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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN



CAMPBELL RIVER

School District 72

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

AND



THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 723

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THIS AGREEMENT MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS 3rd DAY of January, 2023.

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (Campbell River)

being an Employer within the meaning of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia (hereinafter called the "Board")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 723

being an organization of employees of the Board and a Union within the meaning of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia (hereinafter called the "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the purpose of this Agreement is to maintain a harmonious relationship between the Board and its employees; to provide an amicable and equitable method of settling grievances or differences which might possibly arise; to maintain mutually satisfactory working conditions, hours and wages for all employees who are subject to the provisions of this Agreement; to ensure that the Board fulfills the mandate required of it by legislative initiatives, and generally to promote the mutual interests of the Board and its employees;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

1.01 Employee

- (a) In this Agreement the word "employee" shall have the meaning assigned to it by the Labour Relations Code in respect of the bargaining unit for which the Union is certified.
- (b) Permanent Full-time Employee - Ten (10) month or Twelve (12) month

A permanent full-time employee is an employee who works full-time hours on a weekly basis pursuant to Article 18.01(a) of this Agreement, and who has successfully completed a probationary period under Article 1.02 (Probationary Employee) and who is not a temporary or casual employee.

- (c) Permanent Part-time Employee - Ten (10) month or Twelve (12) month

A permanent part-time employee is an employee who works less than full-time hours on a weekly basis pursuant to Article 18.01(a) of this Agreement, and who has successfully completed a probationary period under Article 1.02 (Probationary Employee) and who is not a temporary or casual employee.

- d) Ten (10) Month Employee

A ten (10) month employee is an employee who works while school is in session.

1.02 Probationary Employee

A probationary employee is an employee on probation with a view to determining suitability for permanent employment subject to a probationary period not exceeding sixty-five (65) days worked or such longer term as may be agreed between the Board and the Union.

A probationary employee may be terminated at any time during the probationary period, subject to Article 12 (Grievance Procedure) of this Agreement.

1.03 Temporary Employee

A temporary employee is an employee who is hired for a specific temporary position or to replace an absent permanent employee for a period that shall not exceed six (6) months or such longer period as may be agreed between the Board and the Union.

1.04 Casual Employee

A casual employee is an employee who performs duties on an intermittent or relieving basis.

1.05 Temporary Position

A temporary position is a position that is for a specific purpose or is to replace an absent permanent employee.

ARTICLE 2 n.a.

ARTICLE 3 RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATIONS

3.01 Bargaining Unit

The Board recognizes the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local 723 as the sole bargaining agent for those employees for whom it is certified under the Statutes of British Columbia.

3.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit

No employee in the bargaining unit shall be laid off or suffer a reduction in hours of work or in pay as a result of the use of parent volunteers in schools nor will the Board assign teachers or excluded staff to work which has been traditionally and predominantly performed by members of the bargaining unit. Members of the bargaining unit shall not be required to supervise or train volunteers. The Board will examine with the Union all functions performed by Union members with a view to jointly defining the specific work of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 4 NO DISCRIMINATION

4.01 No Discrimination

The Board agrees that there shall be no discrimination against members of the Union because of their activities within the Union.

Both parties agree to adhere to the *Human Rights Code* and all of the processes therein.

Further information can be accessed on the employee portal at <https://portal.sd72.bc.ca/Department/HR/supportstaff/>.

ARTICLE 5 UNION SECURITY

5.01 All Employees to be Members

All new employees shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days of appearing on the payroll and shall maintain membership therein.

ARTICLE 6 CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES

6.01 Written Assignments

All employees covered by this Agreement shall complete, and the Board shall honour, written assignments of pay in favour of the Union by way of payment of union dues, initiation fees and assessments. Such assessments shall be irrevocable during the continuance of this Agreement. Deductions from pay in accordance with such assignments shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union by cheque, or electronic funds transfer, not later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which such deductions were made accompanied by a list of the names of all employees from whose wages the deductions have been made together with the hours worked and the amounts deducted in each case.

ARTICLES 7 & 8 n.a.

ARTICLE 9 JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

9.01 Joint Consultation Committee

A Joint Consultation Committee shall be established consisting of not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) representatives of the Board and not less than two (2) nor more than four (4) representatives of the Union. Either party can request that a meeting be convened and such meeting must be held not later than fifteen (15) days after the request has been made. Such time may be extended by mutual consent of both parties. However the parties shall meet at least once every two (2) months for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the workplace that affect the parties or any employee bound by this Agreement.

Agenda items will be identified and agreed to at least 5 days before the scheduled meeting. One representative from CUPE and one representative from the Board will agree to the agenda items and determine who will be in attendance. Late submissions require committee approval for addition to the agenda.

ARTICLE 10 n.a.

ARTICLE 11 BOARD MEETINGS

11.01 Board Liaison

The Board shall inform CUPE Local 723 who will be the elected trustee liaison.

11.02 Minutes of Meetings

The Board agrees that they will send one (1) copy of Minutes of Board Meetings to the Secretary of the Union.

11.03 Resolutions and Reports of the Board

The Board agrees that any reports or recommendations about to be made to the Board or a Committee of the Board, dealing with matters affecting the working conditions of the members of the Bargaining Unit, will be communicated to the Union before they are dealt with by the Board or Committee of the Board so as to afford the Union a reasonable opportunity to consider and, if necessary, speaking to them before they are dealt with by the Board.

ARTICLE 12 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

12.01 Definition

No difference shall be considered to exist unless either the Board or the Union, through such individuals or procedures as they care to establish, declares that a difference does exist.

12.02 Grievance Procedure

All differences between the Board and the Union concerning the interpretation, application or operation of this Agreement, or any alleged violations thereof, including any question of whether a matter is covered by this Agreement, shall be settled in a final and conclusive manner without stoppage of work. All meetings at Step 1 and Step 2 shall be held at mutually agreed times of day and shall be dealt with in the following manner:

Step 1

Within fifteen (15) working days from the date of the incident prompting the grievance or within fifteen (15) working days of the date the grievor became aware or reasonably should have become aware of the incident prompting the grievance, the grievor shall discuss the matter with their supervisor, as designated by the Board, in an attempt to resolve the dispute. If the employee so desires, a shop steward may be present during discussions at this step.

Step 2

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the grievor shall submit the grievance in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, or designate within seven (7) working days of completion of the discussions at Step 1. The Secretary-Treasurer, or designate and the supervisor shall meet with the grievor, a shop steward and/or the Chief Shop Steward or other representative of the Union within seven (7) working days of receipt of the grievance in an attempt to resolve the grievance. Every effort will be made to schedule Step 2 meetings outside of working hours of the Chief Shop Steward where both the shop steward and Chief Shop Steward would be attending.

When a designate for the Secretary-Treasurer is named, the Union shall be advised in writing.

Step 3

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the grievance shall be considered at a meeting of a Grievance Committee of the Union, consisting of four (4) representatives of the Union and a Grievance Committee of the Board consisting of four (4) representatives of the Board, (at least two of whom shall be trustees), within fifteen (15) working days from completion of the discussions at Step 2. Each committee may, if it so desires, have its advisors in attendance.

Step 4

If the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, the grievance may be referred within thirty (30) working days of completion of the Step 3 meeting to arbitration in accordance with Article 13.

- 12.03 A policy grievance may be initiated at Step 2.
- 12.04 An employee considered by the Union to be wrongfully or unjustly disciplined shall be entitled to proceed under the Grievance Procedure commencing at Step 2.
- 12.05 An employee considered by the Union to be wrongfully or unjustly suspended or discharged shall be entitled to proceed under the Grievance Procedure commencing at Step 3.
- 12.06 Where the Board alleges that the Union has contravened any provision of this Agreement, the Board may file a grievance with the Secretary of the Union within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the incident prompting the grievance or within fifteen (15) working days of the date the Board became aware or reasonably should have become aware of the incident prompting the grievance. The parties shall meet to discuss the matter and failing resolution, the Board may refer the matter to arbitration in accordance with Article 13.

ARTICLE 13 ARBITRATION

13.01 Composition of Board of Arbitration

If a grievance is referred to arbitration in accordance with Article 12, one (1) arbitrator each shall be appointed by the Board and by the Union and the two (2) arbitrators so appointed shall select and appoint a Chairperson and with the Chairperson shall constitute an Arbitration Board to hear and settle the grievance.

13.02 Limitation of Board of Arbitration

No person shall be appointed as an arbitrator who has been directly involved in attempts to negotiate or settle the grievance and the Labour Relations Board shall have the power to make any appointments to the Arbitration Board not otherwise made within five (5) days of the delivery of the request.

13.03 Arbitration Board Procedure

The arbitrators and the Arbitration Board referred to above shall be subject to the provisions of the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia.

ARTICLE 14 DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE

14.01 Discipline, Suspension and Discharge

An employee may be disciplined, suspended or discharged for just and reasonable cause. Such employee and the Union shall be advised promptly in writing of the reason for such discipline, suspension or discharge.

14.02 Political Action

No individual employee shall be disciplined for participation in any action(s) called by the CLC, CUPE or the B.C. Division of CUPE, and supported by the local Union. This does not indicate Board support for such action(s). The contemplated action(s) shall be discussed with the Joint Consultation Committee prior to the action(s) taking place.

14.03 Crossing of Picket Lines During Strike

An employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a picket line where a strike or lockout is in effect. Failure to cross such a picket line where a strike or lockout is in effect shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement, nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action, other than loss of pay for the period involved.

14.04 Adverse Reports

A copy of any adverse report shall be forwarded to the employee, and notification of the adverse report shall be forwarded to the Union.

14.05 Personnel Files

An employee or designate may request to review their personnel file by contacting the Director of Human Resources or designate. Upon contact, the employee or designate and Director of Human Resources, or designate will agree to a mutually convenient time. Employees may request a copy of any document contained in the file and this copy will be provided by Human Resources as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE 15 SENIORITY

15.01 Seniority Defined

Seniority shall operate on a bargaining-unit-wide basis, as defined below:

- (a) Seniority for permanent employees shall be determined by reference to the original date of employment or seniority date.
- (b) Seniority shall mean length of service in the bargaining unit. An employee shall not accumulate seniority while absent on a general leave exceeding thirty (30) days, pursuant to Article 24.02 of this Agreement.
- (c) When an employee resigns (or is terminated and not reinstated) and is later hired again, their employment date for calculation of seniority will be the date on which the employee was most recently hired.
- (d) Student Supervisors shall have no seniority rights during their period of employment as a Student Supervisor.
- (e) Employees who have worked in casual or temporary positions and who become permanent employees shall have all time worked in the temporary or casual position counted for seniority purposes.
- (f) Permanent employees on layoff during July and August shall have first priority for all available work provided that they have the required qualifications, ability and skills to perform the duties and provided that the employee notifies the Board of the dates when the employee is available for work.

15.02 Seniority List

The Board shall maintain a master list of all employees showing:

1. Name
2. Seniority Date
3. Employment Date (used for long-service recognition only)
4. Classification

The seniority list will be sent to the Union and posted on all bulletin boards by May 1st and September 30th of each year.

15.03 Contracting Out

No employee in the bargaining unit shall be laid off or suffer a reduction in hours of work or pay as a result of the contracting out of bargaining unit work.

Except in cases of emergency the employer shall give two (2) months notice to the Union before contracting out any bargaining unit work; such notice shall state the reasons for the proposed contracting out.

15.04 Retention of Seniority

- (a) An employee who is laid off shall retain existing seniority for a period of thirty-six (36) months only, and shall not acquire additional seniority for the period of layoff.
- (b) An employee who fails to report for work within fifteen (15) calendar days of being notified by registered mail of recall from layoff shall be deemed to have resigned unless failure is due to sickness or other just cause. It is the duty of employees to keep the Board advised of their current address.

15.05 Retired Employees

Subject to the approval of the Union, retired employees may be rehired as temporary employees.

