

PART A: CENTRAL AGREEMENT

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

AND

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
AND ITS LOCAL 2357**

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APPENDIX I CUPE – PART A: CENTRAL TERMS

C1.00 STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

C1.1 Separate Central and Local Terms

The collective agreement shall consist of two parts. Part “A” shall comprise those terms which are central terms. Part “B” shall comprise those terms which are local terms.

C1.2 Implementation

Part “A” may include provisions respecting the implementation of central terms by the school board and the union. Any such provision shall be binding on the school board and the union. Should a provision in Part A conflict with a provision in Part B, the provision in Part A, Central Term will apply.

C1.3 Parties

- a) The parties to the collective agreement are the school board or school Authority and the union.
- b) Central collective bargaining shall be conducted by the central employer and employee bargaining agencies representing the local parties.

C1.4 Single Collective Agreement

Central terms and local terms shall together constitute a single collective agreement for all purposes.

C2.00 DEFINITIONS

C2.1 Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions shall apply only with respect to their usage in standard central terms. Where the same word is used in Part B of this collective agreement, the definition in that part, or any existing local interpretation, shall prevail.

C2.2 The “Central Parties” shall be defined as the employer bargaining agency, the Council of Trustees’ Associations/Conseil d’Associations des Employeurs (CTA/CAE) and the employee bargaining agency, the Canadian Union of Public Employees/Syndicat Canadien de la Fonction Publique (CUPE/SCFP).

CUPE/SCFP refers to the designated employee bargaining agency pursuant to subsection 20 (1) of the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* for central bargaining with respect to employees in the bargaining units for which CUPE/SCFP is the designated employee bargaining agency.

CTA/CAE refers to the designated employer bargaining agency pursuant to subsection 21 (6) of the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* for central bargaining with respect to employees in the bargaining units for which CUPE/SCFP is the designated employee bargaining agency. The CTA/CAE is composed of:

1. ACEPO refers to l'Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario as the designated bargaining agency for every French-language public district school board.
2. AFOCSC refers to l'Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques as the designated bargaining agency for every French-language Catholic district school board.
3. OCSTA refers to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association as the designated bargaining agency for every English-language Catholic district school board.
4. OPSBA refers to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association as the designated bargaining agency for every English-language public district school board, including isolate boards.

C3.00 LENGTH OF TERM/NOTICE TO BARGAIN

C3.1 Term of Agreement

The term of this collective agreement, including central terms and local terms, shall be from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026 inclusive.

C3.2 Term of Letters of Agreement/Understanding

All central letters of agreement/understanding appended to this agreement, or entered into after the execution of this agreement shall, unless otherwise stated therein, form part of the collective agreement, run concurrently with it, and have the same termination date as the agreement.

C3.3 Amendment of Terms

In accordance with Section 42 of the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014*, the central terms of this agreement, excepting term, may be amended at any time during the life of the agreement upon mutual consent of the central parties and agreement of the Crown. It is understood the union will follow its internal approval process.

C3.4 Notice to Bargain

- a) Where central bargaining is required under the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014*, notice to bargain centrally shall be in accordance with Sections 31 and 28 of that Act, and with Section 59 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*.

Notice to commence bargaining shall be given by a central party:

- i. within 90 (ninety) days of the expiry date of the collective agreement; or
 - ii. within such greater period agreed upon by the parties; or
 - iii. within any greater period set by regulation by the Minister of Education.
- b) Notice to bargain centrally constitutes notice to bargain locally.
 - c) Where no central table is designated, notice to bargain shall be consistent with section 59 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995*.

C4.00 CENTRAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The following process pertains exclusively to disputes and grievances on central matters that have been referred to the central process. In accordance with the *School Board Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* central matters may also be grieved locally, in which case local grievance processes will apply. In the event that central language is being grieved locally, the local parties shall provide the grievance

to their respective central agents. Where a local grievance has been filed, the central parties will jointly recommend in writing to the Local Parties that the local grievance be held in abeyance until the Central Dispute Resolution Committee, the Central Parties, or the Crown takes action under Article 4.

C4.1 Statement of Purpose

- a. The purposes of the Central Dispute Resolution Process (CDRP) shall include the expeditious processing and resolution of disputes through consultation, discussion, mediation or arbitration, and the avoidance thereby of multiplicity of proceedings.

C4.2 Parties to the Process

- a. There shall be established a Central Dispute Resolution Committee (“The Committee”), which shall be composed of equal representation of up to four (4) representatives each of the employer bargaining agency and employee bargaining agency (“the central parties”), and up to three representatives of the Crown. The Committee will be co-chaired by a representative from each bargaining agency. All correspondence to the committee will be sent to both co-chairs.
- b. The Central Parties and the Crown will provide a written list of representatives appointed to the Committee with contact information every September. Any changes in representation will be confirmed in writing.
- c. A local party shall not be party to the CDRP, or to the Committee, except to the extent its interests are represented by its respective central party on the Committee.
- d. For the purposes of this section, “central party” means an employer bargaining agency or employee bargaining agency, and “local party” means an employer or trade union party to a local collective agreement.

C4.3 Meetings of the Committee

The Committee shall meet eight times during the school year. The parties may schedule additional meetings by mutual agreement.

C4.4 Selection of Representatives

- a. Each central party and the Crown shall select its own representatives to the Committee.

C4.5 Mandate of the Committee

The mandate of the Committee shall be as follows:

- a. Dispute Resolution

A review of any dispute referred to the Committee respecting the interpretation, application, administration, alleged violation, or arbitrability of central terms in the

agreement, for the purposes of determining whether the dispute might be settled, withdrawn, referred to mediation/arbitration as a formal grievance, or referred to the local grievance procedure in accordance with this section.

b. Not Adjudicative

It is clearly understood that the Committee is not adjudicative in nature. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, decisions of the committee are without prejudice or precedent.

C4.6 Role of the Central Parties and Crown

a. The central parties shall each have the following rights:

- i. To file a dispute with the Committee.
- ii. To file a dispute as a grievance with the Committee.
- iii. To engage in settlement discussions, and to mutually settle a dispute or grievance.
- iv. To withdraw a dispute or grievance it filed.
- v. To mutually agree to refer a dispute or grievance to the local grievance procedure.
- vi. To refer a grievance it filed to final and binding arbitration.
- vii. To mutually agree to voluntary mediation.

b. The Crown shall have the following rights:

- i. To give or withhold approval to the employer bargaining agency, to any proposed settlement.
- ii. To participate in any matter referred to arbitration.
- iii. To participate in voluntary mediation.

C4.7 Referral of Disputes

- a. Either central party must refer a dispute to the Committee for discussion and review

C4.8 Carriage Rights

- a. The parties to settlement discussions shall be the central parties. The Crown may participate in settlement discussions.

C4.9 Responsibility to Communicate

- a. It shall be the responsibility of a central party to refer a dispute to the Committee, or to arbitration, in a timely manner.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of each central party to inform their respective local parties of the Committee's disposition of the dispute at each step in the CDRP, including mediation and arbitration, and to direct them accordingly.

C4.10 Language of Proceedings

- a. Where a dispute arises uniquely under a collective agreement in the French language, the documentation shall be provided, and the proceedings conducted in French. Interpretative and translation services shall be provided accordingly to ensure that non-francophone participants are able to participate effectively.
- b. Where such a dispute is filed:
 - i. The decision of the committee shall be available in both French and English.
 - ii. Mediation and arbitration shall be conducted in the French language with interpretative and translation services provided accordingly.
- c. Arbitration decisions and settlements that may have an impact on French language school boards shall be translated accordingly.

C4.11 Definition of Dispute

- a. A dispute can include:
 - i. A matter in dispute between the central parties respecting the interpretation, application, administration, alleged violation, or arbitrability of central terms in the agreement.

C4.12 Notice of Disputes

Notice of the dispute will be submitted on the form provided in Appendix A and sent to the responding party, in order to provide an opportunity to respond. The Crown shall be provided with a copy.

- a. Notice of the dispute shall include the following:
 - i. Any central provision of the collective agreement alleged to have been violated.
 - ii. The provision of any statute, regulation, policy, guideline, or directive at issue.
 - iii. A comprehensive statement of any relevant facts.
 - iv. The remedy requested.

C4.13 Referral to the Committee

- a. A central party that has a dispute regarding the interpretation, application, administration, alleged violation, or arbitrability of a central term, shall refer it forthwith to the Committee by notice of dispute to the co-chair of the other central party, with a copy to the Crown, but in no case later than thirty (30) working days after becoming aware of the dispute. Where the responding party wishes to provide a written response prior to the committee meeting, that response shall be forwarded to the other Central party and the Crown.
- b. The Committee shall conduct a review of the dispute. The Committee will meet to review the dispute within twenty (20) working days or at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.
- c. If the dispute is not settled or withdrawn, within twenty (20) working days of the Committee meeting, the central party submitting the dispute may:
 - i. Continue informal discussions; or
 - ii. Refer the dispute back to the local grievance procedure
- d. If the dispute remains unresolved for longer than sixty (60) working days the dispute may be referred as a grievance. Once referred as a grievance the parties may:
 - i. Refer the grievance to Voluntary Mediation or Expedited Mediation
 - ii. Refer the grievance to Arbitration.

C4.14 Timelines

- a. Timelines may be extended by mutual consent of the parties.
- b. Working days shall be defined as Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays.
- c. Disputes that arise during non-instructional days (Summer Months, Christmas Break, and March Break) will have timelines automatically extended.
- d. Local grievance timelines will be held in abeyance while the dispute is in the CDRP, in the event that the matter is referred back locally.

C4.15 Voluntary Mediation /Expedited Meditation

- a. The central parties may, on mutual agreement, request the assistance of a mediator.
- b. Where the central parties have agreed to mediation, the cost shall be shared equally between the central parties.
- c. Timelines shall be held in abeyance from the time of referral to mediation until the completion of the mediation process. The referral of a grievance to mediation is

without prejudice to either parties' position on jurisdictional matters, including timeliness.

- d. The Parties agree to refer any mediation to agreed-upon mediator(s). In selecting a mediator, the parties shall have regard to reasonable availability, sector knowledge, and linguistic competence.
- e. Following ratification, the parties shall contact mediator(s) to establish three dates for mediation. Dates shall be scheduled in consultation with the parties. One of the expedited mediation sessions shall be conducted in French and two of the expedited mediation sessions shall be conducted in English every school year of the agreement unless agreed otherwise by the parties.
- f. It is understood that the resolution of any grievance under the mediation process shall be without prejudice and shall not be raised or relied upon by either party or the Crown in any future proceeding, except for enforcement purposes.
- g. The parties may jointly set down up to 5 (five) grievances for each review.
- h. The mediator shall have the authority to assist the parties in a mediated resolution to the grievance.
- i. Each party shall prepare a mediation brief to assist the mediator, which shall include the following:
 - A short description of the grievance.
 - A statement of relevant facts.
 - A list of any relevant provisions of the collective agreement.
 - Any relevant documentation.
- j. The description of the grievance and the relevant facts shall not be typically longer than two pages.
- k. The party raising the grievance shall provide the opposing party (and the Crown, where applicable) with a complete brief no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled review.
- l. The responding party shall provide their brief no later than five (5) days prior to the scheduled review.
- m. The Crown may provide a brief no later than two (2) days prior to the review.
- n. Where the matter is not resolved, the mediator is not seized to arbitrate the grievance.

C4.16 Arbitration

- a. Arbitration shall be by a single arbitrator.

- b. In order to have an expeditious process, the parties shall consider sharing prior to the hearing the following, "Written Briefs", "Will Say Statements" "Agreed Statement of Facts" and the case law the parties intend to rely on. The parties will make best efforts to respond to disclosure requests in a timely fashion prior to the hearing.
- c. The central parties shall use the mutually agreed-to list of arbitrators set out in Letter of Understanding #8. Arbitrators on the list will be used in rotation, based on availability. On mutual agreement, the parties may add to or delete from the list during the term of the agreement, as required.
- d. The Parties shall select an arbitrator from the list to subject to their availability to hear the matter within eighteen (18) months, on a date convenient to the parties. If none of the arbitrators on the list are able to convene a hearing within eighteen (18) the parties shall appoint a mutually agreed to arbitrator who is available within eighteen (18) months.
- e. The central parties may refer multiple grievances to a single arbitrator.
- f. The cost of proceedings, including arbitrator fees and rental of space, shall be shared equally between the central parties.
- g. This does not preclude either Party from proceeding to expedited arbitration under the Labour Relations Act.

C5.00 BENEFITS

The parties have agreed to participate in the Provincial Benefit Trust set out in the CUPE Education Workers Benefit Trust Agreement and Declaration of Trust "CUPE EWBT" established February 28, 2018. The date on which the board and the bargaining unit commenced participation in the Trust shall be referred to herein as the "Participation Date".

The parties agree that, once all employees to whom this memorandum of settlement applies transition to the CUPE EWBT, all references to existing life, health and dental benefits plans in the applicable local collective agreement shall be removed from that local agreement.

Consistent with section 144.1 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) ("ITA") Boards' benefit plans can only be moved into the Trust, such that the Trust will be in compliance with the ITA and Canada Revenue Agency administrative requirements for an ELHT.

Post Participation Date, the following shall apply:

C5.1 Eligibility and Coverage

- a) The Trust will maintain eligibility for CUPE represented employees who currently have benefits and any newly hired eligible employee covered by the local terms of applicable collective agreement ("CUPE represented employees").

- b) The Trust is also permitted to provide coverage to other active employee groups in the education sector with the consent of their bargaining agents and employer or, for non-union groups, in accordance with an agreement between the Trustees and the applicable Board.
- c) Retirees who were previously represented by CUPE, who were, and still are members of a Board benefit plan as at the participation date are eligible to receive benefits through the CUPE EWBT based on prior arrangements with the Board.
- d) ~~No individuals who retire after the Participation Date are eligible.~~

C5.2 Funding

Funding related to the CUPE EWBT will be based on the following:

- a) Funding amounts:
 - September 1, 2022: increase of 1% (\$5,712.00 per FTE)
 - September 1, 2023: increase of 1% (\$5,769.12 per FTE)
 - September 1, 2024: increase of 1% (\$5,826.82 per FTE)
 - September 1, 2025: increase of 1% (\$5,885.08 per FTE)
 - August 31, 2026: increase of 4% (\$6,120.48 per FTE)

C5.3 Cost Sharing

The terms and conditions of any existing Employee Assistance Program/Employee Family Assistance Program shall remain the responsibility of the respective Board and not the Trust maintaining current employer and employee co-share where they exist. The Board shall maintain its contribution to all statutory benefits as required by legislation (including but not limited to Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, Employer Health Tax, etc.).

Any cost sharing or funding arrangements regarding the EI rebate will remain status quo.

C5.4 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) and Employer Contributions

- a) The FTE used to determine the Board's benefits contributions will be based on the average of the Board's FTE as of October 31st and March 31st of each year.
- b) For the purposes of (a) above, the FTE positions will be those consistent with Appendix H of the Education Finance Information System (EFIS) for job classifications that are eligible for benefits.
- c) Amounts previously paid under (a) above will be reconciled to the agreed October 31st and March 31st FTE and any identified difference will be remitted to the Trust in a lump sum on or before the last day of the month following reconciliation.
- d) In the case of a dispute regarding the FTE number of members for whom the provincial benefits package is being provided, the dispute will be resolved between the Board and

CUPE. If no resolution to the issue can be achieved, it shall be subject to the Central Dispute Resolution Process.

C5.5 Payment in Lieu of Benefits

- a) All employees not transferred to the Trust who received pay in lieu of benefits under a collective agreement in effect as of August 31, 2014, shall continue to receive the same benefit.
- b) New hires after the Participation Date who are eligible for benefits from the CUPE EWBT are not eligible for pay in lieu of benefits.

C5.6 Benefits Committee

- a) A benefits committee comprised of the employee representatives, the employer representatives, including the Crown, and Trust Representatives will meet to address all matters that may arise in the operation of the Trust. This committee is currently known as "TRAC 3".

C5.7 Privacy

- a) The Parties agree to inform the Trust Plan Administrator, that in accordance with applicable privacy legislation, the Trust Plan Administrator shall limit the collection, use and disclosure of personal information to information that is necessary for the purpose of providing benefits administration services. The Trust Plan Administrator's policy shall also be based on the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA).

C6.00 SICK LEAVE

C6.1 Sick Leave/Short Term Leave and Disability Plan

Definitions:

The definitions below shall be exclusively used for this article.

"Full year" refers to the ordinary period of employment for the position.

"Permanent Employees" – means all employees who are not casual employees, or employees working in a long-term supply assignment, as defined below.

"Long Term Supply Assignment" means, in relation to an employee,

- i. a long-term supply assignment within the meaning of the local collective agreement, or
- ii. where no such definition exists, a long-term supply assignment will be defined as twelve (12) days of continuous employment in one assignment.

“Casual Employees” means,

- i. A casual employee within the meaning of the local collective agreement,
- ii. If clause (i) does not apply, an employee who is a casual employee as agreed upon by the board and the bargaining agent, or
- iii. If clauses (i) and (ii) do not apply, an employee who is not regularly scheduled to work.

Notwithstanding the above, an employee working in a Long-Term Supply Assignment shall not be considered a casual employee for purposes of sick leave entitlement under this article while working in the assignment.

“Fiscal Year” means September 1 to August 31.

“Wages” is defined as the amount of money the employee would have otherwise received over a period of absence, excluding overtime.

a) Sick Leave Benefit Plan

The Board will provide a Sick Leave Benefit Plan which will provide sick leave days and short-term disability coverage to provide protection against loss of income when ill or injured as defined below. An employee, other than a casual employee as defined above, is eligible for benefits under this article.

Sick leave days may be used for reasons of personal illness, personal injury, personal medical appointments, or personal dental emergencies only. Appointments shall be scheduled outside of working hours, where possible.

Employees receiving benefits under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*, or under an LTD plan, are not entitled to benefits under a school board’s sick leave and short-term disability plan for the same condition.

b) Sick Leave Days Payable at 100% Wages

Permanent Employees

Subject to paragraphs d), e) and f) below, Employees will be allocated eleven (11) sick days payable at one hundred percent (100%) of wages on the first day of each fiscal year, or the first day of employment.

Employees on Long-Term Supply Assignments

Subject to paragraph d) below, Employees completing a full-year long-term supply assignment shall be allocated eleven (11) sick days payable at one hundred percent (100%) of wages at the start of the assignment. An employee completing a long-term supply assignment that is less than a full year will be allocated eleven (11) sick days payable at one hundred percent (100%) reduced to reflect the proportion the long-term supply assignment bears to the length of the regular work year for the position.

c) Short Term Disability Coverage – Days Payable at 90% Wages

Permanent Employees

Subject to paragraphs d), e) and f) below, permanent Employees will be allocated one hundred and twenty (120) short-term disability days at the start of each fiscal year or the first day of employment. Permanent Employees eligible to access short-term disability coverage shall receive payment equivalent to ninety percent (90%) of regular wages.

Employees on Long-Term Supply Assignments

Subject to paragraph d) below, Employees completing a full year long-term supply assignment shall be allocated one hundred and twenty (120) short-term disability days payable at ninety percent (90%) of wages at the start of the assignment.

An employee completing a long-term supply assignment that is less than a full year will be allocated one hundred and twenty (120) short-term disability days payable at ninety percent (90%) of wages reduced to reflect the proportion the long term supply assignment bears to the length of the regular work year for the position.

d) Eligibility and Allocation

A sick leave day/short term disability leave day will be allocated and paid in accordance with current local practice.

Any changes to hours of work during a fiscal year shall result in an adjustment to the allocation.

Permanent Employees

The allocations outlined in paragraphs b) and c) above will be provided on the first day of each fiscal year, or the first day of employment, subject to the exceptions below:

Where a permanent Employee is accessing sick leave and/or the short-term disability plan in a fiscal year and the absence continues into the following fiscal year for the same medical condition, the permanent Employee will continue to access any unused sick leave days or short-term disability days from the previous fiscal year's allocation.

A new allocation will not be provided to the permanent Employee until s/he has returned to work and completed eleven (11) consecutive working days at their regular working hours. The permanent Employee's new sick leave allocation will be eleven (11) sick leave days payable at 100% wages. The permanent Employee will also be allocated one hundred and twenty (120) short-term disability leave days based on the provisions outlined in c) above reduced by any paid sick days already taken in the current fiscal year.

