) hours per week regardless of the actual hours worked;
3. In the event that the Theatre Technician commences work, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be paid or banked for that particular day;
4. Overtime shall be banked at straight time for utilization when no work is available at the Theatre. Overtime held in the "Vacation Overtime" bank shall not be paid out in accordance with Article 13:3.5 other than to ensure the provisions of item #2 above, and;
5. The Safety Footwear Allowance, Schedule "A.7" – entitled Wages and Allowances, shall be paid to the Theatre Technician.
6. Any hours worked on a statutory holiday will be paid in accordance with Article 13:2.6.2.

Any dispute not resolved arising out of the application and/or interpretation of this Letter of Understanding is grievable under the terms of Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.

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SUBJECT: "Trainee" Employees

The parties have mutually agreed that individual(s) being trained by the Board prior to placement on the casual list shall be considered employees. It is therefore agreed that when the Board determines that it is necessary to train individual(s), the following terms and conditions shall apply:

1. The trainee(s) shall be paid minimum wage as set out in the British Columbia Employment Standards.
2. Article 7:2.1 (Union Membership) and 7:3.1 (Dues Check Off) do not apply to the trainee(s).
3. The Board shall deduct a service fee, in the amount as directed by the Union, and submit the amount once a month to the Union.
4. Once a month, the Board shall supply a list of the individuals being trained to the Union.
5. The only provision of the Collective Agreement applicable to the trainees is Article 19 (Grievance Procedure).
6. Upon satisfactory completion of the training program, the trainee(s) shall be placed on the Casual employee list and shall be eligible for assignment in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

This Letter of Understanding shall be appended to the Collective Agreement in effect between the Parties and shall continue to be in effect for the life of the Agreement.

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SUBJECT: Training Allowance

It is agreed to provide a special allowance for employees providing in-service training for other District employees. Conditions for the payment of a training special allowance are as follows:

1. A trainer, when so designated by the District will receive a training allowance of ten percent (10%) of their regular hourly rate of pay for all time spent in the preparation for and the delivery of requested training. The length of time required for the preparation and delivery of training sessions must be pre-authorized by the Trainer's immediate supervisor. Overtime premiums are not payable on this allowance.
2. In normal circumstances it is expected that time spent preparing for training will be during normal working hours of the employee who has been designated as the Trainer.

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SUBJECT: Uniform Maintenance Allowance

1. Regular Bus Drivers:
 - a. A regular bus driver shall receive a yearly allowance in the amount of \$200.00 effective September 1 of each year for the purpose of cleaning, laundering, minor repairing, and providing similar services with respect to the upkeep of the uniform(s) provided by the Board.
 - b. The Board shall bear the expense of all necessary uniform fittings and alterations for any new uniform.
 - c. Said uniforms shall be maintained in accordance with District standards and shall be worn by employees at all times.
 - d. This allowance will be pro-rated for employee's commencing work or in this classification subsequent to September 1.
2. Mechanics:
 - a. Trades Mechanic and Mechanic Helper shall be provided with a uniform (coveralls).
 - b. Said uniform or apparel shall be maintained in accordance with District standards and shall be worn by employees at all times.
3. Uniform Requirement:
 - a. In the event of wear and tear of the uniform, the employee will be required to present the used article in order to obtain a replacement.
 - b. Subject to operational requirements and seasonal weather conditions, the required complement of uniform(s) shall be worn at all times at the discretion and flexibility of the employer/employee.

- c. A bus driver is required to wear the uniform designated by the employer (in any combination) at all times.