15.06 Secondary Seniority

Secondary seniority shall operate as follows:

- (a) Secondary seniority shall be recognized once a posted casual or temporary employee works a total of eighty (80) shifts during any July 1 to June 30 period, to be effective the following September 30 when the seniority list is sent to the Union and posted on all bulletin boards in accordance with Article 15.06(g).
- (b) For the purposes of calculating the secondary seniority of an employee, the total number of shifts worked since July 1, 2000 shall be used.
- (c) A shift shall be defined as any day in which an employee has worked.
- (d) For the purposes of filling posted permanent or temporary positions, an employee with the required qualifications, ability and skills, who has secondary seniority, and who applies for such position within the bargaining unit, shall be considered for the posted position after permanent employees, and prior to outside applicants.
- (e) For the purposes of call-out, an employee who has secondary seniority shall be called out by seniority on a department basis. In the event an employee is working when such call-out arises, the employee shall complete the current assignment before any new assignment.
- (f) Secondary seniority shall be lost in the event the employee fails to respond to eight (8) call-outs that have not been approved in advance by the Board within a twelve- (12) month period. It is understood that an employee who is unavailable for call-out shall notify the Board in advance in writing except in cases of emergency.
- (g) The Board shall maintain a secondary seniority list for all casual and temporary employees who have attained secondary seniority status in accordance with Article 15.06(a) showing:
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Seniority based on total accumulated shifts worked
 - 3. Department

The secondary seniority list will be sent to the Union and posted on all bulletin boards by September 30th of each year.

ARTICLE 16 PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES

16.01 (a) Role of Seniority in Filling Vacancies

Job opportunities should increase in proportion to length of service. Therefore, in filling of vacancies, the applicant with the greatest seniority and having the required qualifications, skills and ability to perform the job applied for shall be awarded the position.

Only the Union and applicants who are members of the bargaining unit will be notified of the successful applicant for a particular position. This notification shall be sent by electronic mail, unless an employee makes a written request to the Employer that it be mailed by letter, the request shall be accommodated.

(b) Job Postings (Except for Education Assistants)

Where vacancies exist, including temporary/casual positions or new positions are created, notices giving full particulars shall be posted in all workplaces, and copies thereof shall be mailed to the Secretary of the Union.

Vacancies for temporary positions known in advance to be of four (4) months or greater duration will be posted. Vacancies for temporary positions that are six (6) months or less in duration may be filled with a temporary employee.

When the successful applicant for the posted temporary position is a permanent employee, the permanent employee will return to their previous position, or new position that they have been appointed to, at the end of the temporary appointment, or earlier as determined by operational requirements. No posting will be required for the temporary filling of the permanent employee's position.

When the successful applicant for a posted temporary position in excess of six (6) months in duration is a casual employee, the casual employee will receive a regular seniority date upon completion of the 6 months in the posting, and a successful probationary period, for future postings and call-outs.

Notices shall be posted a minimum of five (5) calendar days prior to an appointment being made, except during July and August when the notices shall be posted for a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days. Where possible, the Board shall make every effort to make such appointments within twenty (20) calendar days upon expiry of the posting.

On written request, postings shall be mailed electronically to all members of the Union on layoff and casual employees. If an employee makes a written request to the Employer that postings be mailed by letter, the request shall be accommodated.

(c) Information in Postings

Such notice shall contain the following information: nature of position, expected knowledge, ability, and skills, shift, wage or salary rate. Such expected knowledge, ability and skills shall be those necessary to perform the job function.

(d) A casual employee who successfully posts into a temporary position will return to the casual list when the vacancy ends.

16.02 Job Postings (Education Assistants)

(a) In this Agreement, reference to Education Assistant shall include Education Assistant, Continuing Education Assistant, Brailist, Sign Language Interpreter, Education Assistant – Intensive Behaviour and Intervenor.

(b) Posting of vacancies occurring after school opening shall be posted as temporary positions to the end of the school year. Education Assistants assigned to positions shall not be entitled to post into these temporary positions unless it results in an increase in assigned hours, or unless the Director of Student Services has given prior written approval; such approval shall not be unreasonably denied.

- (c) Posting of vacancies occurring after school opening shall be reposted as permanent positions in June of the same school year. This shall be referred to as the annual posting period.
- (d) Postings shall provide an outline of general duties involved. Such notice shall contain the following information:

nature of position, expected knowledge, ability and skills, shift, wage or salary rate and, where possible, the initial assignment in accordance with 16.02(e). Such expected knowledge, ability and skills shall be those necessary to perform the job function.
- (e) Education Assistants shall be assigned by the school Administrative Officer (or designate) to a student or specific group of students.
- (f) When extra education assistant time to a maximum of one (1) hour per day or two (2) hours by mutual agreement is allotted to a school during the school year, it shall be offered to the senior qualified Education Assistant in that school unless there are therapeutic/medical reasons for assigning another Education Assistant as determined by the Director of Student Services.
- (g) It is understood that positions held by senior employees shall not be posted at the annual posting period. Positions shall only be posted at the annual posting period in the event they become vacant during the year (i.e. resignation, layoff and bumping, assigned children leaving).
- (h) During the annual posting period, all Education Assistants shall have the opportunity to apply for any posted Education Assistant positions.
- (i) For the annual posting period, the Board and the Union may by mutual agreement institute an expedited job posting procedure for Education Assistant vacancies.
- (j) Any person without an appointment who works sixty-five (65) days or more as a casual Education Assistant in a two (2)-year consecutive period will attain the status of a posted casual Education Assistant. The accumulation of the sixty-five (65) days will commence September 1, 1997. A report indicating the person's name and accumulated days will be submitted to the Union monthly on the Union Dues Check Off List.

- (k) For the purpose of year end (June), Education Assistants assigned to elementary schools shall work until the last scheduled day students are required to attend. In middle and secondary schools, Education Assistants, Child and Youth Workers, Multicultural Youth Workers, and Indigenous Youth Workers shall work until one (1) week prior to the end date as established in the elementary schools.

16.03 Trial Period

An employee who is transferred, or is promoted, shall serve a trial period in the new position for a period not exceeding sixty-five (65) days worked, or such longer or shorter term as may be agreed, in writing, between the Board and the Union. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

- (a) During such trial period, employees may exercise the option of returning to their previous position.
- (b) In the event employees prove unsatisfactory in the position, upon completion of the trial period, they shall be returned to their former position.
- (c) Other employees reassigned as a result of the re-arrangement of a position shall also be returned to their former position.
- (d) An employee who is serving a trial period shall not fill a new appointment until the expiration of the trial period, except where an increase in gross pay is involved.

16.04 Union Notification

The Board shall promptly notify the Union of actions taken in writing in respect of employees and the Union's complaint of unfair treatment of any employee shall be subject to the grievance procedure as herein before established.

16.05 Transfer of Personnel

After consultation with the Joint Consultation Committee and the individuals affected, the Board reserves the right to transfer employees, where operational requirement(s) necessitate such transfer, within classification(s) to equivalent position(s). The Board will not transfer personnel to a newly created or vacant position. Vacancies can result from increased staffing, retirement,

resignation and organizational changes. In cases of transfer, no employee will suffer any loss in hours and wages.

16.06 Temporary Transfer

The Board reserves the right to transfer personnel within the Bargaining Unit from one (1) position to another for a period of up to six (6) months. Such temporary transfer shall be in cases of sick leave, leave of absence, vacations, or operational requirement(s). No employee will suffer any loss of hours and wages. An employee transferred to a higher paying position shall receive the rate of pay for that position. Such transfers may be extended by mutual consent of the Board and the Union. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

16.07 Seniority Outside Bargaining Unit

If an employee is the successful applicant for an excluded position, the employee shall retain their seniority up to the date of leaving the bargaining unit, but will not accrue any further seniority. If the employee desires to return to the bargaining unit, such return will not result in the layoff of any bargaining unit member, but shall be done through the posting procedure, commensurate with the employee's bargaining unit seniority and qualifications. Employees working outside of the bargaining unit will have their seniority recalculated at the closing of the posting period.

Notwithstanding the above, the employee's entire service with the Employer shall be counted for the purposes of all service related benefits.

16.08 Bus Drivers

Prior to the assignment of a casual bus driver to fill in for an absent bus driver, and provided that there is a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice of such absence, opportunity will be provided to other permanent bus drivers on a seniority basis to be temporarily reassigned within the Transportation Department.

16.09 Promotions and Staff Changes – Notice Period

An employee may resign from the employ of the Employer on thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Employer. On an exceptional basis, a shorter notice period may be agreed to by the Employer.

ARTICLE 17 LAYOFFS AND RECALLS

17.01 Retention of Employment

It shall be the policy of the Board to endeavour to provide full employment for permanent employees before providing employment for temporary and/or probationary employees and/or before hiring new employees. Student Supervisor positions shall not be combined with other classifications.

17.02 Definition of Layoff

A layoff shall be defined as a reduction in the work force or a reduction in the regular hours of work.

17.03 Education Assistants

In the event of layoff during a school year, an Education Assistant shall be entitled to do any one (1) of the following:

- (a) claim seniority rights against any employee other than Education Assistants;
- (b) claim seniority rights against the Education Assistant with the least seniority who has the same or more hours; or
- (c) claim seniority rights during the school year in which the layoff takes place for any vacant or newly created Education Assistant positions that are posted during the school year.

17.04 Role of Seniority in Layoffs

In the event of a layoff, employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their bargaining-unit-wide seniority. Employees about to be laid off may exercise their seniority rights over any employee with less seniority, providing the employee exercising the right has the required knowledge, ability and skills to perform the work of the less senior employee. These seniority rights may be exercised to attain a higher or lower job classification.

The Board reserves the right to deny an employee to bump into a Strong Start BC Facilitator position if this would create a negative impact on the Strong Start program.

17.05 Advance Notice of Layoff

Unless legislation is more favourable to the employees, the Board shall notify employees who are to be laid off thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff. If the employee has not had the opportunity to work the days as provided in this article, the employee shall be paid for the days for which work was not made available.

Employees shall be permitted ten (10) calendar days in which to notify the Board if they wish to exercise bumping rights.

17.06 Recall Procedure

Employees shall be recalled in the order of their bargaining-unit-wide seniority, subject to having the required knowledge, ability and skills.

ARTICLE 18 HOURS OF WORK

18.01 Hours

- (a) The work week for all employees covered by Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement, shall be forty (40) hours per week, eight (8) hours per day, Monday to Friday inclusive. The work week for all employees covered by Schedule 'B' attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement shall be thirty-five (35) hours per week, seven (7) hours per day, Monday to Friday inclusive.
- (b) Employees other than Student Supervisors shall be scheduled to work a minimum of four (4) consecutive hours in any day in which the employee is scheduled to work. Meal periods do not constitute a break in consecutive hours. Bus drivers are excluded from the consecutive hours.
- (c) Student Supervisors shall work a minimum of one (1) hour during the noon or lunch hour in any day in which the employee is scheduled to work.
- (d) Student Supervisors shall not be entitled to benefits under Article 28.
- (e) Pursuant to Article 18.01 (b), the parties agree that having regard to the unique nature of the position of Strong Start Coordinator, the needs of the program and the requirement

for flexibility in scheduling of hours of work outside of the hours of operation of the Strong Start Centre, the four (4) hour minimum shift shall be interpreted as an average four (4) hours work daily over the course of a four (4) week period. Strong Start BC Facilitators may be required to change their work week to include Saturdays. Two (2) consecutive days off will be provided.

18.02 Weekend Work

- (a) When circumstances requiring weekend work occur, the Board may change the shift of certain employees within the calendar week as provided below.
- (b) In the event the day or days off are changed to follow the original day or days off, then forty-eight (48) hours notice will be given in advance of the original day or days off. In the event the day or days off are changed to precede the original day or days off, then forty (40) hours notice must be given in advance of the new day or days off.
- (c) It is agreed that when the foregoing procedure is not followed, then overtime will be paid for work performed on the original day or days off.