If a permanent Employee is absent on his/her last regularly scheduled work day and the first regularly scheduled work day of the following year for unrelated reasons, the allocation outlined above will be provided on the first day of the fiscal year, provided the employee submits medical documentation to support the absence, in accordance with paragraph (h).

Employees on Long-Term Supply Assignments

Employees completing long term supply assignments may only access sick leave and short-term disability leave in the fiscal year in which the allocation was provided. Any remaining allocation may be used in subsequent long-term supply assignments, provided these occur within the same fiscal year.

Employees employed in a long-term supply assignment which is less than the ordinary period of employment for the position shall have their sick leave and short-term disability allocations pro-rated accordingly.

Where the length of the long-term supply assignment is not known in advance, a projected length must be determined at the start of the assignment in order for the appropriate allocation of sick leave/short-term disability leave to occur. If a change is made to the length of the assignment, an adjustment will be made to the allocation and applied retroactively.

e) Refresh Provision for Permanent Employees

Permanent Employees returning from LTD or workplace insurance leave to resume their regular working hours must complete eleven (11) consecutive working days at their regular working hours to receive a new allocation of sick/short-term disability leave. If the Employee has a recurrence of the same illness or injury, s/he is required to apply to reopen the previous LTD or WSIB claim, as applicable.

The Local union and Local school board agree to continue to cooperate in the implementation and administration of early intervention and safe return to work processes as a component of the Short-Term Leave and Long Term Disability Plans.

In the event the Employee exhausts his/her sick/short-term disability leave allocation from the previous year and continues to work part-time, their salary will be reduced accordingly and a pro-rated sick/short-term allocation for the employee's working portion of the current year will be provided. The new pro-rated sick/short-term leave allocation may not be used to top-up from part-time to full-time hours. Any changes to hours of work during a fiscal year shall result in an adjustment to the allocation.

For the purposes of d) and e) of this article, eleven (11) consecutive working days of employment shall not include a period of leave for a medical appointment, which is related to the illness/injury that had been the reason for the employee's previous absence, but days worked before and after such leave shall be considered consecutive. It shall be the employee's obligation to provide medical confirmation that the appointment was related to the illness/injury.

f) WSIB & LTD

An Employee who is receiving benefits under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, or under an LTD plan, is not entitled to benefits under a school board's sick leave and short-term disability plan for the same condition unless the employee is on a graduated return to work program then WSIB/LTD remains the first payor.

For clarity, where an employee is receiving partial benefits under WSIB/LTD, they may be entitled to receive benefits under the sick leave plan, subject to the circumstances of the specific situation. During the interim period from the date of the injury/incident or illness to the date of the approval by the WSIB/LTD of the claim, the employee may access sick leave and short-term leave and disability coverage. A reconciliation of sick leave deductions made and payments provided, will be undertaken by the school board once the WSIB/LTD has adjudicated and approved the claim. In the event that the WSIB/LTD does not approve the claim, the school board shall deal with the absence consistent with the terms of the sick leave and short-term leave and disability plans.

g) Graduated Return to Work

Where an Employee is not receiving benefits from another source and is working less than his/her regular working hours in the course of a graduated return-to-work as the Employee recovers from an illness or injury, the Employee may use any unused sick/short term disability allocation remaining, if any, for the portion of the day where the Employee is unable to work due to illness or injury. A partial sick/short term leave day will be deducted for an absence of a partial day in the same proportion as the duration of the absence is to an employee's regular hours.

Where an employee returns on a graduated return to work from a WSIB/LTD claim, and is working less than his/her regular hours, WSIB and LTD will be used to top up the employee's wages, as approved and if applicable.

Where an employee returns on a graduated return to work from an illness which commenced in the previous fiscal year,

- and is not receiving benefits from another source;
- and is working less than his/her regular hours of work;
- and has sick leave days and/or short-term disability days remaining from the previous year

The employee can access those remaining days to top up their wages proportional to the hours not worked.

Where an employee returns on a graduated return to work from an illness which commenced in the previous fiscal year,

- and is not receiving benefits from another source,
- and is working less than his/her regular hours of work,
- and has no sick leave days and/ or short-term disability days remaining from the previous year,

the employee will receive 11 days of sick leave paid at 100% of the new reduced working hours. When the employee's hours of work increase during the graduated return to work, the employee's sick leave will be adjusted in accordance with the new schedule. In accordance with paragraph c), the Employee will also be allocated one hundred and twenty (120) short-term disability days payable at ninety percent (90%) of regular salary proportional to the hours scheduled to work under the graduated return to work. The new pro-rated sick/short-term leave allocation may not be used to top-up from part-time to full-time hours.

h) Proof of Illness

Sick Leave Days Payable at 100%

A Board may request medical confirmation of illness or injury and any restrictions or limitations any Employee may have, confirming the dates of absence and the reason thereof (omitting a diagnosis). Medical confirmation is to be provided by the Employee for absences of five (5) consecutive working days or longer. The medical confirmation may be required to be provided on the form contained in Appendix C.

Short-Term Disability Leave

In order to access short-term disability leave, medical confirmation may be requested and shall be provided on the form attached as Appendix "C" to this Agreement.

In either instance where an Employee does not provide medical confirmation as requested, or otherwise declines to participate and/or cooperate in the administration of the Sick Leave Plan, access to compensation may be suspended or denied. Before access to compensation is denied, discussion will occur between the union and the school board. Compensation will not be denied for the sole reason that the medical practitioner refuses to provide the required medical information. A school board may require an independent medical examination to be completed by a medical practitioner qualified in respect of the illness or injury of the Board's choice at the Board's expense.

In cases where the Employee's failure to cooperate is the result of a medical condition, the Board shall consider those extenuating circumstances in arriving at a decision.

i) Notification of Sick Leave Days

The Board shall notify employees and the Bargaining Unit, when they have exhausted their 11 days allocation of sick leave at 100% of salary.

j) Pension Contributions While on Short Term Disability

Contributions for OMERS Plan Members:

When an employee/plan member is on short-term sick leave and receiving less than 100% of regular salary, the Board will continue to deduct and remit OMERS contributions based on 100% of the employee/plan member's regular pay.

Contributions for OTPP Plan Members:

- i. When an employee/plan member is on short-term sick leave and receiving less than 100% of regular salary, the Board will continue to deduct and remit OTPP contributions based on 100% of the employee/plan member's regular pay.
- ii. If the plan employee/plan member exceeds the maximum allowable paid sick leave before qualifying for Long-Term Disability (LTD)/Long Term Income Protection (LTIP), pension contributions will cease. The employee/plan member is entitled to complete a purchase of credited service, subject to existing plan provisions for periods of absence due to illness between contributions ceasing under a paid short-term sick leave provision and qualification for Long-Term Disability (LTD)/Long-Term Income Protection (LTIP) when employee contributions are waived. If an employee/plan member is not approved for LTD/LTIP, such absence shall be subject to existing plan provisions.

k) Top-up Provisions

Employees accessing short-term disability leave as set out in paragraph c) will have access to any unused sick leave days from their last fiscal year worked for the purpose of topping up wages to one hundred percent (100%) under the short-term disability leave.

This top-up is calculated as follows:

Eleven (11) days less the number of sick leave days used in the most recent fiscal year worked.

Each top-up to 100% from 90 to 100% requires the corresponding fraction of a day available for top-up.

In addition to the top-up bank, top-up for compassionate reasons may be considered at the discretion of the board on a case by case basis. The top-up will not exceed two (2) days and is dependent on having two (2) unused Short-Term Paid Leave Days/Miscellaneous Personal Leave Days in the current year. These days can be used to top-up salary under the short-term disability leave.

When employees use any part of a short-term disability leave day they may access their top up bank to top up their salary to 100%.

l) Sick Leave to Establish EI Maternity Benefits

If the Employee will be able to establish a new EI Maternity Benefit claim in the six weeks immediately following the birth of her child through access to sick leave at 100% of her regular salary, she shall be eligible for up to six weeks leave at 100% of her regular salary without deduction from the sick days or short-term disability leave days (remainder of six weeks topped-up as SEB).

C7.00 CENTRAL LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

C7.1 Preamble

The Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) agree to establish a joint Central Labour Relations Committee (Committee) to promote and facilitate communication between rounds of bargaining on issues of joint interest.

C7.2 Membership

The Committee shall include four (4) representatives from CUPE/SCFP and four (4) representatives from the CTA. The parties may mutually agree to invite the Crown and/or other persons to attend meetings in order to provide support and resources as required.

C7.3 Co-Chair Selection

CUPE/SCFP and CTA representatives will each select one co-chair. The two Co-Chairs will govern the group's agendas, work and meetings.

C7.4 Meetings

The Committee will meet within sixty (60) calendar days of the ratification of the central terms of the collective agreement. The Committee shall meet on agreed upon dates three (3) times in each school year, or more often as mutually agreed.

C7.5 Agenda and Minutes

a) Agendas of reasonable length detailing issues in a clear and concise fashion will be developed jointly between the co-chairs, translated into the French language and provided to committee members at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Agenda items should be of general concern to the parties as opposed to personal concerns of individual employees. It is not the mandate of the Committee to deal with matters that have been filed as central disputes. With mutual consent, additional items may be added prior to, or at the meeting.

- b) The minutes will be produced by the CTA and agreed upon by the parties on an item-by-item basis. The minutes will reflect the items discussed and any agreement or disagreement on solutions. Where the matter is deferred, the minutes will reflect which party is responsible for follow-up. The minutes will be translated into the French language and authorized for distribution to the parties and the Crown once signed by a representative from both parties.

C7.6 Without Prejudice or Precedent

The parties to the Committee agree that any discussion at the Committee will be on a without-prejudice and without-precedent basis, unless agreed otherwise.

C7.7 Cost of Labour Relations Meetings

The parties agree that efforts will be made to minimize costs related to the committee.

C8.00 CUPE/SCFP MEMBERS ON PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

CUPE/SCFP appointees to Provincial Committees will not have their participation charged against local collective agreement union release time or days.

C9.00 ATTENDANCE AT MANDATORY MEETINGS/SCHOOL EVENTS

Where an employee is required through clear direction by the board to attend work outside of regular working hours, the provisions of the local collective agreement regarding hours of work and compensation, including any relevant overtime/lieu time provisions, shall apply.

Required attendance outside of regular working hours may include, but is not limited to school staff meetings, parent/teacher interviews, curriculum nights, Individual Education Plan and Identification Placement Review Committee meetings, and consultations with board professional staff.

C10.00 CASUAL SENIORITY EMPLOYEE LIST

On or before September 1, 2016, school boards shall establish a seniority list for casual/temporary employees, where a list does not currently exist. This will be a separate list from permanent employees and shall have as its sole purpose to track length of service with the Board. Further, the list shall have no other force or effect on local collective agreements other than those that may already exist for casual/temporary employees in the 2008-12 local collective agreement.

C11.00 UNION REPRESENTATION AS IT RELATES TO CENTRAL BARGAINING

Negotiations Committee

At all central bargaining meetings with the Employer representatives the union will be represented by the OSBCU negotiations committee.

The union will be consulted prior to the tendering process for the broader central bargaining location. The tendering process shall be conducted in accordance with the OPS Procurement Directive.

C12.00 STATUTORY LEAVES OF ABSENCE/SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (SEB)

C12.1 Family Medical Leave or Critical Illness Leave

- a) Family Medical Leave or Critical Illness leaves granted to an employee under this Article shall be in accordance with the provisions of the *Employment Standards Act*, as amended.

- b) The employee will provide to the employer such evidence as necessary to prove entitlement under the ESA.
- c) An employee contemplating taking such leave(s) shall notify the employer of the intended date the leave is to begin and the anticipated date of return to active employment.
- d) Seniority and experience continue to accrue during such leave(s).
- e) Where an employee is on such leave(s), the Employer shall continue to pay its share of the benefit premiums, where applicable. To maintain participation and coverage under the Collective Agreement, the employee must agree to provide for payment for the employee's share of the benefit premiums, where applicable.
- f) In order to receive pay for such leaves, an employee must access Employment Insurance and the Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) in accordance with g) to j), if allowable by legislation. An employee who is eligible for E.I. is not entitled to benefits under a school board's sick leave and short-term disability plan.

Supplemental Employment Benefits (SEB)

- g) The Employer shall provide for permanent employees who access such Leaves, a SEB plan to top up their E.I. Benefits. The permanent employee who is eligible for such leave shall receive 100% salary for a period not to exceed eight (8) weeks provided the period falls within the work year and during a period for which the permanent employee would normally be paid. The SEB Plan pay will be the difference between the gross amount the employee receives from E.I. and their regular gross pay.
- h) Employees completing a term assignment shall also be eligible for the SEB plan with the length of the benefit limited by the length of the assignment.
- i) SEB payments are available only to supplement E.I. benefits during the absence period as specified in this plan.
- j) The employee must provide the Board with proof that he/she has applied for and is in receipt of employment insurance benefits in accordance with the *Employment Insurance Act*, as amended, before SEB is payable.

C13.00 MERGER, AMALGAMATION OR INTEGRATION

The parties (OSBCU and the CTA) agree to meet within 30 days (or another mutually agreed time) of receiving written notice of a decision to fully or partially merge, amalgamate or integrate a school board or authority. The Crown shall receive an invitation to participate in the meeting. The parties agree to discuss the impact to the affected school board or authority of the merger, amalgamation or integration, including possible redeployment strategies.

C14.00 SPECIALIZED JOB CLASSES

The following language applies to a particular position that requires post-secondary training, licensing, and is not funded on a provincial grid. It also includes a position in the information technology sector requiring specialized skills.

Where a school board determines that an evaluation is necessary, and where the compensation package for the position is determined to be below the local market value outside of the education sector, as evidenced by a local market value assessment, the applicable school board may adjust the base wage or salary rate for the position following a discussion between the local Parties.

C15.00 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

The parties agree that if the Ministry of Education declares a change in the number of PA Days the following shall apply:

The parties agree that there will be no loss of pay for CUPE members (excluding casual employees) as a result of the change in the number of PA Days determined by the Ministry of Education. The scheduling of PA days shall not change the number of paid days for the work year as per the Collective Agreement.

APPENDIX A

Name of Board where Dispute Originated:	
CUPE Local & Bargaining Unit Description:	
Policy	Group Individual Grievor's Name (if applicable):
Date Notice Provided to Local School Board/CUPE Local:	
Central Provision(s) Violated:	
Statute/Regulation/Policy/Guideline/Directive at issue (if any):	
Comprehensive Statement of Facts (attach additional pages if necessary):	
Remedy Requested:	
Date:	Signature:
Committee Discussion Date:	Central File #:
Withdrawn Resolved Referred to Arbitration	
Date:	Co-Chair Signatures:
This form must be forwarded to the Central Dispute Resolution Committee Co-Chairs no later than 30 working days after becoming aware of the dispute.	

APPENDIX B

Sick Leave Credit-Based Retirement Gratuities (where applicable)

- 1) An Employee is not eligible to receive a sick leave credit gratuity after August 31, 2012, except a sick leave credit gratuity that the Employee had accumulated and was eligible to receive as of that day.
- 2) If the Employee is eligible to receive a sick leave credit gratuity, upon the Employee's retirement, the gratuity shall be paid out at the lesser of,
 - a) the rate of pay specified by the board's system of sick leave credit gratuities that applied to the Employee on August 31, 2012; and
 - b) the Employee's salary as of August 31, 2012.
- 3) If a sick leave credit gratuity is payable upon the death of an Employee, the gratuity shall be paid out upon death consistent with the rate in accordance with subsection (2).
- 4) For greater clarity, all eligibility requirements must have been met as of August 31, 2012 to be eligible for the aforementioned payment upon retirement, and except where there are grievances pending, the Employer and union agree that any and all wind-up payments to which Employees without the necessary years of service were entitled to under Ontario Regulation 01/13: Sick Leave Credits and Sick Leave Credit Gratuities, have been paid.
- 5) For the purposes of the following board, despite anything in the board's system of sick leave credit gratuities, it is a condition of eligibility to receive a sick leave credit gratuity that the Employee have 10 years of service with the board:
 - i. Near North District School Board
 - ii. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
 - iii. Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
 - iv. Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board
 - v. Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board
 - vi. Waterloo Catholic District School Board
 - vii. Limestone District School Board
 - viii. Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
 - ix. Conseil scolaire Viamonde

Other Retirement Gratuities

An employee is not eligible to receive any non-sick leave credit retirement gratuity (such as, but not limited to, service gratuities or RRSP contributions) after August 31, 2012.

APPENDIX C - Medical Certificate

PART 1

The Board may request this medical confirmation in accordance with Article C6.1 h)

Part 2 of this form is to provide the Employer with information to assess whether the employee is able to perform the essential duties of their position and to understand restrictions and/or limitations to assess workplace accommodation if necessary.

Part 2 need only be completed for a return to work that requires an accommodation

<p>I, _____</p> <p>hereby authorize my Health Care Professional(s)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>to disclose medical information to my employer,</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>In order to determine my ability to fulfill my duties as a</p> <p>_____</p> <p>from a medical standpoint, and whether my medical situation is such that it can support my sustained return to work in the foreseeable future. To this end, I specifically authorize my Health Care Professional(s) to respond to those questions from my employer set out in the medical certificate dated</p> <p>_____ dd _____ mm _____ yyyy</p> <p>for my absence starting on the</p> <p>_____ dd _____ mm _____ yyyy</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Dear Health Care Professional, please be advised that the Employer has an accommodation and return to work program. The parties acknowledge that the employer has an obligation to provide reasonable accommodation to the point of undue hardship, and that the employee has an obligation to cooperate with reasonable accommodation measures. Consistent with this understanding, and with the objective of returning employees to active employment as soon as possible, we would ask the medical professional to provide as full and detailed information as possible.</p> <p><u>Please return the completed form to the attention of:</u></p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Employee ID:</p>	<p>Telephone No:</p>
<p>Employee Address:</p>	<p>Work Location:</p>

Health Care Professional: The following information should be completed by the Health Care Professional

First Day of Absence:

General Nature of Illness* (*please do not include diagnosis*):

Date of Assessment:
dd mm yyyy

No limitations and/or restrictions

Return to work date: **dd mm yyyy**

For limitations and restrictions, please complete Part 2.

Health Care Professional, please complete the confirmation and attestation in Part 3

PART 2 – Physical and/or Cognitive Abilities

Health Care Professional to complete. Please outline your patient’s abilities and/or restrictions based on your objective medical findings. (*please complete all that is applicable*)

PHYSICAL (if applicable)

Walking:
 Full Abilities
 Up to 100 metres
 100 - 200 metres
 Other (*specify*):

Standing:
 Full Abilities
 Up to 15 minutes
 15 - 30 minutes
 Other (*specify*):

Sitting:
 Full Abilities
 Up to 30 minutes
 30 minutes - 1 hour
 Other (*specify*):

Lifting from floor to waist:
 Full Abilities
 Up to 5 kilograms
 5 - 10 kilograms
 Other (*specify*):

Lifting from Waist to Shoulder:
 Full abilities
 Up to 5 kilograms
 5 - 10 kilograms
 Other (*specify*):

Stair Climbing:
 Full abilities
 Up to 5 steps
 6 - 12 steps
 Other (*specify*):

Use of hand(s):
Left Hand **Right Hand**
 Gripping Gripping
 Pinching Pinching
 Other (*specify*): Other (*specify*):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bending/twisting repetitive movement of <i>(please specify):</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Work at or above shoulder activity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical exposure to:	Travel to Work: Ability to use public transit <hr/> Ability to drive car	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
COGNITIVE (if applicable)				
Attention and Concentration: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Following Directions: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Decision- Making/Supervision: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Multi-Tasking: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	
Ability to Organize: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Memory: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Social Interaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	Communication: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Abilities <input type="checkbox"/> Comments:	

Please identify the assessment tool(s) used to determine the above abilities (<i>Examples: Lifting tests, grip strength tests, Anxiety Inventories, Self-Reporting, etc.</i>).	
Additional comments on Limitations (not able to do) and/or Restrictions (should/must not do) for all medical conditions:	
Health Care Professional: The following information should be completed by the Health Care Professional	
From the date of this assessment, the above will apply for approximately: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 days <input type="checkbox"/> 3-7 days <input type="checkbox"/> 8-14 days <input type="checkbox"/> 15 + days <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	Have you discussed return to work with your patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Recommendations for work hours and start date (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular full time hours <input type="checkbox"/> Modified hours <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated hours	Start Date: dd mm yyyy

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

Re: Status Quo Central Items

The parties agree that the following central issues have been addressed at the central table and that the language relating to these provisions shall remain status quo. For further clarity, if language exists in part B, the following items are to be retained as written in the 2019-2022 collective agreements. The issues listed below shall not be subject to local bargaining or to amendment by the local parties.