4. Uniform Allotment:

- a. 1 coat
- b. 1 pair of shorts
- c. 1 pair of pants
- d. 1 long/2 short-sleeve shirts
- e. 1 tie

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SUBJECT: Union Bargaining Committee – Article 16:1.1

The parties agree that the following terms and conditions apply to any leave of absence, with or without pay, for the purpose of contract negotiations:

1. The Union will provide the names of all Union employee committee members prior to the commencement of bargaining.
2. Bargaining dates and times will be mutually agreed between the Board and the Union prior to leave being granted. If, due to operational requirements as determined by the Board, any of the employees on the Union Bargaining Committee cannot be granted the leave of absence on any of the mutually agreed bargaining dates and times, the Union shall advise the Board whether:
 - a. the Union Bargaining Committee will nevertheless meet with the Board's committee on the mutually agreed to bargaining date(s) and time(s), or
 - b. the Union wants to re-schedule the bargaining date(s) and time(s).
3. All bargaining days will be comprised of eight (8) hours, unless otherwise mutually agreed.
4. Every Union bargaining committee employee will be compensated at his/her regular hourly rate of pay for eight (8) hours, regardless of his/her regular FTE. The Union and the Board can mutually agree to schedule four (4) hours and the Union bargaining committee employee will be compensated for only four (4) hours at his/her regular rate of pay.
5. A Union bargaining committee employee will make himself/herself available for work when a four (4) hour day is scheduled by the Board and the Union.
6. The Union may request bargaining committee employee(s) be made available for Union caucus and, when approval for time off for this purpose is granted by the Board, the leave of absence shall be without pay.

7. In the event that bargaining exceeds eight (8) hours when scheduled for a full day, every Union bargaining committee employee referred to in Article 16:1.1.1 shall be paid for all time worked at his/her regular hourly rate of pay, and the cost for wages in excess of eight (8) hours shall be borne equally between the Board and the Union.
8. When leave without pay is granted to an employee pursuant to Article 16:1.1.2 or paragraph 6 above, the Board agrees to pay the employee as per paragraphs 4 and 7 above. The Board shall then invoice the Union for reimbursement of the cost for wages paid to the employee while on the leave of absence.
9. For the purposes of Health and Welfare benefits, any Union bargaining committee employee who is unable to attend due to accident or illness will have access to the sick leave provisions of the Collective Agreement, including transition to the Weekly Indemnity benefit.
10. The employer will contribute to the Pension Plan for all applicable Union bargaining committee employees.
11. For the purposes of this Letter of Understanding, it is agreed that the “cost for wages” shall include:
 - a. the wages paid to the employee;
 - b. any sick leave payments made, pursuant to paragraph 9 above, to an employee referred to in Article 16:1.1.2;
 - c. the Board’s share of Canada Pension contributions and Employment Insurance premiums; (iv) pension contributions made by the Board pursuant to Schedule A:7;
 - d. vacation pay at the school-term employee’s applicable rate pursuant to Article 14:1.7; and
 - e. the percentage of straight-time payment provided to any casual or extended service casual employee pursuant to Schedule A.1, “A.2”, “A.3”, “A.4”, “A.5”, A.6, A.7.
12. The Board will be responsible for communicating the absence of every Union bargaining committee employee to his/her appropriate supervisor.

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SUBJECT: Union/Industry Advancement Fund

The parties agree that the Union/Industry Advancement Fund was initiated in the January 1, 1992 – December 31, 1993 Collective Agreement(s). It is understood by the parties that the assessment for the employees covered by the Transportation Collective Agreement was paid directly to the Teamsters by the employer. It is also understood that the employees covered by the Support Staff Collective Agreement received a five cents (.05) wage increase for the sole purpose of assessing the Union/Industry Advancement Fund levy by way of an employee deduction.

The parties hereby agree to provide all classifications in the previous Transportation Collective Agreement a five cents (.05) per hour wage increase to facilitate the deduction of the Union/Industry Advancement Fund levy from all affected employees.

The Board shall make an assessment of five cents (.05) per hour worked during the term of this Agreement for regular and school-term employees. Such an assessment will also be made for individuals in casual assignments.

Payment of said funds shall be made to Teamsters Local Union No. 31 Union/Industry Advancement Fund no later than the 15th day following the end of the pay period in which deductions were made. The payment will be separate from any other payment made (Article 7:3 – Dues Check Off) to Teamsters Local Union No.31.

The Teamsters Local Union No. 31 Union/Industry Advancement Fund "shall be for the enhancement of all persons dependent upon any industry represented by Teamsters Local Union No. 31".