18.03 Discretionary Days

- (a) Education Assistants, Indigenous Youth Workers, Multicultural Youth Workers, Child and Youth Workers, and Signing Interpreter/Braillists, Intervenors and Intensive Behaviour Education Assistants, other than casual, shall be entitled to their regular scheduled hours for attendance at district and school-based Professional Development Days, with pay. For the purposes of obtaining necessary training, the Board may request the attendance of Education Assistants on up to two (2) days during the last week of August, in which case the Education Assistants shall be entitled to leave with pay on an equivalent number of Professional Development Days.
- (b) Posted casual Education Assistants shall be entitled to attend the district Professional Development Day, with pay.

18.04 Professional Development

- (a) The Board shall budget annually a fund for the purpose of releasing and providing professional development to permanent employees covered by this Collective Agreement. An annual financial report on the operation of the professional development fund shall be supplied by the Secretary-Treasurer.
- (b) Professional development shall be for the purpose of technological changes, job-related training, development of work-related skills, inservicing, and other activities designed to improve the work performance of permanent employees.
- (c) The professional development fund as established by the Board shall be administered by the Secretary-Treasurer or designate. There shall be a committee formed comprised of two (2) Union and two (2) Board representatives for the purpose of advising the Secretary-Treasurer or designate on the choice of and the organization of professional development activities for permanent employees covered by this Collective Agreement. This committee shall meet a minimum of twice yearly to facilitate professional development and to review requests received from departments for specific professional development programs.
- (d) Permanent employees, other than Bus Drivers, Education Assistants, Indigenous Youth Workers, Multicultural Youth Workers, Child and Youth Workers, and Signing Interpreter/Braillists shall be provided each school year (July 1 to June 30) with one (1) day of professional development which shall be scheduled during working hours on days when school is not in session. Bus drivers shall be provided with two (2) days of professional development on days where teacher professional days or other non-instructional days are established without children in attendance at school.
- (e) Permanent employees must attend the day of professional development in order to be paid their regular hourly rate of pay for the number of hours in attendance, to a maximum of eight (8) hours per day.

ARTICLE 19 OVERTIME

19.01 Overtime Rates

Work done in excess of the regular hours for employees as shown in Article 18.01(a) shall be paid as follows:

- (a) **DAILY** - first three (3) hours at time and one-half the regular rate (1.5x), twice the regular rate (2x) thereafter.

WEEKEND OR DAYS OF REST - twice the regular rate (2x) for all hours worked.

- (b) When an employee works on a shift other than Monday to Friday, all hours worked on Sundays shall be paid for at time and one-half (1.5x) the regular rate.
- (c) Work done by part-time or casual Janitors on Saturdays for school or community activities shall be paid at the regular rate for all hours worked. For hours in excess of eight (8) hours on that day or forty (40) hours in that week, time and one-half (1.5x) shall apply.
- (d) At an employee's request, the Board may grant time off at the appropriate overtime rate in lieu of overtime pay for overtime worked. Time off shall be taken at a time established by mutual agreement between the employee concerned and the employee's supervisor. No employee shall have in excess of ten (10) working days banked at any one time. Banked time off not taken by May 15th shall be paid out.

19.02 Call-out

Any employee who is called out to work during scheduled time off shall be entitled to a minimum remuneration of four (4) hours pay at normal rates or actual numbers worked at the appropriate overtime rate, whichever is greater.

19.03 Overtime Reporting

All overtime is to be reported on bi-weekly time sheets and requires proper sanction of the appropriate supervisor except in an emergency, in which case it is to be reported by the earliest possible means.

ARTICLE 20 SHIFT WORK

20.01 Shift Premiums

In addition to remuneration as provided in Schedules 'A' and 'B' attached:

- (a) Employees shall receive a shift premium of fifty-one cents (\$.51) per hour for all hours worked on the afternoon shift in which half or more of the hours worked fall between 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Effective July 1, 2024, the afternoon premium will be seventy cents (\$.70) per hour.
- (b) Employees shall receive a shift premium of sixty-six cents (\$.66) per hour for all hours worked on the night shift in which one-half (1/2) hour or more of the hours worked fall between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Effective July 1, 2024, the overnight premium will be eighty-nine cents (\$.89) per hour.
- (c) Employees who are required to begin a day shift before 7:00 a.m. shall receive a shift premium of twenty-six cents (\$.26) per hour for all hours worked on that day shift. Effective July 1, 2023 the morning premium will be thirty-five cents (\$.35) per hour.

20.02 Abnormal Working Conditions

All employees who are required to perform the following work shall receive, in addition to the remuneration as provided for in Schedules 'A' and 'B':

- (a) fifty cents (\$.50) per hour for coming into contact with raw sewage; effective July 1, 2023 the rate will be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).
- (b) forty cents (\$.40) per hour while operating spray painting equipment, effective July 1, 2024 the rate will be one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40).

20.03 Turn-Around Time

Employees required to start a new shift within twelve (12) hours of completing their previous shift, including overtime, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1.5x) for all hours worked which fall within the twelve (12) hour turn-around time.

This Article 20.03 shall not apply when the employee requests and the Board agrees that the employee may start a new shift within twelve (12) hours of completing the employee's previous shift.

ARTICLE 21 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

21.01 List of Statutory Holidays

- (a) All probationary and permanent employees shall be granted Statutory Holidays with pay, for such of the recognized Statutory Holidays as fall on normal working days within the periods of their employment:

New Year's Day,	B.C. Day,
Family Day	Labour Day,
Good Friday,	Thanksgiving Day,
Easter Monday,	Remembrance Day,
Victoria Day,	Christmas Day and
Canada Day,	Boxing Day,

plus such other Statutory Holidays as may be declared by the Provincial or Federal Governments and which result in the closure of all schools. When Remembrance Day falls on a weekend and schools remain open on the previous Friday and ensuing Monday, then the Statutory Holiday for Remembrance Day shall be given on such non-school day during the Christmas or Spring Break as the Union may choose. Any employee required to work on the day granted in lieu of Remembrance Day shall be paid in accordance with Clause 21.02(c).

- (b) Ten-month (10) employees shall, based on regularly scheduled hours, be granted Statutory Holidays with pay as enumerated in Article 21.01(a), except for B.C. Day and Labour Day.

21.02 Rates of Pay for Statutory Holidays

- (a) When any of the foregoing Statutory Holidays fall on days other than normal working days, the procedure adopted by the Provincial Government shall be followed.
- (b) Casual and temporary employees shall receive an additional four point seven four percent (4.74%) of regular earnings in lieu of Statutory holidays. This shall be paid on each payroll.

- (c) If an employee is required to work on a Statutory holiday as defined in the foregoing, then such work shall be treated as work in excess of eight (8) hours in a day and/or five (5) days in a week.

ARTICLE 22 VACATIONS

22.01 Working Year

The working year for the purpose of the *Employment Standards Act* shall be the period June 1 of one calendar year to May 31st of the succeeding calendar year. A full year of service is twelve (12) full months of seniority as calculated in Article 15.01 of this Agreement.

22.02 Twelve (12) month employees

Twelve (12) month employees shall receive their regular salary while on vacation pursuant to their entitlement in Articles 22.04 to 22.09 of this Agreement.

22.03 Ten (10) month employees

Ten (10) month employees shall accrue the percentage of gross wages for vacation in accordance with Articles 22.04 to 22.09. Effective June 1, 1998, vacation accrual shall be paid out in full to each ten (10) month employee at Christmas, at Spring Break and at the end of June of each year.

22.04 Less than One (1) year of service

An employee who will have completed less than a full year of service by September 15th in any calendar year shall accrue four percent (4%) of gross wages from the Board during the working year for ten (10) month employees or pro rata of two (2) weeks for the number of months of service during the year for twelve (12) month employees.

22.05 One (1) to Six (6) years of service

An employee who will have completed one (1) and fewer than six (6) full years of service by September 16th in any calendar year shall accrue six percent (6%) of gross wages from the Board for ten (10) month employees or three (3) weeks paid vacation at their regular rate of pay for twelve (12) month employees.

22.06 Six (6) to Eleven (11) years of service

(In effect June 1, 1998):

An employee who will have completed six (6) and fewer than eleven (11) full years of service by September 16th in any calendar year shall accrue eight percent (8%) of gross wages from the Board for ten (10) month employees or four (4) weeks paid vacation at their regular rate of pay for twelve (12) month employees.

22.07 Eleven (11) to Nineteen (19) years of service

(In effect June 1, 1998):

An employee who will have completed eleven (11) and fewer than nineteen (19) full years of service by September 16th in any calendar year shall accrue ten percent (10%) of gross wages from the Board for ten (10) month employees or five (5) weeks paid vacation at their regular rate of pay for twelve (12) month employees.

22.08 Over Nineteen (19) years of service

(In effect June 1, 1998):

An employee who will have completed nineteen (19) full years of service by September 16th in any calendar year shall accrue twelve percent (12%) of gross wages from the Board for ten (10) month employees or six (6) weeks paid vacation at their regular rate of pay for twelve (12) month employees.

22.09 One (1) Extra Week Vacation

In addition to the vacation schedule, employees who have sixteen (16) years or more of service shall be granted one (1) additional week's vacation, once. This one (1) additional week's vacation shall be scheduled in a similar manner as the regular vacation entitlement.

22.10 Vacation Entitlement

An employee shall not accumulate vacation entitlement while absent on a general leave exceeding thirty (30) days, pursuant to Article 24.02 of this Agreement.

22.11 Vacation List

Not later than June 15th of each year, the Board will prepare a vacation list as of May 31st, showing:

1. Employee's name
2. Vacation pay earned
3. Vacation entitlement, if any

and will give copies of this list to the Union at the earliest possible date, indicating any operational requirements affecting the taking of vacations.

22.12 Vacation Schedule

- (a) The Board shall provide a preliminary vacation list showing each employee's vacation entitlement on May 15th of each year.
- (b) Upon receipt of their entitlement, employees shall be given until May 31st to complete and return their first vacation request. Seniority and operational requirements shall be considered.
- (c) Employees successful in their initial application will receive letters of approval. Those whose first request was not approved will be provided an additional two (2) weeks to request alternate suitable dates. In the event second requests cannot be accommodated, opportunity will be given for further requests.
- (d) Final vacation schedules shall be posted in each work location.
- (e) Strong Start BC Facilitators will take their annual vacation during the Christmas and Spring Break or otherwise when the program is not operating.

22.13 Vacation Carry-Over

Employees may be permitted to carry over into the following year (past May 31) a maximum of ten (10) days of vacation. Vacation in excess of ten (10) days will be paid out on the first payroll in July. Employees who have accumulated vacation in excess of ten (10) days on May 31, 2005, as set out in Appendix A attached to the Collective Agreement, shall be permitted to retain the vacation accumulation until used.

ARTICLE 23 SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS

23.01 Amount of Sick Leave

Subject to the production of medical certificates when required by the Board, employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) days for each month worked, or on sick leave, paid leaves of absence, maternity or parental leave or Workers' Compensation Board leave. This sick leave shall be credited monthly in advance, and unused sick leave shall be carried forward and accrued to an unlimited total. Sick leave for part-time employees shall be earned and accrued pro rata based on their regularly scheduled hours of work.

For employees without sick leave, current employment standards for sick time will be applied (Employment Standards Sick time).

The cost, if any, of any medical certificates requested by the Board shall be borne by the Board.

23.02 More than Ten (10) Years' Service

An employee who has completed ten (10) or more years of continuous service with the Board shall, on retirement and qualification for a CPP retirement pension or death, receive one (1) month's salary. In addition, those employees who have completed ten (10) or more years of continuous service with the Board shall, on retirement and qualification for a CPP retirement pension or death receive pay at normal rates for accrued sick leave up to a maximum of thirty (30) days.

23.03 Sick Leave Records

A list of accrued sick hours for all employees shall be provided for employees' information monthly, on their pay statement.

23.04 Illness in the Family

Where no one at home other than the employee can provide for the needs during illness of an immediate family member who resides in the employee's home (as defined in Article 24.01(a) of this Agreement), the employee shall be entitled, after notifying their supervisor, to use a maximum of five (5) accumulated sick leave days per calendar year to care for the member of the family who is ill.