Issues: To be Updated as Necessary

- Paid Vacations
- Work week (excluding scheduling)
- Work year (excluding scheduling)
- Hours of Work (excluding scheduling)
- Preparation Time
- Staffing levels (including staffing levels related to permits and leases and replacement staffing)
- Allowances/Premiums
- OMERS
- LTD

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

BETWEEN

The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')

AND

The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')

Re: Status Quo Central Items and Items Requiring Amendment and Incorporation

The parties agree that the following central issues have been addressed at the central table and that the provisions shall remain status quo or are altered as outlined below. The following language must, however, be aligned with current local provisions. The following issues are not subject to local bargaining or amendment by the local parties. Any disputes arising from these provisions may form the subject of a central dispute.

PREGNANCY/PARENTAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE/SEB – EI WAITING PERIOD

The parties agree that the issue of the statutory amendment to the *Employment Insurance Act* resulting in a reduction of the employment insurance waiting period has been addressed at the central table and the intent of any existing local collective agreement provisions shall remain status quo. Therefore, where a school board's local collective agreement language references a two-week waiting period and required payment for the two-week waiting period, the board shall ensure that the funds payable from the board to a permanent employee taking an approved leave of 12 months or greater, shall reflect the full sum that would have been payable prior to the reduction of the waiting period.

Provisions with regard to waiting periods and/or payments during such waiting periods shall not be subject to local bargaining or amendment by local parties. However, existing local collective agreement language may need to be revised in order to align with the terms herein and to accord with the relevant statutory change that reduced the waiting period to one week.

STATUTORY/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

School boards shall ensure that within their local collective agreement terms, Family Day is included as a statutory/public holiday.

WSIB TOP-UP

If a class of employee was entitled to receive WSIB top-up on August 31, 2012 deducted from sick leave, the parties who have not yet do so must incorporate those same provisions without deduction from sick leave. The top-up amount to a maximum of four (4) years and six (6) month shall be included in the 2019-2022 collective agreement.

For parties who have yet to incorporate or aligned local language into the 2014-2017 collective agreement, the following shall apply:

Common Central Provisions

Maternity Benefits/SEB Plan

- a) A full-time and part-time permanent Employee who is eligible for pregnancy leave pursuant to the Employment Standards Act, shall receive *100% salary through a Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) plan for a total of *eight (8) weeks (*or insert local superior provision reflecting status quo) immediately following the birth of her child with no deduction from sick leave or the Short Term Leave Disability Program (STLDP).
- b) Full-time and part-time permanent Employees not eligible for a SEB plan as a result of failing to qualify for Employment Insurance will be eligible to receive 100% of salary from the employer for a total of eight (8) weeks with no deduction from sick leave or STLDP.
- c) Where any part of the eight (8) weeks falls during the period of time that is not eligible for pay (i.e. summer, March Break, etc.), the full eight (8) weeks of top up shall continue to be paid.
- d) Full-time and part-time permanent Employees who require longer than the eight (8) week recuperation period shall have access to sick leave and the STLDP subject to meeting the requirements to provide acceptable medical verification.
- e) Employees completing a long-term supply assignment of 6 months or more shall be eligible for the SEB as described herein for a maximum of eight (8) weeks or the remaining number of weeks in their current assignment after the birth of her child, whichever is less.
- f) Employees not defined above have no entitlement to the benefits outlined in this article.

SHORT-TERM PAID LEAVES

The parties agree that the issue of short-term paid leaves has been addressed at the central table and the provisions shall remain status quo to the provisions in current local collective agreements. For clarity, any leave of absence in the 2008-2012 local collective agreement that utilized deduction from sick leave, for reasons other than personal illness shall be granted without loss of salary or deduction from sick leave, to a maximum of 5 days per school year. For further clarity, those boards that had 5 or less shall remain at that level. Boards that had 5 or more days shall be capped at 5 days. These days shall not be used for the purpose of sick leave, nor shall they accumulate from year to year.

Short-term paid leave provisions in the 2008-12 collective agreement that did not utilize deduction from sick leave remain status quo and must be incorporated into the 2014-17 collective agreement.

Provisions with regard to short-term paid leaves shall not subject to local bargaining or amendment by local parties. However, existing local collective agreement language may need to be revised in order to align with the terms herein.

RETIREMENT GRATUITIES

The issue of Retirement Gratuities has been addressed at the Central Table and the parties agree that formulae contained in current local collective agreements for calculating Retirement Gratuities shall govern payment of retirement gratuities and be limited in their application to terms outlined in Appendix B - Retirement Gratuities.

The following language shall be inserted unaltered as a preamble to Retirement Gratuity language into every collective agreement:

“Retirement Gratuities were frozen as of August 31, 2012. Employees are not eligible to receive a sick leave credit gratuity or any non-sick leave credit retirement gratuity (such as, but not limited to, service gratuities or RRSP contributions) after August 31, 2012, except a sick leave credit gratuity that the Employee had accumulated and was eligible to receive as of that day. The following language applies only to those employees eligible for the gratuity above.”

SICK LEAVE TO BRIDGE LONG-TERM DISABILITY WAITING PERIOD

Boards which have Long-Term Disability waiting periods greater than 131 days shall ensure there is language that accords with the following entitlement:

An Employee who has applied for long-term disability is eligible for additional short-term disability leave days up to the maximum difference between the long-term disability waiting period and 131 days. The additional days shall be payable at 90% and shall be used only to bridge the employee to the long-term disability waiting period if, under a collective agreement in effect on August 31, 2012, the employee was required to wait more than 131 days before being eligible for benefits under a long-term disability plan and the collective agreement did not allow the employee the option of reducing that waiting period.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

Re: Job Security: Protected Complement

The parties acknowledge that education workers contribute in a significant way to student achievement and well-being.

1. Effective as of the date of central ratification, the Board undertakes to maintain its Protected Complement, except in cases of:
 - a. A catastrophic or unforeseeable event or circumstance;
 - b. Declining enrolment;
 - c. Funding reductions directly related to services provided by bargaining unit members;
or
 - d. School closure and/or school consolidation.
2. Where complement reductions are required pursuant to 1. above, they shall be achieved as follows:
 - a. In the case of declining enrolment, complement reductions shall occur at a rate not greater than the rate of student loss, and
 - b. In the case of funding reductions, complement reductions shall not exceed the amount of such funding reductions, and
 - c. In the case of school closure and/or school consolidation, complement reductions shall not exceed the number of staff prior to school closure/consolidation at the affected location(s).

Local collective agreement language will be respected, regarding notification to the union of complement reduction. In the case where there is no local language the board will notify the union within twenty (20) working days of determining there is to be a complement reduction.

3. For the purpose of this Letter of Understanding, at any relevant time, the overall protected complement is equal to:
 - a. The FTE number (excluding temporary, casual and/or occasional positions) as at date of central ratification. The FTE number is to be agreed to by the parties through consultation at the local level. Appropriate disclosure will be provided during this consultation. Disputes with regard to the FTE number may be referred to the Central Dispute Resolution Process.

- b. Minus any attrition, defined as positions that become vacant and are not replaced, of bargaining unit members which occurs after the date of central ratification.
4. Once the FTE number has been established in accordance with paragraph 3, above, the local parties shall jointly report the number to the Central Labour Relations Committee.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act (SBCBA) requiring the ratification of both local and central terms for a collective agreement to be effective, the parties agree that CUPE locals and School Boards will meet within 30 days of ratification of the central agreement to establish and maintain the protected complement.
6. Reductions as may be required in 1. above shall only be achieved through lay-off after consultation with the union on alternative measures, which may include:
 - a. priority for available temporary, casual and/or occasional assignments;
 - b. the establishment of a permanent supply pool where feasible;
 - c. the development of a voluntary workforce reduction program (contingent on full provincial government funding).
7. The above language does not allow trade-offs between the classifications outlined below:
 - a. Educational Assistants
 - b. DECEs
 - c. Secretaries
 - d. Custodians
 - e. Cleaners
 - f. Information Technology Staff
 - g. Library Technicians
 - h. Instructors
 - i. Supervisors
 - j. Central Administration
 - k. Professionals
 - l. Maintenance/Trades
8. The parties agree that where local collective agreement language currently exists that provides a superior benefit specifically with regard to protected complement FTE number, that language will prevail.
9. This Letter of Understanding expires on August 30, 2026.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4

BETWEEN

The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')

AND

The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')

AND

The Crown

Re: Education Worker Diverse and Inclusive Workforce Committee – Terms of Reference

PREAMBLE:

The parties recognize the importance of embracing diversity and moving beyond tolerance and celebration to inclusivity and respect in our workplaces. Organizations are strengthened when employers can draw upon a broad range of talents, skills, and perspectives. The parties further recognize that a diverse and inclusive workforce may contribute to student success.

I. MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The mandate of the Education Worker Diverse and Inclusive Workforce Committee is to jointly explore and identify best practices that support diversity, equity, inclusion and to foster diverse and inclusive workforces reflective of Ontario's diverse communities.

II. DELIVERABLES

The committee will identify existing recruitment, retention and promotion strategies that aim to eliminate barriers for individuals who identify as members of historically underrepresented groups. In addition, the committee will review training and education programs that support the creation of positive, equitable and inclusive workplaces, and foster diverse and inclusive workforces.

Once jointly identified, materials and resources may be shared with school boards and CUPE locals.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall include nine (9) members - five (5) representatives from CUPE/SCFP and four (4) representatives from the CTA. Up to two (2) advisors from the Ministry of Education shall act in a resource capacity to the committee. Other persons may attend meetings in order to provide support and resources as mutually agreed. Up to one (1) representative from each of the four (4) employee bargaining agencies at the other education workers tables will be invited to participate on the Committee.

Should there be interest from other Education Worker tables in creating a comparable committee, the parties shall discuss the creation of a Provincial Education Worker Diverse and Inclusive Workforce Committee. If other comparable Education Worker committees are created, and in the absence of a Provincial Education Worker Diverse Workforce Committee, the parties shall discuss holding joint meetings.

IV. CO-CHAIR SELECTION

CUPE/SCFP and CTA representatives will each select one co-chair. The two Co-Chairs will govern the group's work and meetings.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

Re: Sick Leave

The parties agree that any existing collective agreement provisions with respect to the items listed below, that do not conflict with the clauses in the Sick Leave article in the Central Agreement, shall remain status quo for the term of this collective agreement:

1. Responsibility for payment for medical documents.
2. Sick leave deduction for absences of partial days.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

Re: Central Labour Relations Committee

The parties agree that the Central Labour Relations Committee will discuss the following topics:

- Discussion of pilot project on arbitration
- Sick Leave and Short Term Disability Leave
- Any other issues raised by the parties

The parties agree to schedule no fewer than four (4) meetings per year and that agenda items shall be exchanged one week prior to the meeting.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

RE: List of Arbitrators

The following is the list of Agreed-To Arbitrators for the Collective Agreement in effect from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026 as referenced in Article C4 of the Central Terms of the Collective Agreement.

English Language:

Christopher Albertyn
Paula Knopf
Brian Sheehan
Jesse Nyman
Matthew Wilson
Bernard Fishbein

French Language:

Michelle Flaherty
Kathleen O'Neil
Bram Herlich
Graham Clarke
Geneviève Debané

The parties agree that bilingual Arbitrators may also be used on English cases.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

AND

The Crown

Re: Children's Mental Health, Special Needs, and Other Initiatives

The parties acknowledge the ongoing implementation of the children's Mental Health Strategy, the Special Needs Strategy, and other initiatives within the province of Ontario.

The parties further acknowledge the importance of initiatives being implemented within the provincial school system including but not limited to the addition of Mental Health Leads, and the protocol for partnerships with external agencies/service providers.

It is agreed and affirmed that the purpose of the initiatives is to enhance existing mental health and at risk supports to school boards in partnership with existing professional student services support staff and other school personnel. It is not the intention that these enhanced initiatives displace CUPE workers, nor diminish their hours of work.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #9

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

AND

The Crown

Re: Provincial Working Group – Health and Safety

The parties confirm their intent to continue to participate in the Provincial Working Group – Health and Safety in accordance with the Terms of Reference dated November 7, 2018, including any updates to such Terms of Reference. The purpose of the working group is to consider areas related to health and safety in order to continue to build and strengthen a culture of health and safety mindedness in the education sector.

Where best practices are identified by the working group, those practices will be shared with school boards.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING # 10

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

AND

The Crown

RE: Ministry Initiatives Committee

The Provincial Committee on Ministry Initiatives provides advice to the Ministry of Education, on new or existing ministry initiatives/strategies to support improvement to achievement and well-being of all learners. The Crown may convene a meeting of this committee to discuss such initiatives.

CUPE-OSBCU will be an active participant in the consultation process at the Ministry Initiatives Committee.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #11

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

AND

The Crown

RE: Bereavement Leave

1. The parties agree that the issue of bereavement leave has been addressed at the central table.
2. Where local (Part B) collective agreement terms provide for a total paid bereavement leave entitlement for Permanent Employees of less than three (3) days, local parties shall insert the following into the local (Part B) collective agreement, with such language replacing existing language in its entirety:

Permanent Employees shall be provided with three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled work days' bereavement leave without loss of salary or wages immediately upon the death of or to attend a funeral for an employee's spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse's parent, or child's spouse.

3. Where local (Part B) collective agreement terms provide for a total paid bereavement leave entitlement for Permanent Employees of three (3) days or more, there shall be no change to such language and this Letter of Understanding shall not apply.
4. Permanent Employees shall be as defined in local collective agreement terms, or if no such definition exists in a particular collective agreement, as defined in C6.
5. For clarity, while the specific provisions above (including the number of bereavement leave days and eligibility criteria) are not subject to local bargaining or amendment by the local parties, the local parties shall be permitted to negotiate, as a local matter, the administration terms associated with bereavement leave.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #12

BETWEEN

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(Hereinafter 'CUPE')**

AND

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(Hereinafter the 'CTA/CAE')**

AND

The Crown

RE: Short Term Paid Leave

1. The parties agree that the issue of short term paid leave has been addressed at the central table and will remain status quo with the exception of the following.
2. Local parties shall ensure that within their local (Part B) collective agreement terms, existing language with respect to short term paid leave shall be amended to allow Indigenous employees to use existing short term paid leave for purposes of:
 - a. Voting in elections as indicated by a self-governing Indigenous authority where the employee's working hours do not otherwise provide three consecutive hours free from work; and
 - b. Attendance at Indigenous cultural/ceremonial events.
3. For clarity, provisions with regard to the number of days of short term paid leave shall not be subject to local bargaining or amendment by local parties and remain status quo at a maximum of five (5) days per school year.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT # 13

BETWEEN

**The Council of Trustees' Associations
(hereinafter called 'CTA')**

and

**The Canadian Union of Public Employees
(hereinafter 'CUPE')**

and

The Crown

RE: Learning and Services Continuity and Absenteeism Task Force

The parties and the Crown agree to establish a provincial task force to review data and explore leading practices related to learning and service continuity and absenteeism.

The Crown will facilitate the meetings of the task force. The task force will be composed of members of CUPE and the CTA, with members of the Ministry of Education serving in a resource and support capacity. Members from other employee bargaining agencies will be invited to participate, with the intention of creating a sector-wide task force. There shall be an equal number of representatives of all participating groups.

The task force shall meet 4 times per school year, in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

The task force will:

1. explore data and best practices relating to absenteeism initiatives including return to/remain at work practices;
2. gather and review information including but not restricted to the following:
 - a. utilization of the sick leave and short-term disability plans;
 - b. a jurisdictional scan on sick leave and short-term disability plans from the education sector in Canada and other broader public sector employers;
3. report its findings to school boards and local unions.

The task force shall complete its work by August 31, 2025.

PART B: LOCAL AGREEMENT

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

AND

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
AND ITS LOCAL 2357**

FOR THE PERIOD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 TO AUGUST 31, 2026

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DEFINITIONS

Employer:

The Employer is defined as the Ottawa Catholic District School Board.

Employee:

An employee is defined as a person employed by the Ottawa Catholic District School Board and governed by the terms of this Agreement. There are four (4) types of employees:

1. Permanent Full-time Employees

Employees appointed on a permanent basis by the Board to work thirty-five (35) hours per week, in accordance with Article 4:03 – Work Year.

2. Permanent Part-time Employees

Employees appointed on a permanent basis by the Board to work less than thirty-five (35) hours per week, in accordance with Article 4:03 – Work Year.

3. Casual Employees

Employees hired on an hourly basis, as required by the Employer, as a replacement for a specific employee for a period not exceeding (3) three months or for any other casual assignments, as determined by the Employer, not exceeding three (3) months.

4. Term Employees

Those who are employed for a minimum of three (3) months, up to a maximum of two (2) years continuous service in one assignment, as a replacement for a specific employee who is absent due to pregnancy/parental leave, extended sick leave, Workplace Safety Insurance Board leave, long term disability, approved leave of absence with or without pay or for any other special term assignment, as required by the Employer. The Employer shall notify the Union two (2) weeks in advance in the event that special term assignments are required. The term may be extended to a maximum of one (1) year with the mutual consent or agreement of the Employer, the Union and the term employee.

5. School Year - Applies to ESL Instructors

- a) The school year is the ten month (up to 196 working days) period from September to June inclusive; two (2) terms: September to January, February to June. Six (6) of the up to 196 working days shall be designated as Professional Development days of which one (1) will be designated by the Board. The other five (5) days shall be discussed at JCC and are subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
- b) The employer will endeavour, where financially viable, to offer the Summer Adult Program at an adult school location. Where the Board requires instructors for the summer program, this will be offered to the employees according to seniority. All interested individuals must submit their letter of interest for consideration by May 1st to the attention of the Human Resources Officer responsible for Continuing Education programs with a copy of the Manager of Continuing and Community Education.

Terminology

Gender terms may apply: where a noun, pronoun or adjective indicating gender or sex is used, the other gender or sex shall be deemed to be included unless specifically excluded.

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

1:01 The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish and maintain collective bargaining relations between the Employer and the Union and to provide a mechanism for the prompt and equitable resolution of differences and disposition of grievances, and to establish and maintain mutually satisfactory working conditions, hours and wages for all employees who are subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION

2:01 a) Bargaining Unit

The Employer recognizes CUPE Local 2357, as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all of its office administrator, clerks, technicians and educational support staff employed in the *English as Second Language Program, Literacy and Basic Skills as instructors, assessment instructor and Lead Instructor save and except: (*persons regularly employed for not more than 24 hours per week) save and except:

- > Supervisors
- > Persons above the rank of Supervisor
- > Executive Assistant to the Director of Education
- > Executive Assistant to the Associate Director
- > Executive Assistants to Superintendents
- > Human Resources Department Employees
- > Administrative Assistant to Manager of Finance
- > Students employed during the summer school vacation period
- > High school students employed on co-operative work programmes
- > Persons covered under subsisting collective agreements

b) Casual Employees

Casual employees are covered under the following provisions of the collective agreement only:

- > Purpose
- > Recognition
- > Management Rights
- > Discipline Process
- > Overtime
- > Grievance Procedure
- > Communications
- > No Strikes or Lockouts
- > Salary Scale - minimum rate of pay in appropriate classification

c) Term Employees

It is agreed by the Parties that the following articles will apply to term employees:

- > Purpose
- > Recognition
- > Management Rights
- > Discipline Process
- > Sick Leave
- > Communications
- > Salary Scale - minimum rate of pay in appropriate classification
- > No Strikes or Lock Outs
- > Grievance Procedure

- > Overtime
- > Benefits

10 Month term employees:

a) When a temporary employee is hired for a period which is expected to run at least three months, the employee shall be made Term from the first day of work and is entitled to \$40 per month in lieu of benefits. This amount is prorated to the employees FTE assignment.

b) If a temporary employee is hired as a casual and then becomes a Term, a retroactive payment of \$40 for each complete month shall be paid back to their original start date in the assignment. A complete month shall be defined as having worked at least eleven (11) consecutive days in the same assignment in the first and last month of the assignment.

c) All 10-month term assignments terminate at the end of the school year.

d) Those who are employed for a minimum of three (3) months in one assignment as replacement for a specific employee who is absent due to pregnancy/parental leave, extended sick leave, Workplace Safety Insurance Board leave approved leave of absence with or without pay, as required by the Employer. The term may be extended to a maximum total of one (1) year with the mutual consent or agreement of the Employer, the Union and the term employee.