SCHEDULES: CLASSIFICATIONS

SCHEDULE “A.1” – MAINTENANCE

Classification is “Trades”

Band	1	Facilities Project Coordinator
Band	3	Foreman – Carpenter Foreman – Construction Foreman – DDC (Direct Digital Controls) Foreman – Electrical Foreman – Electronics Foreman – Grounds Foreman – HVAC Foreman – Painter Foreman – Plumbing Foreman – Transportation
Band	5	Trades Journeyman – Carpenter Trades Journeyman – DDC (Direct Digital Controls) Trades Journeyman – Electrician Trades Journeyman – HVAC Trades Journeyman – Carpenter Joinery Trades Journeyman – Commercial Vehicle Mechanic Trades Journeyman – Mechanic Trades Journeyman – Painter Trades Journeyman – Plumber

Classification is “Maintenance”

Band	7	Groundskeeper
Band	9	General Maintenance – Leadhand General Maintenance – Projects
Band	12	General Maintenance

SCHEDULE “A.2” – CUSTODIAL

Classification is “Custodial”

Band	1	Foreman – Custodial
Band	4	Custodian IV
Band	5	Custodian III
Band	6	Custodian II
Band	7	Custodian I

SCHEDULE "A.3" – ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Classification is "Finance"

Band	1	Senior Accounting Assistant – Finance
Band	2	Payroll Assistant
Band	3	Accounting Assistant – Secondary Schools
Band	4	Accounting Assistant – Finance

Classification is "Administrative Support Level III"

Band	2	Student Information Assistant – Secondary School Student Information Assistant – LSS Administrative Supervisor – Schools Administrative Supervisor – Facilities Training Coordinator Buyer
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Classification is "Administrative Support Level II"

Band	3	Administrative Assistant – Elementary School Administrative Assistant – Middle School Administrative Assistant – Secondary School Administrative Assistant – Abbotsford Virtual School Administrative Assistant – CORE Administrative Assistant – Indigenous Education Administrative Assistant – Early Years / Navigator
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Classification is "Administrative Support Level I"

Band	4	Administrative Assistant – Curriculum Administrative Assistant – Facilities Administrative Assistant – Transportation Administrative Assistant – Custodial Administrative Assistant – International Education Administrative Assistant – LSS (Hospital Homebound) Administrative Assistant – ITC Administrative Assistant – Theatre Support Administrative Assistant – Careers
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Classification is "Human Resources"

Band	3	Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Teacher Dispatcher Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Benefits Administration Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Organization H&S
Band	4	Human Resources Administrative Assistant – Reception

Classification is "Library Technician"

Band 4 Library Technician
Library Technician Itinerant
Library Technician Trainer

SCHEDULE "A.4" – INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

Classification is "Youth Care Worker – Level II"

Band 1 Youth Care Worker – Bakerview/Reach
Youth Care Worker – Itinerant
Youth Care Worker – SEL
Youth Care Worker – Work Study

Classification is "Youth Care Worker – Level 1"

Band 3 Youth Care Worker
Youth Care Work – DIST

Classification is "Educational Resources"

Band 4 Braillist
Band 5 Early Childcare Educator – Just B4
Early Childcare Educator – Seamless Day
Indigenous Strong Start Facilitator
Language Interpreter – Arabic
Language Interpreter – Punjabi
Parent Tot Outreach Facilitator
Red Deal Chef
Sign Language Interpreter
Strong Start Facilitator
Theatre Technician
Band 7 Food Service Worker
Lab Assistant
Band 9 Indigenous Support Worker – Assistant
Band 10 Concession Worker

Classification is "Educational Assistant – Level III"

Band 3 Education Assistant - Mentor
Indigenous Support Worker - Mentor

Classification is "Educational Assistant – Level II"

Band 5 Education Assistant – Bakerview/Reach
Education Assistant – DIST
Education Assistant – Intervenor Vision & Auditory Support

Education Assistant – Resource Room / Medical

Classification is “Educational Assistant – Level I”