23.05 Sick Leave Entitlement

Any leave granted under Articles 23.04 and 24.01(c) of this Agreement shall not conflict with the requirement that at least one day per month of sick leave entitlement is to be reserved exclusively for absences related to the employee's personal illness or injury.

ARTICLE 24 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

24.01 Bereavement Leave

- (a) Leave of absence, with pay, for death in the family, shall be granted to a maximum of five (5) working days. For the purpose of Article 24.01 (a) and (b) of this Agreement, family shall be defined as being spouse, child, father, mother, sister, brother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent and grandchild.
- (b) Leave of absence, with pay, shall be granted for critical family illness (family members as defined in 24.01 (a) of this Agreement) to a maximum of five (5) working days in any calendar year depending on the circumstances, provided the employee submits, as soon as possible, verification from a qualified medical practitioner that the illness is critical.
- (c) Notwithstanding Articles 24.01(a) and (b) of this Agreement, additional days of leave of absence with pay may be granted, which shall be deducted from the employee's sick leave, when there is a death or critical illness of a member of the employee's family as defined in Article 24.01(a) of this Agreement.
- (d) In the event of the death of an employee's sister-in-law, brother-in-law, niece or nephew, the employee shall be entitled to one (1) day bereavement leave, with pay, and up to four (4) additional days' leave of absence, without pay.
- (e) An employee may request leave of absence, without pay, to attend the funeral of others not covered above.

24.02 Cultural Leave Days

- (a) Indigenous employees are entitled to up to two days leave with pay per school year to observe or participate in traditional Indigenous activities that connect these employees to their culture and language.

- (b) A minimum of two weeks notice is required for leave under this provision. Where two weeks notice is not possible due to the unpredictable nature of the event, then as much notice as possible shall be provided. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

24.03 General Leave

In other circumstances the Board may, at its discretion, grant leave of absence with or without pay. Whenever possible, applications for leave of absence under this Article shall be made in writing no fewer than five (5) working days in advance of the proposed first day of the leave.

24.04 Union Convention

The Board shall grant up to a total of four (4) days a year leave of absence with pay to enable Union nominees to attend Union Conventions.

24.05 Jury or Witness Duty

- (a) Leave of absence with pay shall be granted:
 - (i) for jury duty;
 - (ii) when required by Summons to appear as a witness in court;

For (i) and (ii), a copy of the subpoena/Summons must accompany the leave of absence request. Any jury or witness fees received during paid leave shall be paid to the Board, excluding payment for expenses incurred.

- (iii) where the employee is the successful defendant.

For (iii), approval without pay will be granted until proof of the outcome of the court action is provided.

- (b) Leave of absence without pay shall be granted where the employee is a party to a court action.

24.06 Pregnancy, Adoptive and Parental Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave, without pay, shall be granted pursuant to Part 6 of the *Employment Standards Act*.

- (b) In the case of incomplete pregnancy, an application for earlier return will be granted by the Secretary-Treasurer
- (c) An adoptive parent shall be granted three (3) days' leave, with pay, to pick up an adopted child.
- (d)
 - (i) An employee, on written request for parental or adoptive leave, is entitled to a leave of absence from work, without pay, for the period specified in subsection (3).
 - (ii) A request under subsection (1) must:
 - A. Be made at least four (4) weeks before the day specified in the request as the day on which the employee proposes to commence parental leave, and
 - B. Be accompanied by:
 - 1. A certificate of a medical practitioner or other evidence stating the date of birth of the child or the probably date of birth of the child if a certificate has not been provided, or
 - 2. A letter from an agency that placed the child providing evidence of the adoption of the child.
 - (iii) The employee is entitled to unpaid parental leave:
 - A. In the case of a natural mother, for a period of up to sixty-one (61) consecutive weeks immediately following the end of the maternity leave unless the Board and the employee agree otherwise
 - B. In the case of a natural father, for a period of up to sixty-two (62) consecutive weeks following the birth of the child within the seventy-eight (78) week period after the birth date of the newborn child, and

- C. In the case of an adopting mother or father, for a period of up to sixty-two (62) consecutive weeks following the adoption of the child and within the seventy-eight (78) week period after the date the adopted child comes into the actual care and custody of the mother and the father.
- (iv) If it is certified by a medical practitioner or the agency that placed the child that an additional period of parental care is required because the child suffers from a physical, psychological or emotional condition, the employee is entitled to a further parental leave of absence from work, without pay, for a period not exceeding a total of five (5) consecutive weeks as specified in the certificate, commencing immediately following the end of the parental leave taken under subsection (3).
- (v) Notwithstanding Article 1.04 of this Agreement, the Board may hire a temporary employee for a period not to exceed seventy-eight (78) weeks to replace an employee who is on leave pursuant to Articles 24.05(a) and 24.05(d) of this Agreement
- (e) An employee's combined entitlement to a leave of absence from work under this Article 24.05(a) and (d) shall not exceed a total of seventy-eight (78) weeks.
- (f) In addition to the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, leave of absence without pay will be granted for all leaves of absence requested the remainder of that school year or calendar year.
- (g) Employees granted leave per (f) above must submit a written notice of their intention to return to work to the Secretary-Treasurer at least six (6) weeks prior to the date they wish to return (November 15th or June 15th).
- (h) Employees with three (3) or more years of service may be granted up to twenty-five (25) months' leave of absence without pay upon written application by May 1st. Leave under this article must expire on July 31st in any year.

- (i) Employees granted leave per (c) above must submit a written notice of their intention to return to work by May 1st of the year they intend to return. Employees will be given employment and, where possible will be employed in a position equivalent to the one held prior to commencement of leave.

24.07 Paternity Leave

Paternity leave of absence with full pay and benefits shall be granted for a period not to exceed two (2) days which is to be taken thirty (30) days before or after the birth of the child unless there are medical reasons substantiated by a medical practitioner. The employee shall inform the Board at least one (1) month before the desired leave of absence, which may be before and/or after the birth. On request, employees shall supply a medical report confirming that their spouse is pregnant and indicating the anticipated date of delivery.

24.08 Leave of Absence for Negotiations

- (a) Up to four (4) employees of the Board who are members of the Union's bargaining committee shall be granted leave of absence without loss of pay to attend contract negotiations with the Board.
- (b) Additional members of the Union's bargaining committee shall be granted leave of absence without pay to attend contract negotiations with the Board.

24.09 Leave for Ten (10) Month Employees

Subject to operational requirements, ten (10) month employees shall be entitled to take up to two (2) weeks' leave, without pay, during the school year.

24.10 Leave of Absence for Union Business

The Board shall replace employees who are absent due to Union business where the Union is reimbursing the Board for their wages and benefits, when the absence is for a minimum of four (4) hours and, when qualified casual employees are available to fill the position.

24.11 Elected Office, Community Service and Full-Time Union Leave

- (a) An employee shall be granted a discretionary leave of up to twenty (20) working days without pay but with the continuation of benefits when, as a candidate, they are contesting a municipal, regional, provincial or federal election.
- (b) A long-term leave of absence shall be granted without pay or benefits on request to an employee should they be elected as a result of such candidacy.
- (c) An employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the Union, or any body with which the Union is affiliated, shall be granted leave of absence at no cost to the Board and without loss of seniority, for a period of one (1) year. On request, this leave shall be renewed each year during their term of office.

ARTICLE 25 PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

25.01 Pay Rates

All employees shall receive remuneration for the position held or the work performed, whichever is the greater, according to the rates as shown in Schedules "A" and "B" attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement. The pay period shall be bi-weekly, to be paid every other Friday, with a one (1) week holdback period.

25.02 Supervision Allowance

Employees holding the rank of Maintenance II required to supervise other employees shall receive their normal rate for the first three (3) employees, including themselves, and then ten cents (\$.10) per hour for each group of two (2) further employees or part thereof.

25.03 Kilometer Allowance

Effective July 1, 2014 a kilometerage allowance equal to the BC Provincial Government rate shall be paid to employees required to use their vehicles for the purpose of performing Board requirements in the course of their duties. The employee may be required to carry other employees and small tools and supplies; however at no time shall these requirements be allowed to have a detrimental effect on the vehicle.

Effective each July 1 during the term of this Agreement, the kilometrage allowance will be revised to the BC provincial government rate in effect on that date.

25.04 Department Head Allowances

The following allowances shall be paid to Department Heads in addition to their regular rates of pay:

Leadhand (Electrical)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (Painting)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (Grounds)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (Carpenter)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (Custodial)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (HVAC)	\$1.25 per hour*
Leadhand (IT Department)	\$1.25 per hour*
Head Driver	\$1.25 per hour*
Head Custodian	\$1.25 per hour*
*\$1.65 effective July 1, 2024	

The Head Driver's rate shall be no less than that of any employee the Head Driver supervises.

In addition to the above, the Board may appoint a Leadhand for temporary projects for a period of up to three (3) months. In such instances such Leadhand shall receive the allowance outlined above for the Leadhand positions.

Tradespersons who are required to utilize their tickets for securing permits shall receive an annual allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500) unless such employees receive a department head allowance as above.

25.05 Part-time Bus Drivers

Part-time bus drivers shall be used for extra-curricular activities, using the senior part-time bus driver first until all part-time bus drivers have been offered an equivalent of eighty (80) hours pay bi-weekly at which time, the senior bus driver shall be used. No bus driver shall be permitted to work in excess of an equivalent of eighty (80) hours bi-weekly (unless to complete an extra-curricular activity) pay until all part-time drivers have been offered an equivalent of eighty (80) hours pay bi-weekly.

When the offering of an extra-curricular activity to a part-time bus driver could result in the driver having in excess of eighty (80) hours pay bi-weekly, the driver shall have the option of either:

- (a) accepting the extra-curricular activity and taking time off to comply with Article 25.05, or
- (b) rejecting the extra-curricular activity.

The option described above shall be subject to the availability of a qualified driver to replace the part-time driver for the regular part-time hours.

25.06 Rest Periods and Meal Allowances

Employees required to work more than two (2) hours overtime, will be given a fifteen (15) minute paid rest period and in addition receive a twenty dollar (\$20.00) meal allowance. If the employee continues to work, a meal, which shall be hot if practicable, shall be provided every four (4) hours thereafter.

25.07 Bathing suits for education assistants

Permanent and temporary Education Assistants who are regularly scheduled to work in the pool as part of the district swim program shall receive up to one hundred dollars (\$100) per school year toward the purchase of one bathing suit upon submission of proof of purchase.

ARTICLE 26 FIRST AID TRAINING

26.01 The Board shall pay the following to an employee who is designated as the first aid attendant or designated backup/standby in a school:

Level II	\$.50 per hour
Level III	\$ 1.00 per hour

Effective July 1, 2024:

Level II	\$ 0.75 per hour
Level III	\$ 1.50 per hour
Standby	\$ 0.25 per hour

26.02 The course fees related to first aid training shall be paid by the Board with prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools or designate.

26.03 The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall provide release time with pay for a designated employee to participate in authorized first aid training.

26.04 First Aid Standby Rate

A First Aid Standby Rate will be paid when an employee is designated by the Board as a back-up first aid attendant.

ARTICLE 27 JOB CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION

27.01 New Classifications

When the duties of any job are changed or where the Union and/or an employee feels that the employee has not been placed in the proper classification, or when a new job is created or established, the rate of pay shall be subject to negotiations between the Board and the Union. If the parties are unable to agree on the reclassification and/or rate of pay for the job in question, such dispute shall be submitted to grievance and arbitration. The new rate shall become retroactive to the time the new position was first filled by an employee or the date of change in job duties.

ARTICLE 28 BENEFITS

28.01 Municipal Pension Plan

All full-time employees shall become members of the Municipal Pension Plan upon attaining eligibility to do so pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan rules. Part-time employees shall be offered enrolment in the Municipal Pension Plan pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan rules.

28.02 Group Life Insurance

Employees shall, after one (1) month's employment, become and remain covered by the Board's Group Life Insurance Policy (in the amount of \$50,000), and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy (in the amount of \$50,000), and the Board shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of their monthly premiums.