12 Month employees:

Partial benefits after six months (extended health and life insurance)

e) Work of the Bargaining Unit

Persons whose jobs are not in the bargaining unit, shall not work on any jobs which are included in the bargaining unit except in cases agreed to by the Union.

2:02 Membership

a) All employees who are members of the Union upon the signing of this Agreement shall remain members of the Union effective the first date of hire. All new employees hired subsequent to the signing of this agreement shall become and remain members of the Union within thirty (30) calendar days of employment. An initiation fee, as determined and amended by the Union from time to time, shall be collected from each new employee by the Board.

b) **Contact Information**

The employer will provide to the Union a list of all the employees in the bargaining unit. The list will include each person's name, job title/classification, home mailing address, home telephone number (and other available personal telephone numbers, such as cellular numbers), work email, and, if available, personal email.

The list will also indicate the employee's worksite and employment status (such as full time, part time, temporary, seasonal, casual), and if the employee is on a leave of absence, the nature of the leave.

The employee contact list will be provided in an electronic format to the Union contact designated by the Local Executive on a quarterly basis.

c) **No Other Agreements**

No employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer or his/her representative(s), which may conflict with the terms of this collective agreement.

2:03 **No Discrimination**

The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised or practiced with respect to employees, in matters of hiring, wage rates, training, up-grading, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall, discipline, classification, discharge, or otherwise, by reason of activity or lack of activity in the Union or any of the prohibited grounds enumerated under the Human Rights Code of Ontario as amended from time to time.

2:04 **No Harassment**

The Employer and the Union are committed to providing a positive environment for staff. All Individuals have the right to be treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to work in an atmosphere which promotes respectful interactions and is free from workplace harassment.

2:05 **Remittance of Union Dues**

a) The Employer agrees to deduct from each employee covered by this collective agreement any dues, initiation fees or assessments levied by the Union on its members.

b) Deductions shall be made from each pay of each month and shall be forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Union of Public Employees not later than the 7th day of the month following the month in which the deductions were made, accompanied by a list of the names of employees from whose wages the deductions have been made and the amounts of each deductions and the member's salary. A copy

of that list shall also be sent to the Local Union President. The Board shall provide twice per year a list of CUPE 2357 member names and mailing addresses in the months of October and February of each year.

c) The Union shall provide, in writing, a list of the amount of such dues, initiation fees and/or assessments and shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless with respect to all claims and demands made against the Employer by an employee as a result of the deduction and remittance of dues, initiation fees and/or special assessments by the Employer pursuant to this Article.

d) The Union shall notify the Employer of any changes to dues, initiation fees and assessments two (2) weeks prior to the implementation.

e) At the same time that Income Tax (T-4) slips are made available, the Employer shall type on the amount of union dues paid by each union member in the previous year.

f) Upon written request of the CUPE Local 2357 President, the Employer shall provide the Union with a list of the classification and status of all its members up to two (2) times annually.

2:05 National Representative of CUPE

a) The Union shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of a National Representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees when dealing or negotiating with the Employer.

b) Such National Representative shall have access to the Employer's premises in order to investigate and assist in the settlement of a grievance, provided such representative requests and receives such permission from the Superintendent of Human Resources or designate. Permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

2:06 Stewards

a) The Employer acknowledges the right of the Union to appoint not more than a total of seventeen (17) stewards from various areas. The Union shall notify the employer in writing of the name of each steward and his/her area of responsibility before the employer shall be required to recognize him/her.

b) A steward's function shall be to assist an employee in the preparation and presentation of grievances to the employee's supervisor.

ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

3:01 Except as, and to the extent specifically modified by this Agreement, all managerial rights and prerogatives are retained by the Employer and remain exclusively and without limitation within the right of the Employer provided, however, the Employer agrees that any exercise of these rights and powers, in conflict with any of the provisions of this agreement, shall be subject to the provisions of the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 4 – WORK SCHEDULE

4:01 Hours of Work

- a) The normal workweek for all full-time employees shall consist of five (5) seven (7) hour days from Monday to Friday inclusive for a total of thirty-five (35) hours per week, exclusive of an unpaid lunch period.
- b) The normal work week for permanent part-time employees shall be seven (7) hours or less per day from Monday to Friday exclusive of unpaid lunch periods, for a total of less than 35 hours per week. The normal work day for permanent part-time employees shall be scheduled by the Employer.
- c) (i) The regular work day shall not commence before 7:30 a.m., and finish no later than 5:00 p.m. and shall include an unpaid and uninterrupted lunch period. The lunch period shall be regularly scheduled to reflect a minimum of 30 minutes and up to a maximum of 60 minutes, between the hours of 11:00 and 14:00 hours. A minimum of 30 minutes of uninterrupted lunch shall be provided in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.
- (ii) Notwithstanding 4:01 (c) (i), an employee of the Learning Technologies (LT) Department may be scheduled a maximum of two regular shifts within a normal workweek between the hours of 8 am and 12 midnight.
- d) All school board Administrative Departments must be covered for the core period between 9:00 am and 4:00pm exclusive of the lunch period, exception for the LT Department services which may be required beyond the core hours.
- e) The parties agree that for the duration of the current CUPE 2357 collective agreement, the following variances will apply to the Extended Day ECE's.

Hours of Work EDP

- a. The regular work day shall not commence before 6:30 a.m., and finish no later than 6:30 p.m.
- b. A full (1.0) day shall be considered seven (7) hours in length. A half day (.5) shall be considered three and one half (3.5) hours in length.
- c. A full (1.0) day will consist of a split, except when a Program located is running on a PD Day, school holidays or during the summer months.

Work Day ESL Instructors

- a. The normal work day for an ESL Instructor and an Intake and Placement position shall consist of six (6) consecutive hours excluding a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch period scheduled between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- b. The normal work day for the current full-time Intake and Placement Instructor position shall consist of six (6) consecutive hours excluding a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch

School Year

- c. The school year is the ten month (up to 196 working days) period from September to June inclusive; two (2) terms: September to January, February to June. Six (6) of the up to 196 working days shall be designated as Professional Development days of which one (1) will be designated by the Board. The other five (5) days shall be discussed at JCC and are subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
- d. The employer will endeavour, where financially viable, to offer the Summer Adult Program at an adult school location. Where the Board requires instructors for the summer program, this will be offered to the employees according to seniority. All interested individuals must submit their letter of interest for consideration by May 1st to the attention of the Human Resources Officer responsible for Continuing Education programs with a copy of the Manager of Continuing and Community Education.

4:02 Casual Educational Assistants/RECE - Hours to remain on casual list

A casual Educational Assistant or RECE shall be removed from the casual list if they do not make themselves available to work a minimum of forty (40) Instructional days within a school year. This will be looked at on a case by case basis.

Casual Educational Assistants and Registered Early Childhood Educators are responsible to report any changes in their availability to Human Resources.

Prior to being removed from any casual list, HR will contact the employee asking if they wish to remain on the list and let them know how many hours they are required to commit to before the end of the school year. The employee will have the opportunity to express their intent to take a 1 year leave of absence.

4:03 Break Periods

a) Permanent full-time employees will be permitted a fifteen (15) minute rest period in each half of the normal scheduled day at a time to be decided by the Employer. Rest periods will only be scheduled within the first or last hour of the work day in exceptional circumstances. These exceptional circumstances must have the approval of the Superintendent of Human Resources.

b) Permanent part-time, term and casual employees working continuously for a period of three and one half (3.5) hours will be entitled to a fifteen (15) minute rest period as above.

c) Employees working more than five (5) consecutive hours shall have an unpaid lunch period as per 4:01c) above.

d) Extended Day Programs - Summer/Holiday Break Period

Where the Extended Day Programs operates on a PD day and/or school Work Year

- i. All Extended Day Programs operate ten (10) months per year. On a site-by-site basis, locations may operate during the summer months.
- ii. Where the Extended Day Program operates on a PD day and/or school holiday, Extended Day Early Childhood Educators shall be required to work. Where the enrollment at a Program location does not require staff to work and/or the Program is not running on said days, annual leave shall be taken
- iii. Staff will be given at least two (2) weeks notice should an Extended Day Program not be running during a PD day and/or school holiday.

4:04 Work Year

a) ECE's, ECE-EDP, Educational Assistants, which shall include Itinerant Educational Assistants, Interpreters and ESL Assistants: The school year (approximately ten (10) months) plus one (1) day, to be scheduled at the discretion of the Superintendent of Human Resources or designate, prior to the start of the school year. Any work done by a 10 month employee prior to the start of the school year and their reinstatement shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay.

b) Developmental Assistant/Specialist, Special Assignment Assistants and Interveners: The school year (approximately 10 months) plus one (1) day, to be scheduled at the discretion of the School Principal, prior to the start of the school year. Any work done by a 10 month employee prior to the start of the school year and their reinstatement shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay. The employer will endeavour, where financially viable, to offer the summer program.

c) Elementary School Support Staff (Office Administrators, Library Technicians): The School Year (approximately 10 months) plus five (5) working days immediately prior to the start of the school year unless otherwise agreed upon by both employee and supervisor. Any work done by a 10 month employee prior to the start of the school year and their reinstatement shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay.

d) Secondary School Support Staff: Senior Office Administrator, Office Administrators/Guidance – Student Services (Secondary), Library Technician, and an Office Administrator in each High School, shall be designated as twelve (12) month employees. All other support staff shall be designated as eleven (11) months employees with four consecutive weeks off, without pay, in the summer to be scheduled at the discretion of the School Principal.

e) Adult School:

i) Adult School Office Administrators shall be twelve (12) month employees. The Employer will endeavour, where financially viable, to offer the August adult ESL program.

ii) In addition, where the employer determines that the summer Adult ESL school will be open, the summer session will be offered to the ESL Adult Office Administrators according to seniority. Employees must indicate in writing to their site supervisor by May 1st if they are available for full time work in the summer.

f) All Administrative support staff, Information Technology Staff, and St. Nicholas Adult School: The work year is defined as a 12-month position.

NOTE: The school year shall be as defined by the Ministry of Education from year to year, in accordance with the Education Act.

Nothing in this collective agreement shall be construed as guaranteeing minimum or maximum hours of work.

4:05 REPORTING PAY

A CUPE 2357 member/employee shall be compensated at the appropriate daily rate (pro-rated when applicable) normally earned in the event that the CUPE 2357 member/employee has reported to a work assignment on a day that school was closed by inclement weather, any other emergency, or when the CUPE 2357 member/employee has reported to work as a result of an error on the part of the Board.

The parties agree that on days where a CUPE 2357 member/employee has been assigned a school, reports to a school, is no longer required and the assignment has been cancelled, the member/employee will be entitled to a half (.5) day's pay. The member/employee will remain on the premises and assist supervision/coverage where needed

4:06 SUPERVISION

- a) With the exclusion of 11 and 12 month employees and Elementary Office Administrators, the Board recognizes that supervision is a requirement of all Educational staff of the school community to ensure the safety and well being of all staff and students. Supervision is site specific based on the needs of the school as determined by the Principal. Every Educational staff member shall be assigned equitable supervision duties as outlined in the supervision schedule. This schedule shall be developed by the Principal. Supervision shall not be assigned to Educational staff to a level in excess of the amount of such supervision being provided by teaching staff in their respective panel. The Board shall provide the Union by the end of September 30th of each year, an electronic copy of the supervision schedules. Students who must be in the office for disciplinary reasons shall be supervised by Administrators or a Teacher Designate. When the Administrator is out of the school, a contingency plan for this supervision must be in place (e.g. Teacher Designate).

b) Elementary Library Technicians Supervision

It is understood that every effort will be made by elementary schools to use their Library Technicians for supervision purposes outside of the Learning Commons, only in situations where the safety of the students is an issue.

c) The Board shall provide the Union by the end of September of each year, an electronic copy of the supervision schedules.

ARTICLE 5 – OVERTIME

5:01 All overtime must be authorized in advance by the employee's appropriate supervisor (Superintendent/Manager/School Principal) and forwarded for payment.

5:02 Hours worked within the bargaining unit, in excess of 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday, will be considered as overtime. All hours worked by an employee in excess of seven (7) hours per day shall be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate.

5:03 The Board shall attempt to keep overtime to a minimum while there are available employees on lay-off able to perform the work.

5:04 Call Back Pay

a) Any employee recalled to work after the completion of his regular shift shall be paid for not less than three (3) hours at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's regular straight time rate of pay.

b) An employee called in to work on their day off shall be paid no less than three (3) hours at the appropriate rate of overtime.

5:05 In the event that an employee is required to work more than three (3) consecutive hours of overtime in any given day, the employee will be provided with a meal or an allowance in accordance with Board policy.

5:06 At the discretion of the supervisor, instead of cash payment for approved overtime, an employee may be granted time off at the appropriate overtime rate at a time to be mutually agreed upon.

5:07 Overtime Rates

- a) Time and one half (1.5) for work performed on a weekday and/or Saturday.
- b) Double time (2) for work performed on a Sunday or a Statutory holiday.

5:08 Employees unable to use all of their accumulated overtime must submit no later than September 30th of each year a request for cash payment for such unused overtime.

5:09 Time Off in Lieu of Overtime

Overtime must be pre-approved by the supervisor in advance of the overtime hours being worked. Time off taken in lieu of overtime may be taken on a mutually agreed-upon basis between the employee and the OCSB. Where possible, the time off is to be taken when the employee does not need to be replaced. If the employee requests to use banked time in lieu when a replacement is required, they must give their supervisor 30 days' working notice. Such time off will be the equivalent of the premium rate the employee has earned for working overtime. As per the ESA (Employment Standards Act), time in lieu should be taken within 3 months of the week it is earned. It may be taken within 12 months if the request is made in writing to the Superintendent of Human Resources.

ARTICLE 6 - SICK LEAVE

6:01 An employee is eligible for sick leave with pay when he/she is unable to perform his/her duties because of personal illness or injury or requires personal medical treatment or examination, and provided that:

- a) the employee has unused sick leave credits;
- b) the employee is not on other leave, without pay, under suspension, or on lay-off;
- c) the employee is not eligible for benefits under the Workplace Safety Insurance Board.

6:02 Proof of Illness/Fitness

- a) i) An employee may be required to produce a certificate from a medical practitioner for any illness in accordance with the Attendance Support Guidelines as follows: in excess of five (5) consecutive working days, certifying the reasons why the employee was unable to carry out his/her duties. The Board may request this medical confirmation in accordance with Article C6.1h Appendix C Medical Certificate. A medical certificate may be requested from the employee for any length of sick leave if prior

written notice is given to the employee. This requirement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

- ii) The Board reserves the right to seek a second medical opinion by a medical specialist to be selected by the Board and the Union.

- b) When an employee is aware that he/she will be absent for a period of two (2) weeks or more, he/she may be required to provide a medical confirmation indicating the probable date of return within five (5) working days of the beginning of the absence.

- c) An employee who is on extended sick leave for which a medical certificate has been submitted prior to the annual leave commencing will remain on sick leave.

- d) If an employee fails to submit a medical certificate when required within twelve (12) working days of his/her return to work, the days of absence shall be processed as leave without pay. The Board reserves the right to request a medical certificate prior to an employee's return to work in the case of a long term absence.

6:03 An employee who is injured in the course of duty and receives indemnity from the Workplace Safety Insurance Board shall be entitled to any difference between the amount of the award and the regular salary without deduction from sick leave to a maximum of four (4) years and six (6) months.

6:04 Personal medical and/or dental appointments should normally be scheduled outside normal working hours where possible. Where such appointments cannot be scheduled outside normal working hours, the employee should endeavour to schedule an appointment to minimize work-time lost and should notify his/her immediate supervisor at least three (3) working days prior, except in emergency situations.

ARTICLE 7 - VACATION LEAVE

7:01 Accumulation of Leave

a) Permanent full-time employees shall accumulate annual leave on the following basis:

Continuous Service	Days Vacation Leave Per Month
0 - 5 years	1.25 days
6 - 7 years	1.33 days
8 years	1.50 days
9 - 12 years	1.66 days
13 years	1.75 days
14 years	1.83 days
15 years	1.92 days
16 years	2.00 days
17+ years	2.08 days

b) The parties agree that days will be rounded up to the next quarter (.25) days.

c) Vacation leave days are earned at the appropriate rate above for each month worked in which an employee has received at least seven (7) days pay. Pregnancy/parental leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act shall be credited with vacation leave days earned at the appropriate rate for each month on leave.

d) Permanent part-time employees shall receive a prorated amount of annual leave based on (a) above.

e) Casual and Term employees shall be paid a vacation pay allowance calculated at 4% of their gross earnings on a bi-weekly basis and 6% after 5 years of employment.

f) ESL Instructors - Employees shall receive 3.8% of their base wage rate as holiday pay.

7:02 10 Month Employees

- a) Vacation leave entitlement described in Article 7:01 shall be used for Christmas and March Break.
- b) Additional vacation leave may be granted during Professional Activity days or during the school year. A minimum of thirty (30) calendar days notice must be given. Granting of such leave is subject to supervisor approval and operational requirements.

11/12 Month Employees

- a) Employees shall have the option of working during Christmas and/or March Break, subject to supervisors approval, facility availability and operational requirements.
- b) Additional vacation leave may be scheduled during the calendar year. A minimum of thirty (30) calendar days notice must be given. Granting of such leave is subject to supervisors approval and operational requirements.
- c) Where a make-up time program has been agreed to by the Board, 12 month employees may work additional hours at straight time.

The Principal and/or on site supervisor has the authority to approve annual leave up to 5 days, per request, during the academic school year. Any leave request above 5 days must be brought forward to senior management for approval.

7:03 Employees are encouraged to take vacation leave in the appropriate calendar year. With supervisor approval, employees who earn vacation leave credits may carry over a maximum of one (1) year's credit into the next calendar year. These credits must be used in their entirety in the subsequent year or they will be automatically paid out.

If the employee so chooses, they may opt to be paid out rather than accumulate vacation leave credits. A written request (carry over form) must be submitted to the Board by October 31st.

7:04 In order to maintain an efficient operation, the determination of summer vacation schedules shall be at the discretion of the Employer, subject to operational requirements. In this regard, 12 month employees are encouraged to take their vacation leave during the months of July and August and Employees must submit to their Supervisor by May 1st, the preferred vacation dates. Service with the Board shall be the determining factor where there is a conflict in vacation requests.

7:05 When the employment of an employee terminates for any reason, the employee or his/her estate shall be entitled to payment of wages, based on the employee's most recent salary, in lieu of earned but unused vacation.

7:06 When an employee requires emergency medical attention or is hospitalized while on vacation leave, there shall be no deduction from vacation credits for the period of time the employee required ongoing medical attention (of an emergency nature) or is hospitalized.

7:07 These absences, if approved, will be covered under Sick Leave provisions provided the hospitalization or emergency medical attention is substantiated by a medical certificate upon return from the scheduled vacation leave and provided the employee has sufficient sick leave credits to cover the absences.

ARTICLE 8 – LEAVES

8:01 Special Leave:

Special Leave may be granted to an employee of the Board up to a maximum of five (5) days in any calendar year and must be approved by the Superintendent of Human Resources or designate:

- a) Emergency and compassionate reasons in the employee's household (one (1) day per annum).
- b) Moving of an employee's household (up to one (1) day per annum).
- c) Marriage leave (one (1) day per annum).
- d) Child Care / Caregiver (up to two (2) days of leave per annum).