Band	6	Education Assistant Education Assistant – Careers Education Assistant – French Immersion Indigenous Support Worker International Student Liaison
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SCHEDULE “A.5” – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Classification is “Information Technology Support”

Band	3	Tech Support – IT Team Lead Tech Support – Infrastructure Systems Administrator
Band	6	Tech Support – IT Field Technologist
Band	7	Tech Support – Hardware Tech Support – Integrated Team Administrator

SCHEDULE “A.6” – TRANSPORTATION

Classification is “Transportation Dispatcher”

Band	1	Transportation Dispatcher – Special Routes Transportation Dispatcher – Typical Routes
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Classification is “Transportation”

Band	3	Bus Driver Bus Driver/General Maintenance
Band	6	Delivery Driver

Classification is “Crossing Guard”

Band	9	Crossing Guard
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SCHEDULE "A.1" MAINTENANCE – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.1 MAINTENANCE	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
CLASSIFICATION IS 'TRADES'					
Facilities Project Coordinator	1	\$37.04	\$38.50	\$41.10	\$41.92
CLASSIFICATION IS 'TRADES FOREMAN'					
Foreman – Carpenter	3	\$37.04	\$38.50	\$41.10	\$41.92
Foreman – Construction					
Foreman – DDC (Direct Digital Controls)					
Foreman – Electrical					
Foreman – Electronics					
Foreman – Grounds					
Foreman – HVAC					
Foreman – Painter					
Foreman – Plumbing					
Foreman – Transportation					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'TRADES JOURNEYMAN'					
Trades Journeyman – Carpenter	5	\$32.30	\$33.60	\$35.87	\$36.59
Trades Journeyman – DDC (Direct Digital Controls)					
Trades Journeyman – Electrician					
Trades Journeyman – HVAC					
Trades Journeyman – Carpenter Joinery					
Trades Journeyman – Commercial Vehicle Mechanic					
Trades Journeyman – Mechanic					
Trades Journeyman – Painter					
Trades Journeyman – Plumber					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'GENERAL MAINTENANCE'					
Groundskeeper	7	\$29.36	\$30.57	\$32.63	\$33.28
General Maintenance – Leadhand	9	\$26.96	\$28.09	\$29.99	\$30.59
General Maintenance – Projects					
General Maintenance	12	\$25.17	\$26.24	\$28.01	\$28.57

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
- (*) includes 0.05 cents per hour union/industry advancement fund.
- (**) the 2024 COLA is TBD

SCHEDULE "A.2" CUSTODIAL – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.2 CUSTODIAL	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI + 0.75% LMA	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA + 0.5% LMA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
CLASSIFICATION IS 'CUSTODIAL'					
Foreman – Custodial	1	\$31.85	\$33.39	\$35.82	\$36.54
Custodian 4	4	\$24.94	\$26.21	\$28.12	\$28.68
Custodian 3	5	\$23.84	\$25.06	\$26.88	\$27.42
Custodian 2	6	\$22.71	\$23.88	\$25.62	\$26.13
Custodian 1	7	\$22.23	\$23.38	\$25.08	\$25.58

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
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SCHEDULE "A.3" ADMINISTRATION – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.3 ADMINISTRATION	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI + 0.75% LMA	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA + 0.5% LMA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
CLASSIFICATION IS 'FINANCE'					
Senior Accounting Assistant – Finance	1	\$30.03	\$31.49	\$33.79	\$34.47
Payroll Assistant	2	\$27.63	\$29.00	\$31.11	\$31.73
Accounting Assistant – Secondary Schools	3	\$25.48	\$26.76	\$28.71	\$29.28
Accounting Assistant – Finance	4	\$23.78	\$25.00	\$26.82	\$27.36
CLASSIFICATION IS 'ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LEVEL III'					
Student Information Assistant – Secondary School	2	\$27.63	\$29.00	\$31.11	\$31.73
Student Information Assistant – LSS					
Administrative Supervisor – Schools					
Administrative Supervisor – Facilities					
Training Coordinator					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LEVEL II'					
Administrative Assistant – Elementary School	3	\$25.48	\$26.76	\$28.71	\$29.28
Administrative Assistant – Middle School					
Administrative Assistant – Secondary School					
Administrative Assistant – Abbotsford Virtual School					
Administrative Assistant – CORE					
Administrative Assistant – Indigenous Education					
Administrative Assistant – Early Years / Navigator					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT LEVEL I'					
Administrative Assistant – Curriculum	4	\$23.78	\$25.00	\$26.82	\$27.36
Administrative Assistant – Facilities					
Administrative Assistant – Transportation					
Administrative Assistant – Custodial					
Administrative Assistant – International Education					
Administrative Assistant – LSS (Hospital Homebound)					
Administrative Assistant – ITC					
Administrative Assistant – Theatre Support					
Administrative Assistant – Careers					
Administrative Assistant – Curriculum					