28.03 Group Dental Insurance

Employees may, after one (1) month's employment, become and remain covered by the Board's Group Dental Plan and the Board shall pay seventy-seven percent (77%) of their monthly premium. The dental plan shall provide the following coverage:

- (a) One hundred percent (100%) of Plan A services and seventy-five percent (75%) of Plan B services with a combined annual limit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per family member per year; and
- (b) Fifty percent (50%) of Plan C, Orthodontics, for covered children, to a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) lifetime maximum per covered child and a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) lifetime maximum for adults.

28.04 Workers' Compensation

- (a) In case of an injury sustained by an employee in the course of employment by the Board, the Board shall continue to pay the employee's regular wage for a period not to exceed one (1) month during which the employee is unable to work.
- (b) In the event the claim is accepted by WorkSafe BC, the Board shall continue to pay the employee's regular wage for a period not to exceed two (2) months including the period covered by Article 28.06(a) during which the employee is unable to work.
- (c) In the event the claim is rejected in writing by WorkSafe BC, and
 - (i) the employee does not provide immediate written confirmation to the Board that an appeal has been initiated or;
 - (ii) the appeal is lost, abandoned by the employee, or the employee terminates their employment, the Board will seek full restitution from the employee as follows:
 - deduct the full amount from sick leave credits or;
 - if the employee has insufficient sick leave credits, the Board may deduct from the employee's wages an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total owed to the Board for twenty (20) consecutive bi-weekly pay periods. If the employee ceases to be employed by the Board prior to the full repayment referred to above, the Board shall be permitted to deduct the balance owing from the employee's final payment of wages and benefits, and in the event a balance is still owing, the employee is obligated to make full payment on termination.

- (d) Workers' Compensation in respect of the injury shall be paid to the Board and shall be reported by the Board in such manner that the employee receives any and every exemption from Income Tax to which the employee is entitled.

28.05 Extended Health Benefits

Employees may, after one (1) month's employment, become and remain members in good standing of an extended health benefits plan which includes vision care in the amount of five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) per family member, biannually, and the Board shall pay eighty-two percent (82%) of their monthly premiums.

28.06 Jointly Trusteed Benefit Trust

The Parties have agreed to participate in a jointly trusteed benefits trust and shall place their dental, extended health, group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment benefit coverage specified in this Article as soon as the trust is able to take on that responsibility.

Once the trust is able to take on that responsibility, the parties agree that they will participate on the following conditions:

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

Participation in the benefits trust will be in accordance with the Letter of Understanding dated May 22, 2006 between BCPSEA and School Boards who are signatories to this LOU and Support Staff Unions who are signatories to this LOU (Attachment #1).

The Parties further agree to participate in the "Core" government-funded, long-term disability plan and the Joint Early Intervention Service in accordance with the LOU identified in the preceding paragraph.

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

28.07 For the purposes of Articles 28.02, 28.03, 28.04, 28.06 and 28.07 of this Agreement, an employee is defined as an employee who works at least sixty (60) hours per month. Employees who work less than sixty (60) hours per month shall be included in Articles 28.01, 28.02 and 28.04 of this Agreement if they so request and if it is possible and subject to agreement between the Board and the Union.

28.08 PEBT and other Benefits

The Core LTD plan is one hundred percent (100%) paid by the Public Education Benefits Trust through government funding provided by the Trust. Members who are regular employees working fifteen (15) hours or more per week are eligible. The elimination period is one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days. LTD benefits are taxable and calculated at sixty-six point six six percent (66.66%) of monthly earnings.

ARTICLE 29 DISTRICT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

29.01 District Health and Safety Committee

Pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (BC Regulation 296/97, as amended by BC Regulation 185/99) as adopted under the *Workers' Compensation Act* (effective April 15, 1998), as amended by the *Workers' Compensation (Occupational Health and Safety) Amendment Act* (effective October 1, 1999).

Through a process of consultation, Health and Safety Committees will be established. Committee structure and operating guidelines will be developed and implemented as part of the School District's joint Health and Safety Committee, Policy and program.

29.02 Safety and Health Reports, Records and Data

The Board shall provide the District Health and Safety Committee with the details of every accident, incident, or occurrence of an occupational disease that occurred at the worksite in the previous month.

29.03 A member of the District Health and Safety Committee shall not lose pay while engaged in Committee business during regularly scheduled hours of work.

29.04 Workplace Violence

- (a) The Board and the Union are committed to fostering and promoting a safe environment for all students, staff, and public. The Board agrees to develop policies for dealing with workplace violence.
- (b) The Board and the Union agree to participate in procedures to ensure the employees are aware of and understand workplace violence.
- (c) The District Health and Safety Committee shall be consulted in all matters pertaining to workplace violence.

ARTICLE 30 TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

30.01 Union Notification

Not less than ninety (90) days before the introduction of any major technological or other significant change, the Board will advise the Union of its proposals and will request that the Joint Consultation Committee meet within fifteen (15) days to consider these proposals.

30.02 Technological Change

- (a) Technological Change is defined as the introduction by the Board of a change in its work, undertaking or business, or a change in its equipment or material from the equipment or material previously used by the Board in its work, undertaking or business; or
- (b) a change in the manner the Board carries on its work, undertaking or business related to the introduction of that equipment or material.

30.03 Recommendations of the Committee

Not less than thirty (30) days before the introduction of any major technological or other significant change, the Joint Consultation Committee will make such recommendations as are agreed on to the Board to ensure that the interests of the Board and of the employees are fairly and effectively protected.

30.04 Job Changes

In the event that jobs change as the result of the introduction of any major technological or other significant change, and where new or greater skills are required than are already possessed by affected employees under the present methods of operation, such employee, if reasonably possible, shall, at the expense of the Board, be given a period of time during which they may perfect or acquire the skills necessitated by the new method of operation.

Where retraining is not reasonably possible, or where jobs are eliminated as a result of the introduction of any major technological or other significant change, the Board will either:

- (a) Assign employees to other duties with on-the-job-training as required and if an employee's new job carries a lower rate of pay, with pay for three (3) months at the rate of the employee's previous job followed by pay for a further three (3) months at a rate halfway between the rates of the employee's previous and new jobs, followed by pay at the rate of the employee's new job, or
- (b) Release the employee with a severance allowance of one (1) week's pay for each complete year of seniority.

30.05 Disputes

Any dispute arising out of the implementation of this Article shall be referred to the Joint Consultation Committee and if not settled harmoniously within thirty (30) days may be declared by either party to be a grievance.

ARTICLE 31 SEXUAL AND PERSONAL HARASSMENT

31.01 Sexual Harassment

Employees have the right to protection from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is any repeated and unwelcome sexual comment, suggestion, or physical contact that creates an uncomfortable working environment for the recipient.

- 31.02 Sexual harassment may be a single sexual advance, especially when made by a person in authority, that includes or implies a threat and/or a reprisal made after a sexual advance is rejected.

31.03 Personal Harassment

Employees shall have the right to work free from personal harassment from other employees.

31.04 The procedure for reporting complaints of harassment shall be as follows:

- (a) A complaint of harassment may be filed with the employee's supervisor or the Secretary-Treasurer. This complaint may be oral or in writing.
- (b) Within seven (7) days of the filing of the complaint, the employee's supervisor or the Secretary-Treasurer shall report to the complainant in writing of actions taken.
- (c) If the Board and the Union agree, complaints of harassment may be referred through a mediation or investigation process. Mediation will be conducted jointly by the Board and the Union. When an investigation is conducted the Board will select the investigator and will bear the costs of the investigation. The investigator may request additional information as necessary to investigate the complaint, and may attempt to mediate and resolve the issue, or make recommendations to the Board and the Union as necessary.
- (d) A complainant, if unsatisfied with actions taken pursuant to paragraph 31.04(b), may file a grievance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 32 APPRENTICES

32.01 Apprentices

The Board and the Union agree to encourage applications for apprenticeship. In the selection process the Board and the Union further agree that established principles of gender equity be given due consideration (by all parties) in light of the currently prevailing work contract.

- (a) All apprentices shall be employed in accordance with the provisions of the *British Columbia Apprenticeship Act*, and the parties hereto agree to observe all provisions of said Act. All apprentices shall become members of the Union.

Rates of pay shall be:

- 1st six (6) months of indenture -
fifty-five percent (55%) of Maintenance Trades
- 2nd six (6) months of indenture -
sixty percent (60%) of Maintenance Trades
- 3rd six (6) months of indenture -
sixty-five percent (65%) of Maintenance Trades
- 4th six (6) months of indenture -
seventy percent (70%) of Maintenance Trades
- 5th six (6) months of indenture -
seventy-five percent (75%) of Maintenance Trades
- 6th six (6) months of indenture -
eighty percent (80%) of Maintenance Trades
- 7th six (6) months of indenture -
eighty-five percent (85%) of Maintenance Trades
- 8th six (6) months of indenture -
ninety percent (90%) of Maintenance Trades

- (b) All apprentices shall be employed on a temporary appointment, which shall be terminated at the conclusion of the apprenticeship. Employees who have completed an apprenticeship, and wish to apply for a vacant position with the Board, shall be considered in the same manner as any outside applicant.
- (c) While attending an approved vocational school, the apprentice shall receive from the appropriate government authorities allowances and school expenses in accordance with the government's schedule of grants pertaining to apprenticeship training. In addition, subject to successful completion of that school segment, the employee shall receive from the Board an allowance comprised of the difference between the employee's regular straight time rate, based on a forty (40) hour week, and the total weekly allowances granted by the appropriate government authorities.

ARTICLE 33 GENERAL CONDITIONS

33.01 Tool Allowance

An employee who is required to supply any tools of the trade which exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in total in order to perform the duties assigned shall be accorded a "tool allowance" in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per annum. In order to qualify for a tool allowance, employees shall provide a list of tools supplied. The Board shall also supply replacement insurance for tools.

33.02 Unemployment Insurance Rebates

The Board shall remit semi-annually, to the Union, the employees' share of the savings resulting from reduced Unemployment Insurance Premiums of employees covered by this Agreement.

33.03 Footwear

Effective July 1, 2022, each employee required by WorkSafe BC to wear safety footwear shall receive two hundred (\$200.00) every two calendar years toward the purchase of such footwear upon submission of proof of purchase.

ARTICLE 34 TERM OF AGREEMENT

34.01 Term of the Agreement

The parties agree to a thirty-six (36) month Agreement, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Collective Agreement, amendments shall be in effect upon the date of signing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Corporate Seal of the Board has been hereunto affixed, attested to by the hands of the proper Officers in that behalf and has been executed by the duly authorized Officers of the Union the day and year first above written.