On an exceptional basis an application can be made to the Superintendent of Human Resources for consideration of the moving and or marriage day to be used for emergency reasons.

8:02 Short Term Paid Leave for Indigenous Employees

Indigenous employees are able to use existing short term paid leave as per 8:01 for the purposes of:

- a. Voting in elections as indicated by a self-governing Indigenous authority where the employee's working hours do not otherwise provide three consecutive hours free from work; and
- b. Attendance at Indigenous cultural/ceremonial events.

For clarity, provisions with regard to the number of days of short term paid leave shall remain status quo at a maximum of five (5) days per school year.

8:03 Personal, family and Community Leave:

Personal, family and community leave for personal and family related reasons (one (1) day of leave per annum). This leave shall not be used before or after a statutory holiday or to extend the Christmas, March Break or Easter vacation periods. Only in exceptional circumstances may this be approved by the Superintendent of Human Resources.

Employees not using their personal leave day during the current calendar year may carry over a maximum of one (1) extra day which may be used concurrently in the next calendar year.

All requests under this article must include the general nature of request and be submitted in writing to the appropriate Superintendent for approval at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the requested leave, except in emergency situations. The Superintendent may request additional information. All leave requests beyond these parameters will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

8:04 ATE

The Board will continue utilizing the automated dispatch system ATE for all absences for all CUPE2357 members. It is not the responsibility of an employee to arrange for a replacement, they are to notify their immediate supervisor/manager and put their absence into the appropriate replacement portal.

8:05 Leaves as per ESA

An employee will be granted a leave without pay for leaves as per the Employment Standards Act (ESA), as amended from time to time, which includes the following leaves;

Family Medical Leave

Organ Donor Leave

Critical Illness Leave

Child Death Leave

Crime-Related Child Disappearance Leave

Domestic or Sexual Violence Leave

Reservist Leave

Further details of these leave can be found through the Employment Standards Act (ESA).

ARTICLE 9 – LONG-TERM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

9:01 Leave without pay, may be granted for one year at a time but, not exceeding two years, and without loss of seniority, may be granted to employees who have a minimum of four (4) years of continuous permanent service with the Board, at the discretion of the Employer. Requests for such leave shall be made to the Superintendent of Human Resources, with a copy to the immediate supervisor. Requests for such leave shall be made in writing at least two (2) months in advance of the commencement of the leave and must set out the reasons for the leave.

Where possible, the Employer shall reply to the request at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the leave. Exceptions to these timelines may be made to deal with emergency situations. Employees who are granted personal leave in excess of thirty (30) calendar days shall be entitled to continue their benefit coverage, at full cost to the employee, and subject to the provisions of the insurance contract.

9:02 Annual leave shall not accrue during such leave. The Board agrees to place to the employee's leave allocation, upon return to duty, the vacation leave credits which had been earned up to the time the leave of absence commenced.

9:03 Employees shall be reinstated following return from personal leave in the position that the employee held prior to commencing leave, if it still exists, or a comparable position at a rate equal to the wages most recently paid by the Employer.

9:04 If the employee wishes to return to work earlier, the employee shall provide the Employer with at least four (4) weeks written notice of the date of return.

9:05 During a leave, it is the employee's responsibility to contact the administrator of the benefit trust for Medical/Dental and Group Life Insurance to determine eligibility. The employer will provide costing for other benefits (i.e. OMERS, LTD if applicable), should the employee choose to participate.

ARTICLE 10 - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

10:01 Permanent Employees shall be provided with three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled work days' bereavement leave without loss of salary or wages immediately upon the death of or to attend a funeral for an employee's spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse's parent, or child's spouse.

10:02 An employee shall be granted one working day in the event of the death of the employee's uncle, aunt, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew or niece.

10:03 In recognition of the fact that circumstances which call for bereavement leave are based on individual circumstances, the Superintendent of Human Resources or his/her designate may grant additional bereavement leave.

ARTICLE 11 - LEAVE WITHOUT PAY FOR UNION BUSINESS

11:01 General Leave

a) The Employer may grant, subject to operational needs, leave without pay to an employee(s) elected or appointed as an officer of the Union for the purpose of transacting business on behalf of the Union. Such leave must be requested, in writing, to the Superintendent of Human Resources a minimum of two weeks prior to the date of leave or as soon as possible in urgent situations.

b) During the period of such leave, the Board shall maintain the salary and benefits of the employee and CUPE shall reimburse the Board 100% of the costs of salary. Where such leave exceeds twenty (20) consecutive working days, CUPE shall reimburse the Board for 100% of the costs of salary and benefits, including the Employer portion of the benefits. The billing shall normally be done on a monthly basis.

11:02 CUPE President Leave

a) The Employer shall grant a leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority, to one employee elected or appointed to the position of CUPE President, on a permanent full-time or part-time basis. Such leave shall be renewed every two years upon request during his/her term of office. Such requests shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Human Resources a minimum of six (6) weeks prior to the date of leave.

b) During the period of such leave, the Board shall maintain the salary of the CUPE President and CUPE shall reimburse the Board 100% of the costs of salary and benefits.

11:03 Sick leave and Annual Leave

Sick leave and annual leave shall continue to accumulate during the period of the leave of absence. Monthly sick leave reports must be submitted to the Human Resources Department. Annual leave which has accrued while on CUPE President leave must be taken prior to returning to employment with the Board. Annual leave which has accrued while on CUPE President leave and not taken prior to returning to employment with the Board must be reimbursed to the employee by the Union. For a period of two years, upon return to employment, the Board shall place the employee in the position held

prior to the leave if the position still exists and shall credit the employee with any annual leave accrued to the commencement of the leave. If the position doesn't exist, the employee shall be placed in a comparable position. Vacation leave will be adjusted in accordance with the employee's length of service upon return to employment.

ARTICLE 12 - PREGNANCY AND PARENTAL LEAVE

12:01 Pregnancy Leave

a) Employees who are pregnant and who have been employed with the Employer for at least thirteen (13) weeks prior to the expected date of birth are entitled to take an unpaid pregnancy leave. The pregnancy leave is for a fifty-two (52) week period or longer commencing on the date requested by the mother to commence leave or the date of birth (whichever is first).

b) Pregnancy leave may be granted, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Human Resources, to an employee who does not meet the requirements established above.

c) Employees taking pregnancy leave must provide at least two (2) weeks written notice to the Employer advising of the date the leave is to begin. The date chosen for commencing leave must be no more than thirty-five (35) weeks prior to the expected date of birth as confirmed by the woman's physician.

d) In the event of complications with the pregnancy or because of the birth, stillbirth or miscarriage that occurs earlier than the expected date of delivery of the child, the employee must within two (2) weeks of stopping work, provide written notice to the Employer of the date the pregnancy leave will begin or has begun. The employee shall provide the Employer with a certificate from her physician stating the expected birth date of the child.

e) Upon written request, pregnancy leave will be extended for a combined total of one (1) year. This leave may be further extended by up to one year subject to the Board's approval.

f) The pregnancy leave of an employee ends fifty-two (52) weeks after the pregnancy leave began. If the employee wishes to return to work earlier, the employee shall provide the Employer with at least four (4) weeks written notice of the date of return. Employees are not required to return to work earlier than six (6) weeks from the date of delivery, stillbirth or miscarriage.

12:02 Parental Leave

a) An employee who has been in the employ of the Employer for at least thirteen (13) weeks and who is the parent of a child is entitled to an unpaid parental leave for up to fifty-two (52) weeks or longer following the birth of the child or the coming of the child into the custody, care and control of a parent for the first time.

b) Parental and Adoption leave may be granted, subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Human Resources, to an employee who does not meet the requirements established above.

c) The employee must give the Employer at least one (1) month written notice, where possible, of the date the leave is to begin. In the event that the child comes into the custody, care and control of a parent for the first time sooner than expected, the employee is required to provide the Employer with such earlier date of leave. The parental leave begins on the day the employee stopped working.

d) Employees who have taken a pregnancy leave and who wish to also take parental leave must commence parental leave immediately when the pregnancy leave ends, unless the child has not yet come into the custody, care and control of a parent for the first time.

e) Fathers who wish to take parental leave must commence such leave no more than seventy-eight (78) weeks after the day the child was born.

f) Parental leave ends fifty-two (52) weeks after it began or on an earlier date if the employee gives the Employer at least four (4) weeks written notice of that date.

12:03 General Provisions

a) An employee who has given notice to begin pregnancy, parental or adoption leave may change the notice to begin leave upon giving the Employer at least two (2) weeks written notice.

b) Employees entitled to the pregnancy and parental leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act are entitled to continue participation in their employee benefits package. The Employer shall pay its share of the employee group benefits during pregnancy and parental leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act, providing the employee pays her share of the premiums. Employees who are on extended leave beyond that provided by the Employment Standards Act may continue benefit coverage at 100% of the premium cost unless the employee gives the Employer written notice that the employee does not intend to pay the employee's contribution during the leave period. Such notice must be received by the Employer within thirty (30) days of commencement of leave.

c) Seniority in accordance with Article 18 of the collective agreement shall continue to accrue during pregnancy and parental leaves.

d) Annual leave will accrue during a pregnancy and parental leave taken in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.

e) Sick leave will not accrue during a pregnancy and parental leave.

f) Employees taking leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act shall be reinstated following return from pregnancy or parental leave in the position that the employee held prior to commencing leave, if it still exists, or a comparable position at a rate equal to the wages most recently paid by the Employer if the position no longer exists.

g) Employees taking leave in excess of the Employment Standards Act shall be reinstated following return from pregnancy or parental leave in a comparable position at a rate equal to the wages most recently paid by the Employer if the position no longer exists to that held prior to commencing leave.

12:04 Pregnancy, Parental and Adoption Leave

Upon the confirmation by the Employment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Board's Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) Plan, an employee who is on pregnancy and/or parental leave as provided under this Agreement, who is in receipt of Employment Insurance benefits pursuant to Section 11 of the Employment Insurance Act, as amended, shall be paid a Supplemental Employment Benefit.

Payments in respect of guaranteed remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits will not be reduced nor increased by payments received under the Plan.

Maternity Benefits/SEB Plan

- a) A full-time and part-time permanent Employee who is eligible for pregnancy leave pursuant to the Employment Standards Act, shall receive 100% salary through a Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) plan for a total of eight (8) weeks immediately following the birth of her child with no deduction from sick leave or the Short Term Leave Disability Program (STLDP).

- b) Full-time and part-time permanent Employees not eligible for a SEB plan as a result of failing to qualify for Employment Insurance will be eligible to receive 100% of salary from the employer for a total of eight (8) weeks with no deduction from sick leave or STLDP.
- c) Where any part of the eight (8) weeks falls during the period of time that is not eligible for pay (i.e. summer, March Break, etc.), the full eight (8) weeks of top up shall continue to be paid.
- d) Full-time and part-time permanent Employees who require longer than the eight (8) week recuperation period shall have access to sick leave and the STLDP subject to meeting the requirements to provide acceptable medical verification.
- e) Employees completing a long-term supply assignment of 6 months or more shall be eligible for the SEB as described herein for a maximum of eight (8) weeks or the remaining number of weeks in their current assignment after the birth of her child, whichever is less.
- f) Employees not defined above have no entitlement to the benefits outlined in this article.

ARTICLE 13 - SELF-FUNDED LEAVE (X OVER Y PLAN)

13:01 The X Over Y Plan has been developed to afford employees the opportunity of taking a one (1) year leave of absence without pay and, through deferral of salary, to finance the leave. The Plan allows an employee to work "X" years over a "Y" year period with one (1) year's leave in the final year of the Plan.

13:02 The employee, in application, shall indicate the "X" and "Y" components desired. However, the final determination of the "X" and "Y" components shall be made with the approval of the Superintendent of Human Resources and in accordance with the total Plan's requirement for a balance between leaves commencing and leaves returning.

13:03 Qualifications

Any employee having four (4) years continuous permanent service with the Board is eligible to participate in the Plan.

13:04 Application

a) Applications for participation in the Plan must be filed no later than January 31st of the school year prior to the school year in which the Plan will commence.

b) Written acceptance or denial for such an application will be forwarded to the employee by May 1st of the school year prior to the school year in which the Plan commences.

c) Acceptance of an employee's application will be at the sole discretion of the Board. Priority will be given to the requirements of the system, including staffing needs.

13:05 Implementation of the Plan

The financial arrangements for funding the year of leave shall be arranged by mutual agreement between the employee and the Board:

a) Each employee in the Plan shall sign an agreement with the Board. The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions agreed to by the employee and the Board.

b) An account will be established with Your Credit Union for each participant in the Plan. The money to be deducted from each participant's bi-weekly pay will be deposited to this account where it shall be retained and accumulate interest until the year of the leave or dissolution of the agreement between the Board and the employee.

c) During the year of leave, the employee shall withdraw accumulated funds in the employee's account. Subject to the conditions of the insurance carrier, an employee may continue coverage of existing benefits in accordance with Article 24 for the year of leave under this Plan by paying 100% of the premiums.

13:06 Terms of Reference

a) The Board shall endeavour to place the employee, upon return to duty, in a position equivalent to that held at the commencement of the leave of absence.

b) Leave taken under the Plan shall be treated as a year of experience for seniority purposes only.

c) An employee may withdraw from the Plan effective August 31st, by giving written notice to the Employer by the preceding April 1st, except in the calendar year in which the leave is due to commence, in which case the written notice must be given by the preceding January 1st.

d) Where it can be demonstrated to the Board by an employee who is a participant in the Plan, that a financial emergency exists, the notice period shall be waived and the accumulated funds shall be released to the employee within sixty (60) days. In the case

of the death of an employee who is a participant in the Plan, the accumulated funds shall be paid to the employee's estate, providing the consents or releases required have been obtained.

13:07 Revenue Canada Contingencies

a) The present method for making income tax deductions shall continue. Any changes to this method are dependent upon a ruling from Revenue Canada that the income deferral scheme contemplated herein may be acceptable to Revenue Canada.

b) The amount of income tax to be deducted at source will only be computed on the reduced salary with the agreement of the Union and the participating employee and after the receipt of a ruling of Revenue Canada and of its terms. The participating employee will be required to enter into an agreement with the Board to indemnify and save the Board harmless against all claims or demands or other forms of liability against the Board by any person that may arise out of or by reason of, deductions made or payments made in accordance with this Article.

ARTICLE 14 - LEAVE FOR WITNESS AND JURY DUTY

14:01 In the event that an employee is required to appear for jury duty, or, as a witness in a court case to which the employee has been summoned but in which he/she is not one of the accused, such employee shall not suffer any loss in pay, benefits, leave or seniority.

The employee will notify the Employer of his/her jury or witness notice within one day of receipt of such notice. Furthermore, the employee will provide proof of the amount of time spent on jury duty or as a witness.

In the event an employee is required to serve as a court witness in a case on behalf of the Employer, such employee shall do so without loss of pay and will be compensated for all receipted parking fees, travel and per diem as per Board Policy.

An employee who is required to be in attendance in a personal legal proceeding shall be able to use vacation leave or be granted leave without pay.

ARTICLE 15 - PAID HOLIDAYS

15:01 The following shall be recognized as paid holidays and shall be paid for at the employee's regular rate subject to 15:02 below:

- > New Year's Day
- > Day after New Year's Day
- > Family Day
- > Good Friday
- > Easter Monday
- > Queen's Birthday
- > Canada Day
- > First Monday in August
- > Labour Day
- > Thanksgiving Day
- > Christmas Day
- > Boxing Day

15:02 When any of the said holidays falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Employer shall have the choice of granting an alternative day off with pay, or an additional day's pay.

15:03 Where an employee is required to work on any of the above paid holidays, he/she shall be compensated at the rate of one and one half (1.5) times his/her regular straight time rate of pay. In addition, the employee will receive one (1) working day off with pay at a time mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 16 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

16:01

- a) Full-time employees and permanent part-time employees whose regular work week is twenty-five (25) hours or more shall be entitled to the LTD benefits as outlined in the Group Insurance Plan Booklet.
- b) The Board agrees to pay eighty-five (85%) percent of the LTD benefit costs. The employees agree to pay fifteen (15%) percent of the benefit costs.
- c) Part-time employees who meet the criteria specified by Ontario Legislation for eligibility for pension plans shall be given the option of joining OMERS plan. Eligible employees who decline to join the OMERS plan may only join at a later date subject to the applicable OMERS acts and regulations and may not join retroactively.

NOTE: It is understood that, for the purpose of this article, regular full-time employees include regular employees on active payroll employed on a ten (10) month basis and who are laid off during July and August.

16:02 The employer will continue to pay its share of the LTD benefits for the summer month(s) in which the employee is without pay providing the employee pays his/her share. The deductions for the months of layoff shall be made in equal installments during the months of May and June.

16:03 The Employer agrees to provide to the CUPE President, a copy of the plan text for the benefits.

ARTICLE 17 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

17:01 a) The probationary period for all newly hired employees shall be five (5) months.

b) After the completion of an employee's probationary period, his/her seniority shall be determined as per Article 18.

c) Employees who have completed their probationary period may apply for a new position or vacancy.

17:02 It is understood and agreed by the parties that probationary employees may be terminated at the sole discretion of the Employer. The probationary period of any employee may be extended for a further period of not more than sixty (60) days by mutual agreement.

17:03 Performance Appraisals

Performance Appraisals shall be undertaken in accordance with the Board's recognized Performance Appraisal process.

ARTICLE 18 - SENIORITY

Permanent Employees

Seniority is a principle of granting preference to employees within the bargaining unit for promotion, demotion, transfer, lay-off and recalls after lay-off. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining-unit-wide basis. Seniority shall be based on the date of hire with the Employer.

18:01 All members of CUPE Local 2357 shall have their seniority counted as of the most recent date of hire as a permanent full or part-time employee in a bargaining unit position.

18:02

a) The seniority list will be posted on January 15th of each year and a copy will be sent to the Union. Any errors or discrepancies on the seniority list must be communicated in

writing, within three (3) weeks of posting, to the Superintendent of Human Resources with a copy sent to the Union. The revised list shall be posted electronically and a copy will be sent to the Union.

b) The list will include the employee's name, classification and date of hire.

c) In the event that layoffs are required, the Board will issue an updated seniority list.

18:03 Same Seniority Date

In the event that two (2) or more employees share the same seniority date, and there is a requirement for a tie-breaker, seniority will be determined as follows:

a) The employee's length of service in his/her current classification.

b) By lot drawn in the presence of the President of CUPE Local 2357 and the Superintendent of Human Resources or designate.

18:04 Seniority Outside The Bargaining Unit

The selections and promotions of employees to Board positions outside the bargaining unit are not governed by this agreement. In the event an employee is or has been promoted to any such position and is returned to a vacant position within the bargaining unit within twelve (12) months, he/she shall be credited with the seniority accrued before the period he/she was employed outside the bargaining unit and will continue his seniority upon being reinstated to the bargaining unit.

18:05 Termination Of Seniority

An employee shall not lose seniority rights if he/she is absent from work because of sickness, disability, accident or leave of absence approved by the Employer.

An employee shall lose his/her seniority and he/she shall be considered terminated in the event that:

a) He/she is discharged and not reinstated through the grievance or arbitration procedures

b) He/she resigns in writing

c) He/she is laid off for a period longer than twenty four (24) consecutive months

d) He/she retires early or at the normal retirement age

ARTICLE 19 - JOB POSTING

19:01 Staffing Permanent Vacant Positions

In the event that the Board determines a vacancy exists or creates a new bargaining unit position, the Employer shall, within ten (10) working days, post a notice of such vacancy electronically. Such notice shall be posted for five (5) working days except during July and August, when it will be posted for seven (7) working days. The deadline for the final posting shall end no later than the Friday prior to the last full week before school starts.

19.02 Notices of vacancies shall contain the following information:

- a) job title
- b) the nature of the position
- c) qualifications
- d) required knowledge, education and experience relative to the position
- e) wages or salary rate or range
- f) location
- g) anticipated effective date, subject to revision

19:03 Within twenty (20) working days of the closing date, the Employer shall conduct interviews.