SCHEDULE "A.3" ADMINISTRATION – WAGES & ALLOWANCES CONTINUED

CLASSIFICATION IS 'HUMAN RESOURCES'					
HR Administrative Assistant – Teacher Dispatcher	3	\$25.48	\$26.76	\$28.71	\$29.28
HR Administrative Assistant – Benefits Administration					
HR Administrative Assistant – Organization H&S					
HR Administrative Assistant – Reception	4	\$23.78	\$25.00	\$26.82	\$27.36
CLASSIFICATION IS 'LIBRARY TECHNICIAN'					
Library Technician	4	\$23.78	\$25.00	\$26.82	\$27.36
Library Technician Itinerant					
Library Technician Trainer					

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
- (*) includes 0.05 cents per hour union/industry advancement fund.
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SCHEDULE "A.4" INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.4 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI + 0.5% LMA	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA + 1.25% LMA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
CLASSIFICATION IS 'YOUTH CARE WORKER LEVEL II'					
Youth Care Worker – Bakerview/Reach	1	\$34.30	\$35.85	\$38.75	\$39.53
Youth Care Worker – Itinerant					
Youth Care Worker – SEL					
Youth Care Worker – Work Study					
Youth Care Worker – Bakerview/Reach					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'YOUTH CARE WORKER LEVEL I'					
Youth Care Worker	3	\$28.99	\$30.34	\$32.79	\$33.45
Youth Care Work – DIST					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES' ***					
Braillist	4	\$28.52	\$29.70	\$31.70	\$32.33
Early Childcare Educator – Just B4	5	\$26.99	\$28.12	\$30.02	\$30.62
Early Childcare Educator – Seamless Day					
Indigenous Strong Start Facilitator					
Language Interpreter – Arabic					
Language Interpreter – Punjabi					
Parent Tot Outreach Facilitator					
Red Seal Chef					
Sign Language Interpreter					
Strong Start Facilitator					
Theatre Technician					
Food Service Worker	7	\$23.16	\$24.17	\$25.80	\$26.32
Lab Assistant					
Indigenous Support Worker – Assistant	9	\$20.28	\$21.20	\$22.63	\$23.08
Concession Worker	10	\$16.20	\$16.98	\$18.13	\$18.49
CLASSIFICATION IS 'EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT LEVEL III'					
Education Assistant – Mentor	3	\$28.99	\$30.34	\$32.79	\$33.45
Indigenous Support Worker – Mentor					

SCHEDULE “A.4” INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT – WAGES & ALLOWANCES CONTINUED

CLASSIFICATION IS ‘EDUCATION ASSISTANT LEVEL II’					
Education Assistant – Bakerview/Reach	5	\$26.99	\$28.26	\$30.55	\$31.16
Education Assistant – DIST					
Education Assistant – Intervenor Vision & Auditory Support					
Education Assistant – Resource Room / Medical					
CLASSIFICATION IS ‘EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT LEVEL I’					
Education Assistant	6	\$25.95	\$27.19	\$29.39	\$29.98
Education Assistant – Careers					
Education Assistant – French Immersion					
Indigenous Support Worker					
International Student Liaison					