THE CORPORATE SEAL of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER) was hereunto affixed by and in presence of:

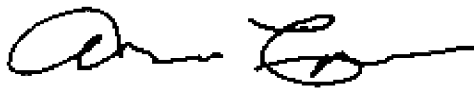


Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer

REPRESENTING THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL NO. 723:



President



Secretary

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RATES OF PAY – SCHEDULE A & SCHEDULE B

Position	01-Jul-22	01-Jul-23	01-Jul-24
Schedule A	\$0.25; and 3.24% GWI	5.5% GWI; plus 1.25% COLA	2% GWI; plus COLA*
Janitor	\$ 25.37	\$ 27.08	\$ 27.62
Custodian III	\$ 25.99	\$ 27.74	\$ 28.29
Custodian II	\$ 26.42	\$ 28.20	\$ 28.77
Custodian I	\$ 27.52	\$ 29.38	\$ 29.97
Maintenance III	\$ 25.37	\$ 27.08	\$ 27.62
Maintenance II	\$ 26.85	\$ 28.67	\$ 29.24
Maintenance I	\$ 30.91	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.66
Maintenance Trades	\$ 35.44	\$ 37.83	\$ 38.59
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 33.57	\$ 35.84	\$ 36.55
Operations Assistant	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Bus Driver	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
IT Technician	\$ 33.54	\$ 36.55	\$ 37.28
IT Technician I	\$ 33.54	\$ 36.55	\$ 37.28
IT Technician II	\$ 28.59	\$ 30.52	\$ 32.88
Schedule B			
Student Supervisor	\$ 24.58	\$ 26.24	\$ 26.77
School Meal Plan Coordinator	\$ 25.73	\$ 27.46	\$ 28.01
Education Assistant	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75
Education Assistant – Intensive Behaviour	\$ 29.23	\$ 31.20	\$ 31.82
Continuing Education Assistant	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75
Brailist	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75
Sign Language Interpreter	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75
Indigenous Youth Worker	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Child & Youth Worker	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Intervenor	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75
Clerk Typist	\$ 26.85	\$ 28.67	\$ 29.24
Education Centre Clerk	\$ 28.01	\$ 29.90	\$ 30.50
Library Clerk	\$ 26.85	\$ 28.67	\$ 29.24
Elementary Secretary	\$ 28.33	\$ 30.24	\$ 30.85
Secondary School Student Records Secretary	\$ 29.01	\$ 30.97	\$ 31.59
Secretary II	\$ 28.01	\$ 29.90	\$ 30.50
Secretary I	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Accountant	\$ 33.54	\$ 36.55	\$ 37.28

Senior Accounts Clerk	\$ 30.20	\$ 32.24	\$ 32.88
Senior Payroll Clerk	\$ 30.20	\$ 32.24	\$ 32.88
Purchasing Clerk	\$ 30.91	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.66
Public Relations/Desktop Publisher	\$ 29.54	\$ 31.53	\$ 32.16
Strong Start Coordinator	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.75

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

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AND:

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723**

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CUSTODIAL SUMMER SHUT-DOWN

- (a) The Board agrees not to have a custodial summer shut-down for July-August during the term of this Agreement.
- (b) The following guidelines shall be implemented effective on ratification of this Agreement.
- (c) By mutual agreement of the Board and Union (a) and (b) above may be continued after the expiry date of this Collective Agreement.

Vacation Guidelines for Custodial Staff

- In accordance with Article 22.11, the Board will provide a vacation list showing each employee's vacation entitlement.
- Upon receipt of their entitlement, employees will be given two (2) weeks to complete and return their first vacation request.
- Based on the criteria (guidelines) defined, employees successful in their initial application will receive letters of approval. Those whose first request was not approved will be provided an additional two (2) weeks to request alternate suitable dates. In the event second requests cannot be accommodated, opportunity will be given for further requests.

- A total, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the department's total vacation entitlement, may be approved while school is in session.
- All other vacation entitlement is expected to be taken while school is NOT in session (i.e. summer break, Christmas break, spring break).
- Not more than a total of approximately four percent (4%) of the custodial staff members at one time (e.g. 2 out of 50) will be authorized vacation or leave of absence while school is in session.
- When two (2) or more people are requesting the same vacation time (under regular scheduling procedures) and they cannot all be approved, seniority shall be the determining factor.
- Vacation or leave of absence requests must be submitted in writing.
- Changes to approved requests or late requests will be considered on a first-come basis (not seniority).

These guidelines are provided to be:

- fair to all employees;
- meet the needs of the District.

The Board recognizes that there will be special incidents where other considerations are required and shall continue to endeavour to accommodate their employees whenever reasonably possible.

**FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72
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JOB SHARE

Job-share opportunities may be approved provided there is no cost to the Board and provided the Board and the Union mutually agree to the terms of the job-share.

For job shares for Education Assistants, it is agreed that there can only be one job share for any Education Assistant during a school year.

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SUMMER WORK

It has been agreed between the Board and the Union that all ten (10)-month employees will receive notice of lay-off 30 days prior to their last day of work in June. Employees receiving this lay-off notice shall have the right to bump temporary and/or casual employees, but not permanent employees.

Any employee exercising their seniority rights must have the required knowledge, ability and skills to do the job of the person being bumped.

The ten (10)-month employee will assume the status of the bumped employee until completion or termination of the temporary position, or until their regular position resumes. After receiving notice of layoff, employees must decide within a reasonable period of time (approximately ten (10) calendar days), their intentions, in writing, with regard to exercising their seniority rights and their intention to resume their regular position.

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STUDENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

LETTER OF AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2001

1. Students may, for legitimate educational purposes, be engaged in learning experiences that may include tasks that have been or are being performed by members of the bargaining unit.
2. No employee in the bargaining unit shall be laid off or suffer a reduction in hours of work or in pay as a result of the assignment to students of work which has been traditionally and predominantly performed by members of the bargaining unit.
3. Students shall not replace members of the bargaining unit who have had their hours of work reduced or are on layoff.
4. In the event that there is a dispute concerning the application or interpretation of this Letter of Agreement, either party may refer the dispute to an arbitrator to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties on an expedited basis for a final and binding decision.

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

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STUDENT HELPER

The Board and the Union agree to work cooperatively during the term of this agreement to provide temporary job opportunities, provided such opportunities do not have an adverse impact on members of the bargaining unit, for post-secondary students on terms to be negotiated and agreed to by the Parties.

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**LOU BETWEEN BCPSEA, SCHOOL BOARDS AND SUPPORT STAFF
UNIONS (APPENDICES "A" AND "B")**

Re: Appendix "A"

EMPLOYEE VACATION ENTITLEMENT IN EXCESS OF TEN DAYS

Name	2005 days	2005 Total hours	In excess as of May 5, 2012
Chan, Sylvia	5.25	42	10.5
Stewart, Charles	10.125	81	80

Grant Cooper and Catherine Davis are retired and therefore removed from Appendix "A".

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 16th day of September, 2019.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

AND

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 723

RE: SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FUND

The parties have agreed that the Service Improvement Allocation of \$71,957.00, provided for in Item 3, Local Bargaining of the Provincial Framework Agreement, will be allocated as follows, effective July 1, 2020.

1. Allocate \$17,897.00 in order to provide permanent Education Assistants and Clerical Staff who work less than a seven (7) hour day with an entitlement to one half-hour (1/2), at a regular hourly rate, to attend a school monthly staff meeting. This pay is for the purpose of attending the meeting once it is called to order.
2. Allocation \$54,060.00 in order to add fifteen (15) minutes per day to thirty-one (31) elementary Education Assistant positions.

Any remaining funds available at the conclusion of the year will be rolled over to the following year. The Employer is under no obligation to expend more than the \$71,957.00 per year provided for by the Provincial Framework Agreement

Signed for the Employer

Signed for the Union

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer

Andrea Craddock, President

Date:

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
ANDREA CRADDOCK TRANSFER TO CUSTODIAL**

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 22nd day of March, 2022.

BETWEEN: **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL
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AND: **THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
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RE: ANDREA CRADDOCK TRANSFER TO CUSTODIAL

The Union and Board agree that current Union President Andrea Craddock (hereinafter referred to as "AC"), on a without prejudice and precedent basis, will be temporarily transferred to the position of As Assigned Custodian IV, for 40 hrs. per week, to be paid at the Custodian IV rate of pay or the appropriate replacement rate of the position worked. This is for the term of July 1, 2021 until the end of AC's term as Union President.

This LOU outlines the agreed upon framework for the temporary transfer and includes:

1. It is understood that this transfer is being done on a without prejudice and precedent basis in order to minimize disruption to students and overall School District 72 operations, and to allow AC to attend meetings at management's request such as grievance meetings or to be present at investigation interviews for members.
2. Absences for union business will continue to be administered per Art. 24.09 of the collective agreement.
3. This temporary transfer will end upon the expiration of AC's term as Union President and at that time AC will return to her position of Education Assistant at Timberline Secondary School, unless she has applied for and been appointed to another position; however, if AC's Union President duties conclude during the school year, it is the expectation that AC will continue in the Custodian IV position until the end of the school year to ensure continuity for operational reasons, unless she has applied for and been appointed to another position.
4. It is understood that AC will remain in this position for the duration of the term of this LOU, unless she has been granted another position in the custodial department.


Both parties agree that this LOU is strictly on a without prejudice and precedent basis and will conclude upon the expiration of AC's term as Union President.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL
DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)**



**Jim Cambridge, Interim Human
Resources Director**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723**



Bill Newman, Vice President, CUPE 723

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
CUSTODIAL LEVELS I, II, and III**

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this DATE day of **October 2020**.

BETWEEN:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (Campbell River)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Board")

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

RE: CUSTODIAL LEVELS I, II, and III

Grievance 2019-04-13 was filed by the Union and the parties met to resolve through the grievance procedure. The parties have agreed to the resolution of Grievance 2019-04-13 through the following process:

1. That all incumbent custodians in posted positions shall maintain their positions, as awarded;
2. That, in the event of a vacancy, the Employer shall determine which Custodial level the position shall be posted at: Level I, II or III;
3. That the following rationale shall apply to the various custodial levels:
 - a. Level I
 - Generally limited to dayshift custodians responsible for day-to-day interactions within the school day setting, who have greater decision-making requirements and greater responsibility for overall facilities supervision and management.
 - b. Level II
 - Custodians who have a level of responsibility for providing supervisory duties of other custodial helpers.
 - A position shall be posted at Level II if they are supervising custodial help for 20 or more scheduled hours per week.
 - Without prejudice or precedent, should a school be assigned additional custodial/janitorial hours on a casual and/or temporary basis, equal to or exceeding the 20-hour threshold for a period of greater than two weeks (one pay period), the Custodian Level III shall be paid at the Level II rate for that period. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to report the additional hours to the Lead Hand.
 - c. Level III

- Custodians who work alone and do not perform any supervisory duties.
- 4. In the event a Level II or III custodian perform duties of a higher rated position, they shall be paid the higher rate in accordance with Article 25.01 of the Collective Agreement.
- 5. This agreement resolves grievance #2019-04-13.

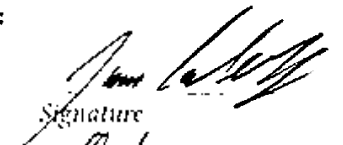
Signed, on behalf of the Board of Education, by:

Jim Cambridge

Name

Acting Director, Human Resources

Title


Signature
Oct. 5, 2020
Date

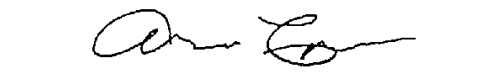
Signed, on behalf of the CUPE, Local 723, by:

Andrea Craddock

Name

President

Title


Signature
October 2, 2020
Date

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
AUGUST PRO-D DAYS FOR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS**

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 14 day of November, 2019.

BETWEEN: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (Campbell River)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Board")

AND: THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

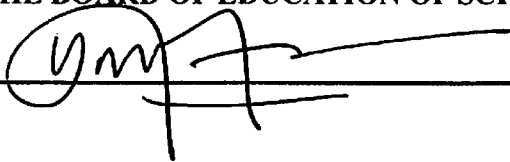
RE: AUGUST PRO-D DAYS FOR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS

Professional Development Days are recognized as important components to upgrading and improving work-related skills. The parties have agreed to the following provisions with regard to Pro-D opportunities for Education Assistants:


- The Board will endeavour to offer Education Assistants the opportunity to attend Pro-D Days that occur prior to the official first day of school. Casual Education Assistants are required to obtain approval in advance from the Director Learning Support Services, to attend these days.
- Education Assistants will be made aware of the process to access Pro-D opportunities in June. In the event some schools have not finalized their programs for the upcoming school year, by the end of June, notification for Pro-D opportunities will be sent out electronically via school district email.
- Registration for Pro-D sessions will be done via Employee Connect. Registration will be open for two weeks on a first come, first serve basis. In the event that sessions reach capacity, a wait list will be created by the Director Learning Services. If vacancies occur, they will be filled from the wait list on a seniority basis.
- A Leave of Absence (LOA) is not required for August Pro-D days. It is the responsibility of Education Assistants to check their email and sign up for courses on Employee Connect if they choose to participate in August Pro-D activities.