19:04

a) The parties recognize that job opportunities should increase in proportion to the length of service. Therefore, appointments, re-assignments or promotions shall be based on the following:

- i) qualifications and experience relative to the job
- ii) ability to perform the job
- iii) seniority - where qualification and ability are equal, seniority shall govern

b) Employees who wish to transfer laterally to the same type of position that they currently hold shall not be required to re-qualify.

Should the Full Time Equivalency of the lateral transfer be increasing, a satisfactory reference shall be required from their current supervisor.

c) "Same type of position" shall be identified as a multiple incumbent position which is described on the same job fact sheet. (i.e.: elementary office administrator). If a position

has been described on another job fact sheet, the position is not a “same type of position”.

d) Vacancies shall normally be filled within ten (10) working days of appointment.

e) Employees who have completed their probationary period may apply for a new position or vacancy.

f) In matters of promotion and staff transfer, successful employees need not be considered for other vacancies or transfers within a one year (1) period unless an opportunity arises which allows the employee to change his or her permanent status.

19:05 Lateral Transfer

A lateral transfer within the meaning of Article 19:04 shall be defined as a transfer within a job classification and at the same equivalency (ie: .25 FTE to .25 FTE; .5 FTE to .5 FTE; .75 FTE to .75 FTE; 1.0 FTE to 1.0 FTE).

In order to provide opportunity to members within the bargaining unit but in the same classification, if a position becomes available and the members within that job classification requesting the lateral transfer have the same equivalency of their current position, based on seniority, they may be laterally transferred to that position. This is with the exception of EAs and RECEs who have the opportunity to access lateral positions throughout the annual transfer process.

In order to provide opportunity to members within the bargaining unit but in a different classification, if the member has the required qualifications, the successful candidate will be determined based on the criteria outlined in Article 19 – Job Posting.

19.06 Staffing Temporary Positions

a) Regular Full Time Employees:

Regular full-time employees may be considered for temporary vacancies, where the employer and the Union agree assignment to such temporary vacancy would be beneficial. The employee would revert to his/her former position at the end of the term, a term is considered to be a maximum of one (1) year duration with a renewal option of one (1) additional year, unless otherwise agreed to by the Union and the Board.

b) ECE, D.S., D.A. & S.A.A.

The Board may fill temporary vacancies that become available from September without posting. The Board may draw on candidates from either (a) above, or from a casual pool of candidates. All assignments thus filled will terminate at the end of the school year.

19:07 Developmental Education Staffing

DE staffing allocations should be completed prior to the beginning of the Educational Assistant Staffing Process. Surplus letters will be sent out no later than the end of April. These timelines will ensure Developmental Education staffing is completed prior to the Educational Assistant Staffing Process, allowing members to secure a position in the Educational Assistant known vacancies if they are surplus.

19:08 EA Staffing Procedure

1. Permanent EA Job Postings

a) Each year, Human Resources will, in consultation with the Student Services department, determine the EA allocations for the upcoming academic year and will identify the vacant Educational Assistant positions.

b) Vacant Educational Assistant positions (postings) shall be defined as those resulting from retirements, resignations, transfers, promotions, system expansion or the creation of new Educational Assistant positions. The postings shall state the location, the nature of the position and the FTE.

c) A list of known vacancies will be posted electronically by the first week of June. A copy of the vacancy, transfer and surplus lists shall be provided to the President of the Union by this date. Positions created after the end of June will be staffed through the hiring of casual employees to these permanent positions. These positions will be posted, if they still exist, for the staffing process in the following year.

2. EA Transfer Process

a) The EA Transfer Process will include those EA's declared Surplus in the spring or reassigned during the school year as well as those seeking to change their classification (i.e. SAA to EA);

b) Educational Assistants that have been declared surplus from their current location, or were reassigned during the school year, shall be given priority placement in new and vacant positions prior to the placement of other permanent EAs. Surplus EA's will be

subsequently notified by email to their OCSB account of any vacancies as described in 1b).

c) Any increase in contractual status will be based on seniority as per Article 18. (For example, an employee hired in 2002 at .75 has the right to move into a 1.0 FTE prior to an employee hired in 2010, regardless of their FTE).

d) Placement or transfers will be based solely on Seniority and will follow Article 18 - Seniority.

3. Surplus to School

a) Where there is a reduction in the total Educational Assistant positions in a school, Educational Assistants will be declared surplus, subject to special qualifications (eg. Braille, ASL), based on their FTE status and seniority date as per Article 18.

b) The Human Resources department by the last day in May will notify the immediate supervisor of any/all surplus Educational Assistants in their school. The Principal shall notify the employee declared surplus as soon as possible, within 5 working days, of receiving notice of surplus from Human Resources.

c) An Educational Assistant declared surplus to a school according to this Article will be given the opportunity to secure a new position from the list of vacancies prior to round 1 commencing. Placement will be based on the members current FTE and placement into desired vacancies will follow Article 18-Seniority.

d) An Educational Assistant declared surplus to a school has the right of first refusal for any position at their originating school until the end of September providing he/she has the qualifications for the positions.

4. Educational Assistant Staffing Process

The staffing process will consist of (4) four rounds offered by seniority.

Round 1

Round 1 will be for EA's declared surplus in the spring or reassigned during the school year. EA's will be notified by direct email to their OCSB account of any vacancies as described in 1b). No changes in FTE are permitted in this round. Placement is based solely on seniority. EA's successful in being transferred, must accept the transfer and cannot participate in any subsequent rounds.

Round 2

Round 2 will be posted on the OCSB's internal career page. This round includes all EA's, including any surplus or reassigned EA's not placed in round 1, and DE staff members that would like to move to an EA role. Changes in FTE are not permitted in this round. Each employee may select up to 10 available assignments. EA's successful in being transferred, must accept the transfer and cannot participate in any subsequent rounds;

Round 3

Round 3 will be posted on the OCSB's internal career page. This round includes any remaining EA's from previous rounds and changes in FTE. Interested individuals may select up to 10 available assignments. EA's successful in being transferred, must accept the transfer and cannot participate in any subsequent rounds;

Round 4

Round 4 will be the placement of any remaining permanent EA's (by seniority and FTE);

Round 5

Round 5 will be open to all existing casual EA's. Interviews are not required and selection will be made by the school principal.

At the end of round 2 and 3 the right of recall will be respected prior to the start of the following round. A joint staffing committee consisting of equal representation from the Union and the Board shall meet within 5 days of the closing of each round of staffing to oversee the placement of Educational Assistants into positions during the EA Staffing Process. Educational Assistants will be placed, in order of preference, as per Article 18 - Seniority. This will occur over (1) day for Round 1 and two (2) days for Round 2, 3 and 4 (this will allow for the right of recall to happen immediately if necessary before proceeding to the next placement)

a) All transfers and placements will be confirmed by email to the employee and the Union by the Human Resources department.

5. Upon Completion of the EA Staffing Process

a) Any Educational Assistants who were unsuccessful in securing a position due to lack of job opportunities will be subject to the provisions of Article 20 – Layoff/Recall.

19:09 RECE Staffing Procedure (FDK)

1. RECE Job Postings

a) Each year, Human Resources will determine the RECE allocations for the upcoming academic year and will identify the vacant Early Childhood Educator positions.

b) Vacant RECE positions (postings) shall be defined as those resulting from retirements, resignations, transfers, promotions, system expansion or the creation of new Early Childhood Educator positions. The postings shall state the location.

c) A list of known vacancies will be posted electronically by the first week of June. A copy of the vacancy, transfer and surplus lists shall be provided to the President of the Union by this date. Positions created after the end of June will be staffed through the hiring of casual employees to these permanent positions. These positions will be posted, if they still exist, for the staffing process in the following year.

2. Surplus to School

a) Where there is a reduction in the total Early Childhood Educator positions in a school, Early Childhood Educators will be declared surplus, subject to their seniority date as per Article 18.

b) The Human Resources department by the last day in May will notify the immediate supervisor of any/all surplus Early Childhood Educators in their school. The Principal shall notify the employee declared surplus as soon as possible, within 5 working days, of receiving notice of surplus from Human Resources.

c) Registered Early Childhood Educators declared surplus to a school according to this Article will have the opportunity to secure a new position from the list of vacancies in Round 1. Placement into desired vacancies will follow Article 18-Seniority.

d) A Registered Early Childhood Educator declared surplus to a school has the right of first refusal for any RECE position at their originating school until the end of September.

3. RECE Staffing Process

The staffing process will consist of (4) four rounds offered by seniority.

Round 1

Round 1 will be for RECEs declared surplus in the spring or reassigned during the school year. RECE's will be notified by direct email to their OCSB account of any vacancies as described in 1b). Placement is based solely on Seniority. RECE's successful in being transferred, must accept the transfer and cannot participate in any subsequent rounds.

Round 2

Round 2 will be posted on the OCSB's internal career page. This round includes all eligible RECE's, including any surplus or reassigned RECE's not placed in round 1. Each employee may select up to 10 available assignments. RECE's successful in being transferred, must accept the transfer and cannot participate in any subsequent rounds.

Round 3

Round 3 will be the placement of any remaining permanent RECE's;

Round 4

Round 4 will be open to all existing casual RECE's and permanent EDP Supervisors. This is not considered a lateral transfer for EDP Supervisors. Interviews are not required and selection will be made by the school principal.

4. Upon Completion of the RECE Staffing Process

- a) At the end of round 2 and 3 the right of recall will be respected prior to the start of the following round. A joint staffing committee consisting of equal representation from the Union and the Board shall meet within 5 days of the closing of round 1 and for round 3 of staffing to oversee the placement of RECE's into positions during the RECE Staffing Process. Early Childhood Educators will be placed, in order of preference, as per Article 18 - Seniority. This will occur over (1) day for Round 1 and two (2) days for 3 (this will allow for the right of recall to happen immediately if necessary before proceeding to the next placement).
- b) All transfers and placements will be confirmed by email to the employee and the Union by the Human Resources department.
- c) Any permanent Registered Early Childhood Educators who were unsuccessful in securing a position due to lack of job opportunities will be subject to the provisions of Article 20 – Layoff/Recall.

19:10 Joint Redeployment Committee

1. The mandate of the Joint Redeployment Committee is to:
 - a) Review the proposed plan
 - b) Identify available vacancies that the employer intends to fill;
 - c) the employer will offer vacant positions to employees who are or would otherwise be displaced, in order of seniority.
 - d) The employer shall provide to the Joint Redeployment Committee a listing of all the available opportunities ahead of time, before the redeployment process begins each year.

- e) In the event of the proposed surplus of a permanent employee resulting from: (1) deletion or elimination of their position; or (2) technological change the employer shall:
 - (i) provide the Union with no less than one (1) months of written notice, and;
 - (ii) provide the affected employee(s) with no less than two (2) weeks of written notice of surplus. No further notice shall be required for any subsequent surplus that may occur as a result of the initial notice.
- f) The Joint Redeployment Committee will meet within ten (10) calendar days after the notice referred to in clause 19:06 and will meet thereafter as frequently as necessary. The Joint Redeployment Committee shall be composed of equal numbers of representatives from the Union and the employer. The number of representatives will not exceed three (3) for each party.
- g) Meetings of the Joint Redeployment Committee shall be held during normal working hours. Time spent attending such meetings shall be deemed to be work time for which the representative(s) shall be paid by the employer at the appropriate rate of pay.
- h) An employee who has received notice of surplus in accordance with 19:06 shall advise, within two (2) business days of receiving a list of available vacancies, the employee will be placed in a vacant position of his/her choice, provided that he/she is qualified and able to perform the work. Such employees shall be placed in a vacant position in the following order: (a) Elect to be placed in any vacant position in the same classification City-wide. If the employee does not elect to be placed in a vacant position, due to geographical limitations or family status and a vacant position or contract position exists within the same classification, the permanent employee can elect to be placed in that position.
- i) Redeployment of permanent EA and RECE staff, will only occur once per school year, in October or on a case by case basis if the employer and the union are in agreement.

19:11 Trial Procedure

The successful applicant shall be placed on trial for a period of sixty (60) working days. Conditional on satisfactory service, the employee shall be declared permanent after the trial period of sixty (60) working days.

In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position at any time during the trial period, or if the employee is unable to perform the duties of the new job classification, he/she shall be returned to his/her former position, wage/salary rate, without loss of seniority. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall be returned to his/her former position at any time,

wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority. Any new employee hired to fill such vacancy and who has completed the probationary period shall be laid off unless another vacancy exists for which he/she is qualified; this employee would be subject to recall.

19:12 Staffing Procedure for July and August and during Program closures

- a) Permanent Extended Day Early Childhood Educator staff assigned to a Program location shall have first right of refusal to work throughout the summer months at their regular Program location.
- b) Should a vacancy become available in a Program location, all permanent Extended Day Early Childhood Educator staff will have the right to apply for the vacancy. Positions will be filled by seniority.
- c) Should a Program location not be open during a PD day and/or school holiday, permanent Extended Day Early Childhood Educator staff will have the first right of refusal to available hours within a different Program location.
- d) All school board Administrative departments must be covered for the core period between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. exclusive of the lunch period.

ARTICLE 20 - LAYOFFS AND RECALLS

20:01 a) A lay-off shall be defined as a reduction in the workforce due to a lack of work or a reduction of hours in the normal scheduled work week, as per the Employment Standards Act.

b) The Employer may determine and modify from time to time staff complement and to implement layoffs and recalls and to hire new employees subject to the provisions specified herein.

20:02 Advance Notice

The Employer shall notify employees who are to be laid off in accordance with the following grid:

Time in Employment	Notice Period or Pay
Less than 3 months	0 weeks
More than 3 months	2 weeks
More than 3 years	3 weeks
More than 4 years	4 weeks
More than 5 years	5 weeks
More than 6 years	6 weeks

More than 7 years	7 weeks
More than 8 years	8 weeks

Where the Employer fails to provide the above notice, payment in lieu of notice shall be given in accordance with the above grid.

20:03 a) In the event of a layoff of employees becoming necessary, in any classification, this lay-off shall be carried out in such a manner as to maintain an efficient workforce. Employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their seniority, in that classification, provided that the employees retained to perform the work available during a layoff shall be the employees who have the qualifications, experience relative to the job and ability to do the work available and who are willing to perform the work required.

b) An employee in receipt of a notice of layoff shall exercise his/her right to either of the following options in any order:

- i) displace the least senior Employee in the job classification, job level or lower job level;
- or
- ii) accept the reduction in hours; or
- iii) accept the layoff and be declared surplus

In no event can an Employee who has received a notice of layoff displace an Employee of greater seniority.

In all cases, an Employee who chooses to displace the least senior Employee must be qualified to perform the requirements of the position.

A seniority list for displacement purposes will be made available to the Union which includes name, job classification, FTE, location, seniority date and ranking.

20:04 An Employee who is or may be affected by a lay-off under this article shall indicate in writing to the Employer his/her choice within five (5) working days of receiving notice of the lay-off. The notice shall be deemed by the Employer to have been received by the Employee either on the date the notice is hand delivered or two (2) working days following the date the registered mail is sent out. In all cases an Employee shall be provided with five (5) working days in which to reply.

20:05 Surplus

a) an employee shall be entitled to remain surplus and eligible for employment for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of layoff;

b) an employee is responsible for providing the Board with his/her most current contact information.

c) the employee must apply to vacancies as per Article 19 - Vacancies and Job Postings in order to be considered for positions;

d) an employee does not accrue vacation and sick leave credits;

e) an employee may choose to maintain the benefit plan at the sole expense of the Employee.

When an Employee who is surplus accepts a temporary position, his/her rights as a surplus Employee will not be affected.

20:06 Recall from Summer Vacation

If an employee is not recalled after the summer vacation period, he/she can exercise his/her seniority rights under Article 20:04 above.

20:07 No new employee will be hired until a person who is on lay-off and who retains seniority has been given an opportunity for recall, provided that such person has the qualifications, experience relative to the job and ability to do the work in question.

20:08 Recall Procedure

Employees shall be recalled in the reverse order of their seniority.

20:09 Grievances concerning layoffs and recalls shall be initiated at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE 21 - DISCIPLINE PROCESS

21:01 Just Cause

a) An employee who has completed his/her probationary period can't be disciplined or discharged except for just cause. Such employee and the Union shall be advised promptly in writing by the Employer of the reason for such discipline or discharge.

b) Right To Have A Steward Present

An employee shall have the right to have his/her steward present at any meeting with supervisory personnel involving disciplinary matters. The supervisor shall notify the employee in advance of the purpose of the meeting.

21:02 Discipline Record

- a) The record of an employee shall not be used against him/her at any time after twelve (12) months following a suspension or disciplinary action, including letters of reprimand as long as the employee has not incurred any further disciplinary action of a similar nature during this twelve (12) month period. If no further disciplinary action of a similar nature occurs during this twelve (12) month period, all documents are removed upon request from the employee) However, documents related to harassment or abuse (including sexual or physical misconduct of any kind) shall not be removed.
- b) An employee shall have the right to place any relevant documents in the employees Human Resource file which has been omitted.
- c) Information in an employees Human Resources file shall be treated as confidential. Access to and disclosure of any personal information on an employee shall be governed by the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Act.
- d) Where the Employer is required to furnish information on an employee to an outside agency or college association by a court order or legislative requirement , the employee will be immediately notified that this information has been requested and has been or will be provided.

21:03 Documentation of a disciplinary nature shall not be placed on an employee's file without his/her prior knowledge. An employee shall receive a copy of any document placed on his/her file which may raise an issue of concern with respect to performance or be detrimental to the employee.

21:04 Access to Personal File

Upon giving a request to the Human Resources Department an employee shall be allowed to review his/her personal file in the presence of a member of the Human Resources Department within a reasonable time frame mutually agreed upon. The employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any document contained therein.

ARTICLE 22 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

22:01 For the purpose of this agreement it is agreed that Principals are the supervisors of all school support staff. For all non school locations support staff supervisors will be defined as Managers and /or Supervisors.

22:02 Complaints

It is the mutual desire of the parties that complaints of employees shall be dealt with as quickly as possible. Both parties agree that a grievance shall not be processed until the employee has discussed the issue with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the complaint. The supervisor shall reply within two (2) working days. The employee may have the assistance of a steward, if he/she so desires.

22:03 Definition of Grievance

A grievance under this Collective Agreement is defined as a complaint in writing by the Union or by an employee concerning the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the terms of the collective agreement which has been dealt with pursuant to section 21:02.

22:04 The following procedures shall be adhered to in processing grievances:

STEP ONE:

The Union shall present the grievance in writing to the Superintendent of Human Resources within 10 working days of the date from which the Union became aware or ought to have become aware of the incident or circumstances giving rise to the grievance. The grievance shall contain the name of the grievor, the date upon which it was prepared, a concise statement of the nature of the complaint, the date upon which the action complained of occurred, the relevant Article and subsection of the collective agreement alleged to have been violated, the remedy sought and the signature of the grievor and/or the Union Steward. The Superintendent of Human Resources shall provide a written reply within ten (10) working days following receipt of the grievance.

STEP TWO:

If the grievance is not resolved at Step one, the Union will present the grievance at Step Two. A meeting shall be held within ten (10) working days of the response of Step Two, unless extended by agreement of the parties.

It is understood that the (designated for either party) may have such counsel and assistance as they may desire at such a meeting. The decision of the OCSB shall be delivered in writing within ten (10) working days following the date of such meeting.

STEP THREE:

If the grievance is not resolved at Step two, the Union within ten (10) working days following the decision in Step two, may present the grievance to arbitration.

22:05 The Employer may submit a grievance to the Union within 10 working days from the date upon which the incident or circumstances giving rise to the grievance first occurred by sending the grievance to the Secretary of the Union. A meeting may be arranged between the parties to discuss the grievance. The Secretary of the Union shall reply within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance. If the grievance is not settled, the Employer may refer the grievance to an arbitration board as set out in Article 23 within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the decision. Similarly, the Union may submit a grievance, which directly affects the interest of the Union or a group of employees as a party to the collective agreement, it being understood that such grievance shall not deal with matters, which are properly the subject of an individual employee grievance. Such grievances shall be sent to the Superintendent of Human Resources and the same limits and procedures will apply as for Employer grievances.

22:06 The parties agree that during the grievance process there shall be at least one meeting, initiated by either party, prior to submitting a grievance to arbitration. Failure to have a meeting does not preclude the grievance from proceeding to arbitration.