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
- (*) includes 0.05 cents per hour union/industry advancement fund.
- (**) the 2024 COLA is TBD
- (***) excludes 0.5% LMA in 2022 & 1.25% LMA in 2023

SCHEDULE "A.5" INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
CLASSIFICATION IS 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT'					
Tech Support – Infrastructure Systems Administrator	3	\$37.11	\$38.57	\$41.17	\$41.99
Tech Support – IT Team Lead					
Tech Support – IT Field Technologist	6	\$31.31	\$32.58	\$34.78	\$35.48
Tech Support – Hardware	7	\$29.79	\$31.01	\$33.10	\$33.76
Tech Support – Integrated Team Administrator					

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
- (*) includes 0.05 cents per hour union/industry advancement fund.
- (**) the 2024 COLA is TBD

SCHEDULE "A.6" TRANSPORTATION – WAGES & ALLOWANCES

SCHEDULE A.6 TRANSPORTATION	Band	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024 **
CLASSIFICATIONS & POSITION TITLES		2% GWI	\$0.25 + 3.24% GWI	5.5% GWI + 1.25% COLA	2% GWI + TBD% COLA
Classification is "TRANSPORTATION DISPATCHER"					
Transportation Dispatcher – Special Routes	1	\$28.56	\$29.74	\$31.75	\$32.39
Transportation Dispatcher – Typical Routes					
CLASSIFICATION IS 'TRANSPORTATION DRIVER'					
Bus Driver	3	\$25.81	\$26.90	\$28.72	\$29.29
Bus Driver/General Maintenance					
Delivery Driver	6	\$23.78	\$24.81	\$26.48	\$27.01
CLASSIFICATION IS 'TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT'					
Crossing Guard	9	\$17.81	\$18.65	\$19.91	\$20.31

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.
- (*) includes 0.05 cents per hour union/industry advancement fund.
- (**) the 2024 COLA is TBD

SCHEDULE "A.7" – WAGES AND ALLOWANCES (MISCELLANEOUS)

SCHEDULE A.7	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
TEAMSTERS NATIONAL PENSION PLAN (ARTICLE 17:1)	Per Hour Worked		
Eligible Bus Drivers, Journeyman Mechanic	9.31%	9.31%	9.31%
All Other Eligible Employees	9.31%	9.31%	9.31%
SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL (ARTICLE 13:4.1.1)	Per Hourly Rate		
Afternoon Shift	6.67%	6.67%	6.67%
Night Shift	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%
LEADHAND (ARTICLE 13:4.2.4)	Per Hour Worked		
	\$0.57	\$0.57	\$0.57
SAFETY FOOTWEAR ALLOWANCE (ARTICLE 18:3.2)	Per Year		
	\$125	\$125	\$125

- **Percentage of straight time pay in lieu of statutory benefits in accordance with Articles 14:1.5 and 15:1.3. (Casual & Extended Service Casual Employees).**
- 0-5 Years Employed: 8% >5 Years Employed 10%.



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George M. Murray, CGA
Secretary-Treasurer

(The Parties have agreed to attach this letter to the 2003-2010 Collective Agreement for informational purposes only).

June 15, 2006

Mr. Dave Cooper
Business Representative - Teamsters Local Union No. 31 #1 Grosvenor Square - Delta, B.C. V3S 5S1

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Re: School Day Closures

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the discussion which occurred between the Parties concerning any school day closures which the Board of Trustees of School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) may decide to implement during the term of the July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2010 Collective Agreement.

The School Board has agreed that it would be prepared to meet with the Union, if requested to do so by the Union, at least 60 calendar days prior to the first scheduled school day closure which may occur in any school year. The purpose of the meeting would be to:

- (i) discuss the potential impact which the scheduled school day closures in that particular school year may have on the employees in the Union's bargaining unit,
- (ii) consider what productive work/activities may be available to be performed by any of the employees in the bargaining unit on any/some/all of the scheduled school day closures in that year, and
- (iii) discuss what alternatives may be available to those employees in the bargaining unit who will not be required to attend work on any/some/all of the scheduled school day closures in that school year in order to try to lessen the potential impact of the scheduled school day closures on those employees (such as the scheduling of vacation days or banked overtime days on the scheduled school day closures).