- Learning Support Teachers and School Administrators may request Education Assistants' attendance in School-based Pro-D activities. Prior approval by the Director of Learning Support Services will be required before Education Assistants will be invited to attend.

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

 (Yves Kochon, Dir. HR).

FOR THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723



LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PART-TIME PAYROLL CLERK (TEACHER TEACHING ON CALL PAYROLL) POSITIONS

2019-04-LOU

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 16th day of October, 2019.

BETWEEN: **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)**
(hereinafter referred to as the “Board”)

AND: **THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723**
(hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

RE: Career Development Opportunity for the Part-Time Payroll Clerk (Teacher Teaching On Call Payroll) Position

The Union and Board agree to lessening the educational and experience requirements on a without prejudice and precedent basis for the Part-Time Payroll Clerk (Teacher Teaching On Call Payroll) position and to provide funding towards the completion of the Payroll Compliance Practitioner (PCP) certification to provide a career development opportunity to a current CUPE employee.

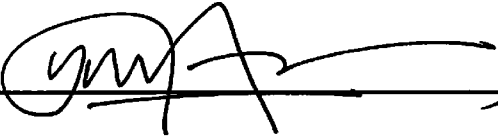
This LOU outlines the agreed upon framework to provide this career development opportunity and includes:

1. The LOU will only come into effect if the Board does not receive any qualified internal or external applicants who meet the required experience and educational requirement for the Part-Time Payroll Clerk (Teacher Teaching On Call Payroll) posting.
2. The current educational requirement of successful completion of a payroll diploma or certificate program of 700 to 1100 hours will be lessened to “a commitment to becoming a Payroll Compliance Practitioner Candidate of the Payroll Compliance Practitioner program through the Canadian Payroll Association within two years from appointment”.
3. The experience requirement of “two years current experience in processing computerized payroll and all related functions in a medium to large union organization” will be lessened to:
 - a minimum of three years’ recent, full-time equivalent, related clerical experience
 - preference for prior experience in processing computerized payroll and all related functions
4. All other required qualifications outlined in the job posting for the position will be maintained and candidates must still demonstrate how they meet the minimum requirements including completion of an Excel assessment to demonstrate Excel proficiency.


5. The District will provide financial support for the cost of the Payroll Compliance Practitioner courses for the successful candidate less any amount that the successful candidate receives for the courses via the CUPE 723 Professional Development Fund.
6. The successful candidate will be reimbursed by the Board upon providing the Human Resources Department with documentation demonstrating successful completion of the coursework for the educational requirements of the PCP program
 - Payroll Compliance Legislation (PCL)
 - Payroll Fundamentals 1 (PF1)
 - Introduction to Accounting
 - Payroll Fundamentals (PF2)
7. The successful candidate must complete the Payroll Compliance Practitioner coursework and become a “PCP Candidate” within two years from their start date in the position. Failure to become a PCP Candidate within two years will result in the employee returning to their previous position unless there are extenuating circumstances which the employer may consider.
8. The coursework for the PCP program will be taken and completed on the employee’s own time.
9. The successful candidate must remain in the Part-Time Payroll Clerk (TTOC) position for a term of three years from their start date in the position. If the candidate voluntarily terminates their employment or voluntarily obtains another position within the District outside of the payroll department, they will be required to refund the entire District funded portion of the educational expense of the Payroll Compliance Practitioner program.
10. If multiple internal employees meet the minimum required qualifications, the District will undergo a selection process including an in-person interview, Excel assessment and select the candidate that most closely meets the requirements demonstrated by the top scoring candidate.
11. This LOU in no way contradicts the required experience or educational requirement for the Payroll Clerk position or the role of seniority in filling vacancies and instead is an agreed upon solution for the current vacancy in order to provide a career development opportunity.
12. All CUPE employees will be eligible to apply and be considered for this career development opportunity including those individuals that are currently fulfilling a trial period on a without prejudice and precedent basis.

Both parties agree that this LOU is strictly on a without prejudice and precedent basis and will only apply to the current vacancy of the Part-Time Payroll Clerk (Teacher Teaching On Call Payroll) position.

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

 , Oct. 16/19. 2019-04-LOU

FOR THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723

 Oct 16, 2019

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
HIRING TO DIVERSITY – PROGRAM SUPPORTING THE HIRING OF A PERSON
WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

2019-02-LOU

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this *14th* day of *November* 2019.

BETWEEN: **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)**
(hereinafter referred to as the “Board”)

AND: **THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723**
(hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

RE: HIRING TO DIVERSITY – PROGRAM SUPPORTING THE HIRING OF A PERSON WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

This Letter of Understanding (LOU) confirms the parties’ shared interest in working with the Campbell River and District Association for Community Living (CRADACL) to provide meaningful employment experience opportunities for an individual with developmental disabilities.

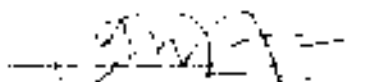
This LOU provides a framework within which a person with developmental disabilities shall operate within School District 72 and includes:

1. The Board and Union agree to create, on a without prejudice and precedent basis, the 12-month position of Custodial Assistant. This position will not qualify for Union membership.
2. A list of job duties for the Custodial Assistant will be created, in consultation with the Union, solely for the purposes of the position identified within this LOU and in no way establishes precedent for a new classification of Custodial Assistant.
3. School District 72 may consult with the CRADACL to assist with the recommendation of candidates, providing on-site job training if needed, and assisting the applicant to maintain operational standards and/or to learn new job duties. The parties agree that this position cannot be awarded to any member of the Union membership, or any other person(s) outside of this LOU, without agreement by the parties.
4. Through this LOU, the parties have agreed to provide an opportunity for an individual with developmental disabilities to work in an assistive role with tasks specifically identified and agreed to by the Union and Board.
5. Employment opportunities may require flexibility in that work may be offered in several ways, including, but not limited to: project based; irregular in nature; up to two days of work per week; seasonal; sessional; school year.

6. The person appointed under this LOU shall be compensated at 70% of the Janitor rate of pay (currently of \$22.91 per hour) in accordance with the Collective Agreement, which equates to \$ 3.58 less required deductions. It is agreed that any increase in pay for Union members will apply to this Custodial Assistant position. It is anticipated that this position will require a level of supervision from existing custodial staff.
7. The parties agree that the custodial staff member involved must mutually agree to take on the responsibility of supervision of the Custodial Assistant.
8. The parties agree that the uniqueness of this position of Custodial Assistant will require a specific orientation and familiarization and may require additional training as identified.
9. The parties know that all work performed by the Custodial Assistant is considered supernumerary in nature and in no way is to replace current work or bargaining unit work loads, tasks and duties. No custodial employee at School District 72 will lose employment or have their hours or workload reduced because of this LOU.
10. It is agreed that this position, although not part of the CUPE, Local 723 bargaining unit, will have access to leave provisions specified by the Collective Agreement. Access to benefits will be dependent upon meeting the standard criteria as defined in the Collective Agreement.
11. It is agreed that any potential issues or concerns regarding the person in the Custodial Assistant position will be addressed by the Board. Potential issues could include performance and/or misconduct. The parties agree the person selected under this LOU will be appointed on a probationary basis for the duration of this LOU.
12. It is agreed that this LOU will initially apply to one (1) position at School District 72 and future additional positions will not be pursued without the agreement of the Union.
13. The parties recognize there may be other issues arising from this agreement and are committed to addressing those issues should they arise.

The parties agree that this LOU is strictly on a without prejudice and precedent basis and will run on an ongoing basis. The parties may agree to terminate or alter this agreement by agreement with a 30 day written notice.

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

 Wachin, Director HR.

FOR THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723

 Aratea Craddock President
CUPE 723.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
CUSTODIAL CALLOUT PRIORITY TO ADDRESS TEMPORARY SHORTAGE**

2022-05-13

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into on a without prejudice or precedent basis, this 27 day of May, 2022.

BETWEEN: THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union.")

AND: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72
(CAMPBELL RIVER)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Board")

RE: CUSTODIAL CALLOUT PRIORITY TO ADDRESS TEMPORARY
SHORTAGES

The board and CUPE 723 have consulted and agreed to the callout priorities below for the current custodial shortages:

CUSTODIAL CALLOUTS BSW/NON BSW
Middle/High Schools
CUPE Staff on Call List with BSW
CUPE Staff on Call List Without BSW
Pinecrest/SBO
Tiffany Watson available 3 days/week from 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Overtime shall be offered in the following order:

2 HOURS OVERTIME OFFERED TO COVER A 4 HOUR SHIFT SHORTAGE
Middle/High School/Robron
Site Based Cust I Daytime Grounds/Custodian with BSW Site Based Cust II Site Based Cust III/IV Daytime Bus Drivers with BSW EAs with BSW site based EAs without BSW site based
Elementary Schools
Daytime Grounds/Custodian with BSW Site based Cust II Site Based Cust III

This LOU is to recognize the current challenges of the Custodial department in managing shortages while maintaining COVID cleaning protocols. Further, it is to mitigate burnout of Custodial staff due to increased cleaning protocols resulting in increased workload. This LOU will expire June 30th, 2022, 11:59 PST. It is understood this is a temporary measure that will not replace adequate staffing levels for the Custodial department

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723



Andrea Dawe, Director of HR



Andrea Craddock, President

24 May 2022

Date

May 26, 2022

Date



Paul Reid, HR Advisor



Bill Newman, Vice President

MAY 16/2022

Date

May 27, 2022

Date

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
MAINTENANCE DUTIES OFFERED TO CUPE LOCAL 723 MEMBERS**



2022-04-LOU

CUPE 723 LOCAL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 11th day of March 2022.

BETWEEN:

The Board of Education of School District 72 (Campbell River)

(Hereinafter Referred to as the "Board")

AND:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 723

(Hereinafter Referred to as the "Union")

MAINTENANCE DUTIES OFFERED TO CUPE LOCAL 723 MEMBERS

- a) The Board and Union supports offering CUPE Local 723 members Maintenance duties at Outlying Schools.
- b) CUPE Local 723 members with the qualifications will be offered maintenance duties in order of seniority for the following duties: painting, water samples, changing water filter, cleaning gutters/drains and ground traps of debris, assisting with table/chair set up in school as required, yard inspection weekly for garbage and glass, filling log bag dispenser, charcoal lock batteries and times seasonally, pruning bushes as needed, power washing drains, hot painting, shoveling snow/snow blower, salting walkways and parking lot, cleaning engineer room and bus shed, unplug toilets/replace flappers as needed, refill photo copy room with paper, pick up mail
- c) The CUPE Local 723 member performing Maintenance duties will be paid the Maintenance III rate \$24.32 per hour and hereto Schedule A for hours of work, not exceeding 10 hours per week.
- d) A casual time sheet with the hours worked and Maintenance III rate must be signed by the District Lead Hand.
- e) Interested CUPE 723 Local Members can contact paul.reid@sd72.bc.ca
- f) Either party can review this letter of understanding at any time.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72
(CAMPBELL RIVER)**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES,
LOCAL 723**



Jim Cambridge, Interim Human Resources Director



Andrea Craddock, President

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
EXPEDITED HIRE OF EDUCATION ASSISTANT PRACTICUM STUDENTS AND
STUDENT TEACHERS FOR SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT**

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
made and entered into**

this 8th day of

June, 2021.

BETWEEN: AND:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

(hereinafter referred to as the “Board”)

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723

(hereinafter referred to as the “Union”)

**RE: EXPEDITED HIRE OF EDUCATION ASSISTANT PRACTICUM STUDENTS
AND STUDENT TEACHERS FOR SHORT TERM EMPLOYMENT**

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This Letter of Understanding is signed on behalf of CUPE Local 723 and the Board of Education following discussions between CUPE and the Board.

The Board and Union agree through this Letter of Understanding to immediately hire EA Practicum Students and Student Teachers to work as EAs until the end of the 2020/21 school year; June 29, 2021. Successful applicants will be paid the current EA rate of pay of \$26.35/hr, will be considered members of CUPE 723 for their term of employment and pay dues to the union.