22:07 Grievances relating to discharge, suspension or lay off of an employee that has completed the probationary period may be presented directly at Step Two of the grievance procedure within five (5) working days from the date upon which the incident or circumstances giving rise to the grievance first occurred. The Union reserves the right to file a grievance related to the termination of a probationary employee that is arbitrary, discriminatory or in bad faith. It is understood that the grievance shall be presented in writing and shall contain all of the information set out in Step One.

22:08 In the event that a complaint or grievance is not presented or processed within the prescribed time limits, it shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. Requests for an extension of timelines shall not be unreasonably denied.

22:09 The Employer agrees to recognize a union Grievance Committee consisting of not more than three (3) members. Payment shall be limited as specified in 22:10.

22:10 The grievor and his/her steward shall not suffer any loss in pay for time spent at grievance meetings with the Employer.

22:11 All investigation of grievances shall be conducted outside of the normal working hours.

22:12 In determining the time which is allowed in the various steps, Saturday, Sunday and Statutory Holidays shall be excluded.

ARTICLE 23 - ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

23:01 Either party may refer a grievance to arbitration provided that the grievance has been properly processed through all of the requisite steps of the grievance procedure and within the prescribed time limits subject to article 22:08.

23:02 The party wishing to submit the grievance to arbitration shall make such request in writing, by registered mail, containing the name of that party's nominee to the Board of Arbitration, to the other party within fifteen (15) working days after the receipt of the reply at Step Two of the grievance procedure.

The recipient of the notice shall within fifteen (15) working days inform the other party in writing by registered mail, of the name of its nominee to the Board of Arbitration. The two nominees shall within fifteen (15) working days of the appointment of the second of them, appoint a third party who shall be the chairperson of the Board of Arbitration. If the recipient of the notice fails to appoint a nominee, or if the two nominees fail to agree upon a chairperson within the time limits prescribed herein, the appointment shall be made in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Ontario Labour Relations Act, as amended from time to time.

23:03 The Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall issue a decision, and the decision shall be final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected by it. The decision of a majority is the decision of the Arbitration Board, but if there is not a majority, the decision of the Chairperson governs.

23:04 No person may be appointed as a nominee or a chairperson to a Board of Arbitration who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.

23:05 The Board of Arbitration shall not have any authority to alter, modify, change, add to or detract from any of the provisions of this collective agreement or to substitute any new provisions in lieu thereof or to give any decision contrary to the provisions of this

collective agreement or to provide a remedy applicable to the time prior to the date of the filing of the grievance.

23:06 Each of the parties to this collective agreement will pay the fees and disbursements of its nominee to the Board of Arbitration, and will share equally the fees and disbursements of the Chairperson.

23:07 Any time limits set in both the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.

23:08 Single Arbitration

The Parties may, by written mutual agreement, appoint a single arbitrator chosen jointly to deal with any arbitration matter in lieu of an Arbitration Board.

23:09 Notwithstanding the procedures above, either party may request access to expedited arbitration under the Ontario Labour Relations Act as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 24 – COMMITTEES

24:01 Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The parties agree that there shall be established a Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee (J.O.H.S.C.) to comply with the provisions of the Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Act. Members of the Joint Committee shall not suffer any loss in pay for time spent at J.O.H.S.C. meetings.

24:02 Joint Consultation Committee

a) A committee known as the Joint Consultation Committee shall be established by the parties.

b) The Committee shall consist of equal representation of the Employer and the Union to a maximum of three (3) members from the Union and three (3) representatives from the Employer. Additional resource persons may be invited to attend as required to deal with the specific subject matters under discussion.

c) The Committee will have authority to make recommendations only, and it is understood that those recommendations shall not alter or modify the collective agreement and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

d) The Committee shall meet at the request of either party, but not more than once per month, subject to an agreed agenda, the subject matter of which is appropriate for consideration by the JCC.

e) Committee members shall not suffer any loss in pay for time spent at meetings of the Joint Consultation Committee. Additional resource persons will not suffer loss of pay provided they have received approval from the Superintendent of Human Resources to attend such meetings.

f) The parties will maintain their own record of topics discussed and of action to be taken as a result of these discussions.

g) The parties will discuss violence incidents in labour management meetings and reserve the right to involve Student Services and Health and Safety.

24:03 Return to Work Committee

a) The parties agree that a representative from the Union will be involved in all meetings where an employee is returning from LTD or WSIB leave.

b) Worker's Safety and Insurance Board Supplement; an employee who is injured in the course of duty and received indemnity from the Worker's Safety and Insurance Board shall be entitled to any difference between the amount of the award and the regular salary.

24:04 Union Bargaining Committee

a) The Employer agrees to recognize a Union Bargaining Committee of not more than five (5) members of the Union. The Union will advise the Employer of the names of the members of the Committee.

b) Bargaining will normally be held during regular working hours.

c) Members of the Union Negotiating Committee shall not suffer any loss in pay or benefits for time spent at negotiation meetings with the Employer's negotiating committee. The employer agrees to pay for four (4) days of coverage during bargaining.

24:05 Professional Development and Training

The Parties acknowledge the important skills and expertise that education support workers contribute to Ontario's publicly funded schools and their commitment to improving student achievement.

The Parties agree that:

- Valuable professional development and training is informed by research and done in partnership with colleagues;
- Members of the Bargaining Unit shall participate in Board-directed professional development and training.

The Ottawa Catholic School Board and CUPE 2357 have jointly agreed to a philosophy which encourages professional development for all members.

CUPE 2357 is recognized as an equal participant in the Supports Staff Professional Development Committee with proportional representation.

Professional Development opportunities shall be provided in accordance with the recommendations of the Support Staff Professional Development Committee.

24:06 Professional Development

a) Professional development refers to an activity which is likely to be of assistance to the individual in furthering the individual's career and/or job effectiveness while being consistent with the Board's goals. The following activities shall be deemed to be part of career development:

- i) A course given by the Employer;
- ii) A course offered by a recognized academic institution;
- iii) A seminar, convention or study session in a specialized field directly related to the employee's work.

b) Upon written application by the employee to the Superintendent of Leading and Learning and with the approval of the immediate supervisor, professional development leave (whether offered locally or in other locations) may be granted by making application on the appropriate form entitled "Application for Funding Professional Development Activities – Administrative & Support Staff (CUPE 2357).

c) Employees who are on career development leave at the request of the Employer shall be on leave with pay and shall be reimbursed for all reasonable travel and other expenses incurred by them which the Employer may deem appropriate.

d) The Union shall be provided with a list of the names of applicants, dates of application, courses requested and final determination of candidates.

ARTICLE 25 – COMMUNICATIONS

25:01 Correspondence

All correspondence between the parties, arising out of this agreement or incidental thereto, shall pass to and from the Superintendent of Human Resources or designate and the President of the Union or designate, except as otherwise provided for in this agreement.

25:02 Bulletin Boards

The Employer will provide suitable space at each school/work locations for the posting of Union notices pertaining to elections, appointments, meetings and other functions.

25:03 Reports from the Employer

a) The Employer agrees to provide the Union within ten (10) working days following the end of the month, with a monthly list of hirings, terminations, resignations, layoffs, recalls, transfers, promotions, retirements and deaths within the bargaining unit.

b) The Employer also agrees to communicate to the Union in writing positions, which become redundant in the month in which the redundancy occurs.

25:04 On commencing employment in a position within the bargaining unit, the representative designated by the Union will be given an opportunity to meet privately with each new employee during the first year of employment to acquaint them with the structure, benefits, and duties of union membership. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes will be allowed for this purpose within regular working hours at a time mutually agreed between the Employer and the Union. The employee shall not incur loss of pay for this (30) thirty minutes.

25:05 Legal Indemnity

The employer agrees to provide appropriate legal counsel in accordance with the Board Policy in those situations arising directly from the responsible discharge of official duties by employees or resulting from the carrying out of official order(s). This article shall not be deemed to authorize or condone the commission of any unlawful action or act of negligence by the employee. The Employer will not pay such cost in any case where guilt is established in a court of law or thereof findings of negligence in a court of law.

ARTICLE 26 - PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

26:01 Pay Days

Pay day for employees in the bargaining unit shall be on the Thursday of every second week.

On each pay day, each employee shall be provided with an itemized statement of his/her wages and other supplementary pay and deductions through IMenu.

Payment of salary of ESL Instructors to be paid in twenty-two (22) instalments on a bi-weekly basis for the school year.

26:02 Experience Increments

a) Full and part-time employees shall receive for experience increments, on an annual basis, up to the maximum of their salary scale as follows:

i) If their hire date or date of promotion is the 15th of the month or prior to the 15th of the month, the experience increment date shall be the 1st of that month.

ii) If their hire date or date of promotion is after the 15th of the month, the experience increment date shall be the 1st of the next month.

b) A person hired into a bargaining unit position shall normally be placed at the start rate for his/her pay grade.

26:03 Rate of Pay on Promotion or Reclassification

An employee promoted or reclassified to a higher paying position shall be paid the next higher step closer to the employee's current rate of pay of their new substantive salary level.

26:04 Acting Pay

a) Where an employee is required, in writing, by the Employer to perform the majority of the duties of a higher position within the bargaining unit classification on an acting basis for a period of ten (10) or more consecutive working days, he/she shall be paid acting pay calculated from the date of appointment to the higher classification level as if he/she had been appointed to that higher classification level for the period in which he/she acts.

b) When an employee is temporarily assigned to a position paying a lower rate, his/her rate shall not be reduced.

26:05 Travel Allowance

a) Itinerant Special Education Staff (Itinerant EA's, CDA's, HSSIDIP EA) authorized to use their vehicle to perform work on behalf of the Board, shall be paid mileage from their home base, which shall be deemed to be the closest OCSB school to their home address. Mileage will be paid from this home base school will be paid to the first assigned place of work that day where the mileage incurred exceeds 20 km; additionally, full mileage will be paid between schools assigned on that day; and, mileage will be paid at the end of the day where the return to the home base school exceeds 20 km.

Mileage shall be paid in accordance with the rate established by the Board. Employees are expected to plan their route/travel to the schools assigned on any given day as efficiently as possible to keep mileage costs at a minimum. Travel Allowance is subject to audit.

b) ECE/EDP who are authorized to use a vehicle by the Manager of Early Learning Services in order to perform work on behalf of the Board excluding travel to and from their place of work may claim mileage in accordance with the rate established by the Board.

c) Existing staff who are involuntarily assigned to two (2) work locations shall be reimbursed for one (1) way to travel to the second location and travel time shall be considered to be time worked.

d) Employees who are required to attend workshops and training sessions outside the jurisdiction of the Board will be compensated for travel.

e) No employees will be required to transport students in their personal vehicle.

26:06 Taxi Allowance

When an employee works beyond 9:00 p.m. on approved overtime, he/she shall be reimbursed for taxi fare from the place of work to the employee residence to a maximum of \$25.00.

ARTICLE 27 - JOB SECURITY

27:01 In order to provide job security for the members of the bargaining unit, the Employer agrees that there shall be no lay-off or any reduction of salary of present employees, as a result of contracting out.

27:02 Volunteers may be used to enhance the services provided by the Board. Further, they will not be used to reduce the staff assigned to each school nor shall they be used to take work away from members of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 28 - NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS

28:01 The Union and the employees agree that there shall be no strikes, as defined in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, during the term of this collective agreement. Similarly, the Employer agrees that there shall be no lockouts, as defined in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, during the term of this collective agreement.

ARTICLE 29 – GENERAL

29:01 Copies of Agreement

The Union and the Employer desire every employee to be familiar with the provisions of the Agreement and his/her rights and obligations under it. For this reason, the Employer shall make the agreement available electronically.

29:02 Personal Services

The rules, regulations and requirements of employment shall be limited to matters pertaining to the work requirements of each employee and shall not include personal services for a supervisor.

ARTICLE 30 - TERMS OF AGREEMENT

30:01 Duration

This agreement shall be binding and remain in effect from September 1, 2022 up to August 31, 2026 and shall continue from year to year thereafter, unless either party gives notice in writing that it desires its termination or amendment.

30:02 Notice to Bargain

Either party desiring to propose changes to this Agreement shall, within ninety (90) days prior to the termination date, give notice in writing to the other party. Within thirty (30)

working days of receipt of such notice by one party, or at such time as mutually agreed upon, the other party is required to enter into negotiations for a new agreement. The parties agree to exchange their proposals on or before the first meeting date.

30:03 Changes in Agreement

Any changes deemed necessary in this agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the existence of this contract. Such changes shall form part of the collective agreement and are subject to grievance and arbitration procedures. Such changes shall not take effect until ratified by the parties.

30:04 Retroactivity

All changes in the new Agreement shall be effective on the date of signing, unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE 31 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

31:01 In this Article "Technological Change" means the introduction by the Employer of equipment or material of a different nature than that previously utilized that will result in major changes in the employment status or working conditions of Union members.

31:02 Both parties recognize the overall advantages of technological change and will, therefore, encourage and promote technological change in the Employers operations. Where technological change is to be implemented, the Employer will seek reasonable ways and means of minimizing adverse effects on employees which might result from such change.

31:03 The Employer agrees to provide as much advance notice as is practicable but, except in cases of emergency, not less than ninety (90) days written notice to the Union of the introduction or implementation of technological change.

31:04 As soon as reasonably practicable after notice is given under clause 31:03, the Employer shall discuss with the Union the anticipated effects of the technological change referred to in clause 31:01 on each group of employees. Such discussions will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- a) the nature and degree of change;
- b) the anticipated date or dates on which the Employer plans to effect change;
- c) the location or locations involved;

d) the approximate number, class and location of employees likely to be affected by the change;

e) the effect the change may be expected to have on working conditions or terms and conditions of employment on employees.

31:05

a) When, as a result of technological change, it is determined by the Employer that an employee requires new skills or knowledge in order to perform the duties of his/her substantive position, the Employer will provide the necessary training at no cost to the employee. The parties recognize that it may not be possible to retrain employees in all cases of technological change. If after a period of six months in the new position, the employee is unable to perform the duties required for that position, the Employer shall endeavour to place the employee in an alternative position for which the employee is deemed to be qualified and capable to perform the job.

b) When, as a result of technological change, it is determined by the Employer that an employee is not suitable for retraining or that a job will cease to exist, the following shall apply:

i) the employee shall be placed in suitable alternative employment, if available, or

ii) the provisions of Article 20 shall apply.

ARTICLE 32 – JOB DESCRIPTIONS/JOB EVALUATIONS

32:01

a) The employer agrees to draw up and maintain on file job descriptions for all positions for which the Union is the bargaining agent. Copies will be provided to the union.

b) Furthermore, on a go forward basis the Employer will provide the Union with a highlighted copy of all changes that have occurred since the last description was sent.

c) The Board shall prepare a new job description whenever a job is created or a revised job description whenever the duties of a job change significantly. As per the Terms of Reference for Job Evaluations; the Joint Job Evaluation Committee will make every effort to evaluate the position within 90 working days of the Job Fact Sheet due dates of October 15th and March 15th or such alternate dates that may be amended from time to time by mutual agreement.

32.02 When a new job is created or substantially changed and it has been referred to the joint job evaluation committee for review and action and when the committee is unable to reach consensus, the position in dispute shall be referred to the job evaluation consultants as appointed by each party. The two consultants shall consider the issue and bring forward a recommendation for the consideration and action of the committee.

ARTICLE 33 - JOB CREATIONS PROGRAM

33:01 The Board agrees to notify the Union of any Job Creation program that it intends to implement which impacts the bargaining unit membership. The Employer shall notify the Union of the terms and conditions of the Job Creation program and shall ensure that Union dues are deducted as applicable.

ARTICLE 34 - SALARY GRID

Salary grid for September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2026.

LEVEL	POSITION / TITLE
1	Receptionist
2	
3	Clerk - Maintenance Print/Mailroom Finance Continuing Education LBS (10 month) ESL Assistant Office Administrator 0.5 Elementary Administrative Assistant - Planning & Facilities (includes: Coordinator, Manager, Community Use of Schools, Planning) Continuing & Community Ed. (includes: Principal and Adult High School, ESL Adult Schools) Spec. Ed. & Student Services Finance & Admin Dept. (Purchasing)
4A	Clerk - Continuing Education, Cost Control Accounts Payable Accounts Receivable Benefits Payroll Office Administrator – 11 or 12 Month Secondary Administrative Assistant - Principal, Spec. Ed & Student Services ESL & Credit Program, Continuing Education-St. Nicholas Maintenance and Operations Student Success Department Early Learning Services Leading & Learning
4B	Educational Assistant Intervenor Special Assignment Assistant

5	Developmental Assistant Office Administrator - Elementary Schools Intermediate Schools Guidance Student Services (Secondary) Clerk - General Accounting Itinerant Educational Assistant (Autism, Behaviour, Speech & Language, SEL) Educational Assistant - McHugh Library Technician - Elementary - High School Administrative Assistant - Cont. & Comm. Ed. (Credit Program) Secondary Administrative Assistant Leading & Learning Maintenance & Operations Learning Technology
6	Communication Assistant Client Support Specialist Senior Office Administrator – Adult HS – Secondary Schools Learning Technology System Technician Interpreter LAN Support Specialist Pension Administrator Clerk - Senior Accounting Senior Finance Senior Payroll
7	Developmental Specialist
Unique Grids	Registered Early Childhood Educators ESL Instructors

Salary Grids - September 1, 2022 to September 1, 2025

September 1, 2022	\$1.00						
LEVEL	MTHS	STEP 1		STEP 2		STEP 3	
		HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL
1	12	22.34	40,787	23.23	42,422	24.16	44,122
	11	22.34	36,741	23.23	38,213	24.16	39,745
	10	22.34	33,614	23.23	34,961	24.16	36,362
2	12	23.91	43,663	24.87	45,415	25.87	47,245
	11	23.91	39,332	24.87	40,910	25.87	42,558
	10	23.91	35,985	24.87	37,428	25.87	38,936
3	12	24.74	45,176	25.73	46,994	26.77	48,892
	11	24.74	40,694	25.73	42,332	26.77	44,042
	10	24.74	37,231	25.73	38,730	26.77	40,293
4A	12	26.73	48,821	27.81	50,793	28.94	52,856
	11	26.73	43,977	27.81	45,754	28.94	47,613
	10	26.73	40,235	27.81	41,860	28.94	43,561
4B	10	28.25	42,522	29.33	44,148	30.46	45,847
5	12	28.47	51,985	29.62	54,091	30.82	56,280
	11	28.47	46,828	29.62	48,725	30.82	50,697
	10	28.47	42,843	29.62	44,578	30.82	46,383
6	12	33.19	60,616	34.55	63,085	35.95	65,652
	11	33.19	54,602	34.55	56,827	35.95	59,139
	10	33.19	49,955	34.55	51,990	35.95	54,106
7	12	34.10	62,279	35.49	64,818	36.94	67,460
	11	34.10	56,101	35.49	58,388	36.94	60,768
	10	34.10	51,327	35.49	53,418	36.94	55,596

Early Childhood Educator

Grid Step	MTHS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	10	21.18	31,870
1	10	22.86	34,407
2	10	24.54	36,930
3	10	26.23	39,470
4	10	27.90	41,991
5	10	29.59	44,530

September 1, 2023	\$1.00						
LEVEL	MTHS	STEP 1		STEP 2		STEP 3	
		HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL
1	12	23.34	42,613	24.23	44,248	25.16	45,948
	11	23.34	38,386	24.23	39,858	25.16	41,390
	10	23.34	35,119	24.23	36,466	25.16	37,867
2	12	24.91	45,490	25.87	47,241	26.87	49,071
	11	24.91	40,977	25.87	42,555	26.87	44,203
	10	24.91	37,490	25.87	38,933	26.87	40,441
3	12	25.74	47,002	26.73	48,821	27.77	50,718
	11	25.74	42,339	26.73	43,977	27.77	45,687
	10	25.74	38,736	26.73	40,235	27.77	41,798
4A	12	27.73	50,647	28.81	52,619	29.94	54,683
	11	27.73	45,622	28.81	47,399	29.94	49,258
	10	27.73	41,740	28.81	43,365	29.94	45,066
4B	10	29.25	44,027	30.33	45,653	31.46	47,352
5	12	29.47	53,811	30.62	55,917	31.82	58,107
	11	29.47	48,473	30.62	50,370	31.82	52,342
	10	29.47	44,348	30.62	46,083	31.82	47,888
6	12	34.19	62,442	35.55	64,911	36.95	67,478
	11	34.19	56,247	35.55	58,472	36.95	60,784
	10	34.19	51,460	35.55	53,495	36.95	55,611
7	12	35.10	64,106	36.49	66,644	37.94	69,286
	11	35.10	57,746	36.49	60,033	37.94	62,413
	10	35.10	52,832	36.49	54,923	37.94	57,101