This letter is being provided to the Union on the understanding that it shall not form part of the 2003-2010 Collective Agreement between the School Board and Teamsters Local Union No. 31.

Yours truly,

Sd/-George M. Murray, C.G.A. Secretary-Treasurer

“Memorandum”

Between

**BOARD OF EDUCATION for SCHOOL DISTRICT 34
Abbotsford School District
“Employer”**

And

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 31
“Union”**

Continuing Provisions of the Current Collective Agreement

Except as provided by this MoA, the terms and conditions of the collective agreement between the Employer and the Union that expired on June 30, 2022 will be incorporated in their entirety into the revised collective agreement between the parties.

Effective Date

Unless otherwise specifically noted, all agreed changes to the collective agreement between the Employer and the Union shall take effect on the Parties duly ratifying this MoA.

Changes to the Revised Collective Agreement

The July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022 Collective Agreement will continue in force and effect until June 30, 2025 except as modified by the following:

- **Appendix A** – Provincial Framework Agreement
- **Appendix B** – Local Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education for School District 34 Abbotsford School District and Teamsters Local 31 which sets out all other agreed changes to the Collective Agreement.

Ratification

This MoA is subject to ratification by the Board of Education of School District No. 34 Abbotsford School District, the British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association, and the membership of Teamsters Local 31.

Teamster Local 31

School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

Appendix A

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 retroactive 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 retroactive 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 the preceding year and concluding at the end of the following February. The percentage change reported by BC Stats that will form the basis of 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;
3. 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 increase of 6.75% in Year 2 and 3% in Year 3 would result in a cumulative nominal increases of 13.49% over three years.
4. For certainty, a general wage increase is on 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.

5. A general wage increase and its magnitude in any agreement is as confirmed by the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat.
6. This paragraph 5 will be effective during the term of the K-12 Provincial Framework Agreement.

6. Provincial Labour Management Committee (PLMC)

The Parties agree to establish 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.

7. 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 delivery 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 to 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Unpaid Work

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Provincial Dispute Resolution

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

18. Funding

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

19. 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.

20. 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 & Boards of Education**

Appendix A (Continued)

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 15th September, 2022 by:

BCPSEA
Leanne Bowes

K-12 Presidents’ Council
Paul Simpson



Refusing unsafe work

Workers have the right to refuse unsafe work. If you have reasonable cause to believe that performing a job or task puts you or someone else at risk, you must not perform the job or task. You must immediately notify your supervisor or employer, who will then take the appropriate steps to determine if the work is unsafe and remedy the situation.

As an employer, workers are your eyes and ears on the front line of workplace health and safety. When workers refuse work because they believe it's unsafe, consider it an opportunity to investigate and correct a situation that could have caused harm.

If a worker refuses work because it's unsafe, workplace procedures will allow the issue to be properly understood and corrected. As a worker, you have the right to refuse to perform a specific job or task you believe is unsafe without being disciplined by your employer. Your employer or supervisor may temporarily assign a new task to you, at no loss in pay.

Steps to follow when work might be unsafe:

1. Report the unsafe condition or procedure

As a worker, you must immediately report the unsafe condition to a supervisor or employer.

As a supervisor or employer, you must investigate the matter and fix it if possible. If you decide the worker's concern is not valid, report back to the worker.

2. If a worker still views work as unsafe after a supervisor or employer has said it is safe to perform a job or task

As a supervisor or employer, you must investigate the problem and ensure any unsafe condition is fixed. This investigation must take place in the presence of the worker and a worker representative of the joint health and safety committee or a worker chosen by the worker's trade union. If there is no safety committee or representing trade union at the workplace, the worker who first reported the unsafe condition can choose to have another worker present at the investigation.

3. If a worker still views work as unsafe, notify WorkSafeBC

If the matter is not resolved, the worker and the supervisor or employer must contact WorkSafeBC. A prevention officer will then investigate and take steps to find a workable solution.