Temporary practicum students hired under this LOU cease to be employees of the district and members of CUPE 723, either on or before June 29, 2021 and, any and all rights to employment or under the collective agreement cease. As temporary short-term employees, the EAs are not entitled to any seniority, benefits or leaves.

However, in the event these workers are successful in gaining permanent employment with the district as Educational Assistants, the hours worked during this time will count towards their seniority upon acquiring a seniority date.

For the purpose of this Letter of Understanding these changes are only in place until June 29, 2021. After this date, the regular hiring process will continue through Human Resources and Student Support Services.

Student Teachers cannot be hired as Teachers Teaching on Call while hired as an EA under this agreement.

Temporary practicum students hired under this LOU will be called into work to work as EAs based on operational needs and in the following order:

- EA Practicum Students
- Student Teachers

The District and Union have drafted this unique agreement in order to address a chronic shortage of Education Assistants currently available to provide support for students.

Hiring may commence starting June 8th, 2021.

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)



_____ **Date: June 8, 2021**

FOR THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723



_____ **Date: June 8, 2021**

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PILOT**

2022-06-MOU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into this 26th day of April, 2022.

BETWEEN

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")**

AND

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")**

RE: Before and After School Day Care Pilot

WHEREAS

- A. The Employer has surveyed the community and wishes to address an identified community need for before and after school aged care on a pilot basis.
- B. The parties recognize it is challenging to recruit and retain Education Assistants given their limited work hours and that the District intends to staff the school aged care pilot with Education Assistants.
- C. The parties wish to record their agreement regarding the terms and conditions of employment of the school aged care providers (employees) employed by the District to deliver the Pilot Project, and other matters arising from the Project.

The Parties Agree as Follows

- 1. This Memorandum of Understanding has been reached on a without prejudice and precedent basis and will not be referred to in any other context or proceeding other than for the purpose of enforcing its terms. This agreement is without prejudice to the ability of the Employer to permit current or future third-party licensees to use board property for the purpose of providing school aged care services.
- 2. This agreement is without prejudice to the ability of the Employer to, determine following the pilot, to contract out before and after school day care providers to provide this service and or to determine that different qualifications are required for this service, such as ECE, should it be negotiated that the provider will be a CUPE employee and or licensing requirements require different qualifications.

3. The Employer recognizes the Union as the accredited bargaining agent for all employees employed by the Employer in connection with the Pilot Project.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding will expire at the conclusion of the Pilot Project, unless extended by the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Terms and Conditions of Employment

5. Unless specifically identified in this MOU, the provisions of the collective agreement between the Employer and the Union will apply to the employment of any employees in the Pilot Project.
6. For the purpose of applying local collective agreement provisions, Education Assistants will be treated as ten (10) month school year employees who do not work on non-instructional days. In the event the District elects a different model for providing services (e.g. continued service over holiday breaks or on non-instructional days), the District and Local will determine the application of the local collective agreement provisions to facilitate these schedules.

Job Description and Qualifications

7. The Employer has identified the requisite qualifications and duties of the employees providing school aged care services, in the attached Schedule 1. These qualifications and duties are consistent with the pilot program objectives.
8. The parties acknowledge that if there is agreement to renew this MOU that the position of providing school aged care services may be subject to the job evaluation process.

Wages

9. Education Assistants working in the Pilot Project will receive the Education Assistant rate of pay pursuant to the collective agreement. Other employees assigned to the Pilot Project shall be paid the EA rate of pay.

Hours of Work

10. The daily operation of the Pilot Project does not mirror the regular school day. The Union and Employer have agreed to recognize this in the application and administration of the hours of work provisions of the collective agreement Article 18. The pilot will operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
11. The parties agree that employees may work up to 8 hours/day at straight time rates without requiring overtime. Time worked will be pensionable and will count towards other benefit or perquisite entitlements which are based on straight time hours. Employees may add to their current hours or may solely do school aged care work.

12. The parties agree to fill the positions required to provide school aged care according to the following process, subject to further negotiation should the parties later realize that this process is not working to support the pilot:
 - a. Hours will first be offered to employees within the affected school up to forty (40) hours per week per employee.
 - b. If additional work is available, it will be posted as per Article 16.
 - c. A “sub list” will also be created to fill additional hours that may arise from absences, increased work etc. The parties agree that preference will be given to EAs, via seniority, at the Pilot site(s), followed by casuals in schools in closest proximity to the Pilot site(s), and where the Child Care program schedule will not interfere with an EA’s posted hours of work.

Vacation

13. Employees in the Pilot Project will take their annual vacation during Christmas and Spring Break or otherwise when schools are not in session unless otherwise approved.

Employee Movement/Bumping

14. In recognition of the character of the Education Assistant positions, and the need to maintain continuity of instruction, the Union and Employer have agreed that in addition to the terms contained within Article 17.04, the following shall apply to Education Assistants in the Pilot Project: there shall be no bumping rights for the duration of this Pilot.

Use of Other Employees in Existing Classifications

15. While Education Assistants will be the main support staff participants in the Pilot Project, other support staff classifications may also provide services in connection with the Pilot Project, which is why the MOU references school aged care providers as “the employees”. The parties to this agreement have established the following guiding principles in this regard:
 - a. Services may be required for over the full day (7 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Hours of work, assignment of employees, post and fill, rest periods, and vacation language may need to be amended. Agreement of the Parties is required on any such amendments.
 - b. The parties agree that any support staff employee/classification of support staff employee participating or providing direct support to the Pilot Project (for their full shift or a portion of their shift that day) may work up to 8 hours/day at straight time rates without requiring overtime. Where permitted by the pension reporting rules, time worked will be pensionable and will count towards other benefit or perquisite entitlements which are based on straight time hours.

In respect of the agreement herein, it is understood that:

- 16. No part of this agreement forms part of the collective agreement, however, any disputes arising from this MOU or the pilot project are subject to the grievance procedure in Article 12.
- 17. This Pilot Project will conclude June 30, 2023 unless written mutual agreement between the parties is reached, to extend or modify the agreement.
- 18. The Parties will monitor the pilot project and make it a standing item at all Joint Labour Management meetings.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)



Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer



Jim Cambridge, Interim Director of Human Resources

April 29, 2022
DATE

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723



Andrea Craddock, President



Bill Newman, Vice-President

April 29, 2022
DATE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 17th day of December, 2022.

BETWEEN:

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL
RIVER)**

(Hereinafter Referred to as the “Board”)

AND:

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723**

(Hereinafter Referred to as the “Union”)

The Provincial Joint Job Evaluation Program

In recognition of the agreement between the Parties to sign onto the Provincial Joint Job Evaluation process (JJEP) and to complete Phase 3 of the project, the Parties agree to:

Establish a local Joint Job Evaluation Committee (JJEC) composed of three (3) members appointed by the Union and three (3) members appointed by the Employer by March 31, 2023.

Union members of the JJEC will be on leave with pay for Union business to attend the meetings.

The JJEC will initially meet at least once per month to ensure that the parties are ready to implement phase 3 unless the parties otherwise agree.

The JJEC will establish its terms of reference by May 1, 2023.

The JJEP will monitor the implementation of phase 4 of the JJEP by December 2023. The JJEC may agree to extend this date if the Provincial parties are unable to achieve phase 3 of this date.

Once the JJEP is implemented, the JJEC will meet as required to monitor the implementation and application of the JJEP as organizational and/or technological changes affect the job classification.

Employees may apply to have their classification reviewed. In these cases, the classification will be reviewed by the JJEC. The Employee may submit a classification grievance to step 3 of the grievance procedure if the matter cannot be resolved at this level.

The parties may submit classification grievances to the CUPE National Staff and/or BCPSEA staff to assist with this process if the local parties are unable to resolve the grievance.

Classification grievances may be submitted to expedited arbitration if the grievance procedure is unable to resolve the classification grievance for a final and binding resolution to the matter.

AGREED to December 17, 2022:

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

FOR THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 723

President

Secretary

**PROVINCIAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN BCPSEA AND THE UNIONS
MOA BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER) AND CUPE
LOCAL 723**

Provincial Framework Agreement ("Framework")

between

BC Public School Employers' Association ("BCPSEA")

and

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

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

1. Term

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025

2. Wages Increases

General wage increases as follows:

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

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

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

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

3. Wage Increase Retroactivity

- a. Employees employed on the date of ratification who were employed on July 1, 2022 shall receive retroactive payment of wage increases to July 1, 2022.

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

4. COLA Adjustment

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

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

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

5. Public Sector Wage Increases

- 1. If a public sector employer, as defined in s. 1 of the *Public Sector Employers Act*, enters into a collective agreement with an effective date after December 31, 2021 and the first three years of the collective agreement under the Shared Recovery Mandate includes cumulative nominal (not compounded) general wage increases (GWIs) and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) that, in accordance with how GWIs are defined and calculated in this LOA, are paid out and exceed the sum of the GWIs and COLAs that are paid out in the K-12 Provincial Framework Agreement, the total GWIs and COLAs paid out will be adjusted on the third anniversary of the collective agreement so that the cumulative nominal (not compounded) GWIs and COLAs are equivalent.

This paragraph 5 is not triggered by any wage increase or lump sum awarded as a result of binding interest arbitration.

2. For the purposes of calculating the general wage increases in paragraph 1:
 - a) a \$0.25 per hour flat-rate wage increase for employees with their hourly wage rates set out in the collective agreement; or
 - b) any alternative flat-rate wage increase for employees whose hourly wage rates are not set out in the collective agreement that is determined by the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat to be roughly equivalent to a \$0.25 per hour flat-rate wage increase;

shall be considered to be a 0.5% general wage increase, notwithstanding what it actually represents for the average bargaining unit member covered by the collective agreement. For clarity, under paragraph 2 a), the combined GWIs of \$0.25 per hour and 3.24% in Year 1 are considered to be a single increase of 3.74% for this LOA. For example purposes only, combining the 3.74% increase (as it is considered in this LOA) in Year 1 with the maximum potential combined GWI and COLA increases of 6.75% in Year 2 and 3% in Year 3 would result in a cumulative nominal increases of 13.49% over three years.

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

6. Local Table Bargaining Money

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

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

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

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

7. Provincial Labour Management Committee

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

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

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

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

8. Support Staff Education Committee (SSEC) Structure:

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

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

Mandate:

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

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

Terms of Reference:

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

Funding:

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

9. Safety in the Workplace

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

10. Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce

The provincial parties will establish a Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce of not more than four (4) members appointed by CUPE and four (4) members appointed by BCPSEA. Each provincial party will consider the appointment of subject matter experts in occupational health and safety. Either provincial party

may bring resource people as required, with advance notice to the other party. These resource people will be non-voting and at no cost to the taskforce. Costs associated with this Taskforce will be provided from existing SSEAC funds.

The Provincial Joint Health and Safety Taskforce will:

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

11. Job Evaluation

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

- Review the results of the phase one and phase two pilots and outcomes of the committee work. Address any anomalies identified with the JE tool, process, or benchmarks.
- Rate the provincial benchmarks and create a job hierarchy for the provincial benchmarks.
- Gather data from all school districts and match existing job descriptions to the provincial benchmarks.
- Identify the job hierarchy for local job descriptions for all school districts.
- Compare the local job hierarchy to the benchmark-matched hierarchy.
- Develop a methodology to convert points to pay bands - The confirmed method must be supported by current compensation best practices.
- Identify training requirements to support implementation of the JE plan and develop training resources as required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Committee Funding

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

13. Public Education Benefits Trust

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

14. Benefits

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

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

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

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

15. Production of Local Collective Agreements

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

16. Demographic, Classification and Wage Information

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

17. Unpaid Work

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

18. Education Assistant Credential Standardization

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

19. Provincial Framework Bargaining 2025

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

20. Provincial Dispute resolution

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

21. Funding

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

22. Employee Support Grant

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

23. Adoption of the Provincial Framework Agreement

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

Dated this 15th day of September, 2022.

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

K-12 Presidents' Council and Support Staff Unions

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Provincial Framework Agreement – Appendix A

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:

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