Note: This information is provided for reference only and is current as of the date of drafting. Please visit www.worksafebc.com for current information.



Worker Rights and Responsibilities:

On a worksite, everyone has varying levels of responsibility for workplace health and safety. You should know and understand your responsibilities — and those of others. If you're a worker, you also have three key rights.

Your Rights:

- The right to know about hazards in the workplace
- The right to participate in health and safety activities in the workplace
- The right to refuse unsafe work without getting punished or fired

Your Responsibilities:

As a worker, you play an important role in making sure you — and your fellow workers — stay healthy and safe on the job. As a worker, you must:

- Be alert to hazards. Report them immediately to your supervisor or employer.
- Follow safe work procedures and act safely in the workplace at all times.
- Use the protective clothing, devices, and equipment provided. Be sure to wear them properly.
- Co-operate with joint occupational health and safety committees, worker health and safety representatives, WorkSafeBC prevention officers, and anybody with health and safety duties.
- Get treatment quickly should an injury happen on the job and tell the health care provider that the injury is work-related.
- Follow the treatment advice of health care providers.
- Return to work safely after an injury by modifying your duties and not immediately starting with your full, regular responsibilities.
- Never work under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other substance, or if you're overly tired.

Employer Responsibilities:

Whether a business is large or small, the law requires that it be a safe and healthy place to work. If you are an employer, it is your responsibility to ensure a healthy and safe workplace. Responsibilities include:

- Establish a valid occupational health and safety program.
- Train your employees to do their work safely and provide proper supervision.
- Provide supervisors with the necessary support and training to carry out health and safety responsibilities.
- Ensure adequate first aid equipment, supplies, and trained attendants are on site to handle injuries.
- Regularly inspect your workplace to make sure everything is working properly.
- Fix problems reported by workers.
- Transport injured workers to the nearest location for medical treatment.
- Report all injuries to WorkSafeBC that required medical attention.
- Investigate incidents where workers are injured or equipment is damaged.
- Submit the necessary forms to WorkSafeBC.

Supervisor Responsibilities:

Supervisors play a key role with very specific health and safety responsibilities that need to be understood.

A supervisor is a person who instructs, directs, and controls workers in the performance of their duties. A supervisor can be any worker — management or staff — who meets this definition, whether or not he or she has the supervisor title. If someone in the workplace has a supervisor's responsibilities, that person is responsible for worker health and safety. Responsibilities include:

- Ensure the health and safety of all workers under your direct supervision.
- Know the WorkSafeBC requirements that apply to the work under your supervision and make sure those requirements are met.
- Ensure workers under your supervision are aware of all known hazards.
- Ensure workers under your supervision have the appropriate personal protective equipment, which is being used properly, regularly inspected, and maintained.

Note: WorkSafeBC establishes a range of employer and employee rights and responsibilities. Please visit www.worksafebc.com for current information.

Appendix B

Local Memorandum of Agreement

Between

Board of Education for School District 34 Abbotsford School District

and

Teamsters Local 31

Each item and proposal are attached for reference.

Article	Item
Article 3:1.3	Postings - Definitions
Article 5:1.6	Probationary Period
Article 6	Trial Period
Article 8:6.7	Transition from Casual/ESC Employee to Regular Employee
Article 11.4	Education Assistant/Youth Care Worker/Itinerant Youth Care Worker
Article 16:12.1	Leave of Absence - Other
Article 16:13.1	Long Term Service Leave (Without Pay)
Article 16:16	Augmentation of Personal Business Leave
Article 17:1.4.3	Teamsters' National Pension Plan – Contributions
Article 17:2.5.1	Teamsters' National Benefit Plan - Costs
Article 17:4	Sick Leave
Article 20:6	On-call Premiums
LOU	Classification Levels for Education Assistants
LOU	Instructional Support Staff Posting Process
LOU	Job Descriptions
LOU	Labour Market Adjustments
LOU	Potential Increase to the Funding provided to the Board for the Learning Improvement Fund
LOU	Professional Development