Early Childhood Educators

Grid Step	MTHS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	10	22.18	33,375
1	10	23.86	35,912
2	10	25.54	38,435
3	10	27.23	40,975
4	10	28.90	43,496
5	10	30.59	46,035

September 1, 2024	\$1.00						
LEVEL	MTHS	STEP 1		STEP 2		STEP 3	
		HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL
1	12	24.34	44,440	25.23	46,074	26.16	47,774
	11	24.34	40,031	25.23	41,503	26.16	43,035
	10	24.34	36,624	25.23	37,971	26.16	39,372
2	12	25.91	47,316	26.87	49,067	27.87	50,897
	11	25.91	42,622	26.87	44,200	27.87	45,848
	10	25.91	38,995	26.87	40,438	27.87	41,946
3	12	26.74	48,828	27.73	50,647	28.77	52,544
	11	26.74	43,984	27.73	45,622	28.77	47,332
	10	26.74	40,241	27.73	41,740	28.77	43,303
4A	12	28.73	52,473	29.81	54,445	30.94	56,509
	11	28.73	47,267	29.81	49,044	30.94	50,903
	10	28.73	43,245	29.81	44,870	30.94	46,571
4B	10	30.25	45,532	31.33	47,158	32.46	48,857
5	12	30.47	55,638	31.62	57,743	32.82	59,933
	11	30.47	50,118	31.62	52,015	32.82	53,987
	10	30.47	45,853	31.62	47,588	32.82	49,393
6	12	35.19	64,268	36.55	66,737	37.95	69,305
	11	35.19	57,892	36.55	60,117	37.95	62,429
	10	35.19	52,965	36.55	55,000	37.95	57,116
7	12	36.10	65,932	37.49	68,470	38.94	71,112
	11	36.10	59,391	37.49	61,678	38.94	64,058
	10	36.10	54,337	37.49	56,428	38.94	58,606

Early Childhood Educators

Grid Step	MTHS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	10	23.18	34,880
1	10	24.86	37,417
2	10	26.54	39,940
3	10	28.23	42,480
4	10	29.90	45,001
5	10	31.59	47,540

September 1, 2025	\$1.00						
LEVEL	MTHS	STEP 1		STEP 2		STEP 3	
		HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL	HOURLY	ANNUAL
1	12	25.34	46,266	26.23	47,900	27.16	49,600
	11	25.34	41,676	26.23	43,148	27.16	44,680
	10	25.34	38,129	26.23	39,476	27.16	40,877
2	12	26.91	49,142	27.87	50,893	28.87	52,723
	11	26.91	44,267	27.87	45,845	28.87	47,493
	10	26.91	40,500	27.87	41,943	28.87	43,451
3	12	27.74	50,654	28.73	52,473	29.77	54,370
	11	27.74	45,629	28.73	47,267	29.77	48,977
	10	27.74	41,746	28.73	43,245	29.77	44,808
4A	12	29.73	54,299	30.81	56,271	31.94	58,335
	11	29.73	48,912	30.81	50,689	31.94	52,548
	10	29.73	44,750	30.81	46,375	31.94	48,076
4B	10	31.25	47,037	32.33	48,663	33.46	50,362
5	12	31.47	57,464	32.62	59,569	33.82	61,759
	11	31.47	51,763	32.62	53,660	33.82	55,632
	10	31.47	47,358	32.62	49,093	33.82	50,898
6	12	36.19	66,094	37.55	68,563	38.95	71,131
	11	36.19	59,537	37.55	61,762	38.95	64,074
	10	36.19	54,470	37.55	56,505	38.95	58,621
7	12	37.10	67,758	38.49	70,296	39.94	72,939
	11	37.10	61,036	38.49	63,323	39.94	65,703
	10	37.10	55,842	38.49	57,933	39.94	60,111

Early Childhood Educators

Grid Step	MTHS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
0	10	24.18	36,385
1	10	25.86	38,922
2	10	27.54	41,445
3	10	29.23	43,985
4	10	30.90	46,506
5	10	32.59	49,045

ESL Instructor

Note: Based on 194 days at 6 hours per day and 22 instalments from September to June

1-Sep-22	\$1.00/hr			
STEP	1	2	3	4
	0 - 499 HRS	500 - 999 HRS	1000 -1499 HRS	1500 + HRS
Baseline Rate	36.89	38.81	41.59	44.36
Stat. Hol. - 3.8 %	1.40	1.47	1.58	1.69
Vac. Pay - 6.0 %	2.21	2.33	2.50	2.66
Total	40.51	42.61	45.67	48.71
Annual	47148.08	49601.97	53155.01	56695.27
01-Sep-23	\$1.00/hr			
STEP	1	2	3	4
	0 - 499 HRS	500 - 999 HRS	1000 -1499 HRS	1500 + HRS
Baseline Rate	37.89	39.81	42.59	45.36
Stat. Hol. - 3.8 %	1.44	1.51	1.62	1.72
Vac. Pay - 6.0 %	2.27	2.39	2.56	2.72
Total	41.60	43.71	46.76	49.81
Annual	48,426.15	50,880.05	54,433.09	57,973.35
01-Sep-24	\$1.00/hr			
STEP	1	2	3	4
	0 - 499 HRS	500 - 999 HRS	1000 -1499 HRS	1500 + HRS
Baseline Rate	38.89	40.81	43.59	46.36
Stat. Hol. - 3.8 %	1.48	1.55	1.66	1.76
Vac. Pay - 6.0 %	2.33	2.45	2.62	2.78
Total	42.70	44.81	47.86	50.90
Annual	49,704.22	52,158.12	55,711.16	59,251.42
01-Sep-25	\$1.00/hr			
STEP	1	2	3	4
	0 - 499 HRS	500 - 999 HRS	1000 -1499 HRS	1500 + HRS
Baseline Rate	39.89	41.81	44.59	47.36
Stat. Hol. - 3.8 %	1.52	1.59	1.69	1.80
Vac. Pay - 6.0 %	2.39	2.51	2.68	2.84
Total	43.80	45.91	48.96	52.00
Annual	50,982.29	53,436.19	56,989.23	60,529.49

Method of Payment		
Instalments	% Instalments	% Per Pay
22 Instalments Start August - End June	1/22nd	1/22nd
9 Instalments September to December	41%	4.54545
13 Instalments January to June	59%	4.54545

ARTICLE 35 - MEDICAL PROCEDURES

35:01 An Employee providing medical procedures as a function contained within the core duties of their job description shall do so in accordance with the Ministry of Education directives, Policy Program Memorandum (PPM) 81 or subsequent revisions.

35:02 No Employee shall perform any medical or physical procedure, health support service or personal care that might in any way endanger, pose a risk of injury, or liability for negligence to the Employee.

35:03 Where possible, the Board will secure training for Employees who are required to perform medical procedures. In addition, protocols will be developed to support Employees in the performance of medical procedures.

35:04 Where possible, an Employee has the right to be accompanied by another employee when performing medical procedures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF each of the parties hereto has caused this agreement to be signed by its duly authorized representatives this 24th April, 2023

For CUPE 2357

For the OCDSB

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

Amalgamation

In the event that the Ottawa Catholic District School Board amalgamates with any other School Board, the Ottawa Catholic District School Board will make every reasonable effort to secure continued employment for CUPE 2357 staff, who were in its employ at the time of amalgamation, on terms and conditions of employment which are as similar as possible to those existing prior to amalgamation.

The Board will meet with the Union to discuss any proposed mergers.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

Early Childhood Educators

The parties hereby recognize that the full-day Kindergarten program is mandated and controlled by the Ministry of Education.

Whereas the Union is the bargaining agent for Early Childhood Educators, the parties hereby recognize that the following terms and conditions shall apply to their employment with the Board for the period September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2017:

The grid and rate of pay, as determined by the Ministry is as follows:

September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017

Grid Step	THS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
Letter of Permission	10	18.725	28181
Qualified 0 years experience	10	20.291	30538
Qualified 1 years experience	10	21.846	32878
Qualified 2 years experience	10	23.412	35235
Qualified 3 years experience	10	24.967	37575
Qualified 4+ years experience	10	26.533	39932

February 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017

Grid Step	THS	HOURLY	ANNUAL
Letter of Permission	10	18.819	28323
Qualified 0 years experience	10	20.392	30690
Qualified 1 years experience	10	21.955	33042
Qualified 2 years experience	10	23.529	35411
Qualified 3 years experience	10	25.092	37763
Qualified 4+ years experience	10	26.666	40132

As the above grid and rates of pay set by the Ministry of Education are outside of the collective agreement, and the job description has been created in accordance with the duties required by the Ministry, the parties agree that for the remainder of the term of the collective agreement, articles 32:01 and 32:02 will not apply.

Should the full-day Kindergarten program no longer exist, the Board will give past service recognition to any bargaining unit employee who held a permanent position prior to September 1, 2010. Employees will be eligible to return to a comparable position in their respective job classification, based on seniority.

The parties agree that matters arising regarding this Memorandum of Agreement or any matters pertaining to the implementation of the full-day Kindergarten program will be discussed at Joint Consultation Committee meetings.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3
Elementary Office Administrator Support

The parties agree to meet within 30 days of ratification, and thereafter annually in the spring, to review any changes to permanent Elementary School Office Administrator allocations and Casual OA hours funded by SSF. Considerations for staffing levels may include student enrollment, funding, hours used in prior year(s), as well as, other factors (i.e. new personnel, demographic pressures, etc).

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4
OMERS Pension Contributory Earnings

The Board will continue to follow the regulations and guidelines as provided to us by the OMERS Pension Plan.

The parties will continue to be bound by any and all amendments to the OMERS pension plan.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5
Pilot Projects

In the event a new Pilot Program is established, the union will be notified that a posting will be created as an expression of interest to the internal job posting site. The successful applicant will be determined based on skills, ability, experience and qualifications in accordance with Article 19 Job Postings and Article 18 Seniority.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6
Pilot Casual Leadership Program

The Board (Leading and Learning and Human Resources departments) will, prior to the end of the present school year, establish a Leadership program for CUPE casuals. This program will be on a voluntary basis and will assist the employees in:

- Interview techniques
- Job awareness and readiness
- Student interaction strategies
- Debriefing, classification appropriate training
- Within 60 days of ratification of local agreement.

CUPE Executive Board will be consulted in the creation of this session, designed through the Leading & Learning Department.

The Human Resources Department in collaboration with CUPE will also create a live list of interested casuals for term opportunities and the interview process.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7
Absence Reporting (ECE-EDP)

Within 90 days of ratification of the agreement all EDP personnel will be entered into the ATE system to report and fill absences within the EDP program. EDP supervisors will no longer be required to call from a short list to fill vacancies for their programs, unless it is in an emergency situation.

- *The parameters of an Emergency Situation shall be discussed at the bargaining table.*

The working group will review the effectiveness of the program after one year of its implementation, following the date of ratification.

The Employer and the Union maintain the right to withdraw this letter of understanding, providing a notice period of thirty (30) days. At which point a meeting will be conducted within fifteen (15) days of such notice to review the reasons for discontinuation.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8
Staffing of McHugh Programs

The parties agree that educational assistant vacancies in the McHugh program do not follow the regular transfer process. This is in recognition of this system position being associated with two school Boards and serving students of both the Ottawa Catholic School Board and the Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

McHugh positions are system positions that may result in the movement of staff from one location to another over the course of the school year, based on program and student needs.

The parties agree that when a vacancy becomes known, the Human Resources Department would post an expression of interest to the system. Positions will be posted on the Board intranet.

All applicants will be considered and qualified applicants will be interviewed based on seniority. Unsuccessful applicants may request a debrief. If the position is not offered to any of the interviewed permanent employees, then the position will be filled with a casual employee.

The selected educational assistant would be hired on a one year term and their position at their home will be held for them, with a casual staff member replacing them for year one.

After year one the educational assistant would have the option of returning to their home school pending regular surplus determination.

If the educational assistant chooses to remain at McHugh, they give up their home school position, which becomes a vacancy and is now filled by a permanent educational assistant as per the regular transfer process.

Any educational assistant working in a McHugh program may participate in the yearly transfer process to obtain a position at another school.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #9
Professional Development DE STAFF (Pilot Project)

One (1) PD Day within the school year will be designated for Developmental Education Staff to have training provided unique to the Developmental Education Program e.g. lifts/transfers, etc. Training will be provided in an East and West location.

No additional PD Day needs to be added (this can be incorporated into the current days)

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #10
ATE Priority List

An ATE priority list will be created for the EA category (EA, SAA, DA, DS):

- a. member shall be notified that he/she has been removed from a ATE priority list for a school within seven (7) days of removal and reason for removal.
- b. The call out order shall be:
 - i. A call out to EA member on the school Priority List;
 - ii. A call out to EA member whose classification matches those of the absent member, and who have listed the school in their profile as a location to which they are willing to be dispatched;
 - iii. A call out to an EA member who has that school in their profile as a location to which they are willing to be dispatched, regardless of classification(s) (paid at the rate of the person being replaced).

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #11
CUPE 2357 System Priorities Funds (SSF) for 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26

1. Special Education Staffing Amount

Educational Assistants Staffing -

The parties agree that the Ottawa Catholic School Board will use the SSF Special Education Funds, as detailed in the Appendix Central Terms, to continue to fund the eleven new 1.0 positions and the thirty .75 positions that were topped up to 1.0 in the 2019/2020 year until August 31,2026.

2. Other Staffing Amount

The Parties agree that the Ottawa Catholic School Board will use the SSF Other Staffing Amount, as detailed in the Appendix Central Terms, to fund the positions listed below until August 31,2026.

- A. Fund 1.0 FTE Lead OA Position
 - B. Fund 1.0 FTE Senior Finance Clerk (supporting School for SGF and ONSIS compliance)
 - C. Fund Elementary Casual OA Hours
3. These positions continue to be included in the protected complement.
4. The Union requests an accounting of the funds used be provided to them annually.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #12
Use of Part Time Educational Assistants

In the annual EA staffing exercise, the Board will staff schools first with full time Educational Assistants (EAs). For any remaining part time FTE allocations, the Board may assign part time Educational Assistants *in exceptional circumstances only, see below.

(*It is understood exceptional circumstances are as follows; support for children support schools or students attending schools part time.)

For clarity, a school allocation may end in .25 but no permanent Educational Assistant FTE at the school will be a quarter (.25). This shall not result in a decrease in the number of one (1.0) FTE Educational Assistants (in a school).

Where the Board and the Union determine an “exceptional circumstance” exists the parties agreed that ratio of three quarters (.75) FTE to one (1.0) FTE positions shall **never** exceed twenty-eight (28%) which represents the current ratio (e.g. no more than twenty-eight (28) positions per one hundred (100) 1.0 FTEs).

This Letter of Understanding will be implemented for the staffing exercise for the 2022 - 2026 school years.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #13
SUPERVISION ESL

This will confirm that members of ESL Instructors work in an Adult-Based Program and do not supervise children, unless they are enrolled in their classes as per the government guidelines.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #14
Supplies and Resources for ESL Instructors

The parties agree to meet within sixty (60) days of ratification of this agreement. A meeting with the recognized CUPE 2357 Steward and the Manager of Community and Continuing Education. The goal is to establish a common understanding to provide adequate resources to the ESL Instructor to ensure they can be provided with the necessary tools to do their job as ESL instructors.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #15 SENIORITY ESL

Employees who were working the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board as full-time instructors in the adult daytime E.S.L. Program on April 19th, 1993, shall have their position on the seniority list determined by their total number of hours of service to the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board prior to April 19th, 1993. The number of hours of service was calculated following certification, and the hours which were shown in CUPE Local 3689's first seniority list shall apply.

Employees who were working the Carleton Roman Catholic Separate School Board as full-time instructors in the adult daytime E.S.L. Program on April 19th, 1993, shall be credited for all hours worked in the E.S.L. Program at the Carleton Roman Catholic Separate School Board prior to April 19th, 1993. This will include hours worked as a full-time, part-time, or casual instructor in the daytime or the night-time program. The employee's position on the seniority list shall be determined according to the total number of hours worked.

Employees hired full-time after April 19th, 1993, shall have their seniority defined as the length of continuous service with the Employer since the date of hiring into a full-time position as an English Second Language instructor. Where two (2) or more employees commence work on the same day, the parties shall meet to break the tie by random selection of the names selected.

The Seniority List will be posted in all ESL work locations by February 1st of each year. CUPE 23573689 members who have questions or concerns regarding their seniority placement must submit this by email in writing to the Staffing Labour Relations Officer, with a copy to the CUPE 23573689 President, within 20 calendar days of the posting of the Seniority List. The revised Seniority List will be posted electronically for information purposes only.

An employee shall not lose seniority rights if he/she is absent from work because of sickness, disability, accident or leave of absence approved by the Employer. An employee shall lose his/her seniority and he/she shall be considered terminated in the event that:

- he/she is discharged and not reinstated through the Grievance Procedure;

- he/she resigns in writing;
- he/she is laid off for a period of two (2) school years;
- he/she retires early;
- he/she retires at the normal retirement age.

An employee shall lose his/her seniority in the event that:

- he/she fails to return as scheduled from a leave of absence;
- he/she is absent from work without permission for five (5) continuous working days;
- he/she fails to return to work within five (5) working days after being recalled from lay-off. Such notice of recall shall be sent to the employee by registered mail addressed to the last known address of the employee. The employee shall be solely responsible for this proper address being on record with the Employer. However, it is agreed that an employee may be granted an extension provided that he/she gives notice of and reasons for such request within the five (5) working days after being recalled.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #16 JOB POSTING ESL

In the event that a new bargaining unit position is created or a vacancy occurs within the bargaining unit, the Employer shall, within ten (10) working days, post notice of such a vacancy on the bulletin boards provided in the work locations. Such a notice shall be posted for five (5) working days with a copy to the Union. No position will be deemed vacant or new unless all employees are employed. The employer will, on October 31 and April 1 review enrolments and meet with the Union within ten (10) days to discuss the program needs and enrolment. Also, to explain, if it is necessary to, close classes and/or reassign/layoff staff as determined based on program needs.

A job posting shall contain the following information: Department or school, job title, salary range, date of opening, brief description of the job and qualifications as found in the job descriptions.

Employees who have completed their probationary period may apply for the new position or vacancy within seven (7) working days of the commencement of the posting.

Within ten (10) twenty (20) working days of the closing of the posting, the Employer shall conduct interviews.

The parties recognize that job opportunities should increase in proportion to the length of service. Therefore, in making staff changes, transfers, or promotions, appointment shall be made on the basis of the following factors:

- a) Qualifications as outlined in the job description
- b) Seniority – where qualifications and ability are equal, seniority shall govern.

Vacancies shall be filled within five (5) days of appointment.

No new employees will be hired to fill new positions or vacancies until all internal applicants have been considered in the selection process.

The Employer may temporarily fill a vacancy during the posting, applications and selection period with qualified employees.

No outside advertisement for any vacancy shall be placed until seven (7) working days of the commencement of the posting have elapsed.

In the case of a transfer to the Intake and Placement position, the successful applicant shall be placed on trial for a period of sixty (60) working days. Conditional on satisfactory service, the employee shall be declared permanent after the trial period of sixty (60) days.

In the event the employee proves unsatisfactory in the position at any time during the trial period, or if the employee wishes not to remain in the position, he/she shall be returned to his/her former position (or an equivalent position) wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority subject to an equivalent position becoming available.

In order that employees may apply for a temporary assignment, the Employer shall post all temporary vacancies known to be longer than five (5) calendar months.

A notification of employment will be provided by June 30th of each year. As well, the Employer shall provide notice of tentative assignments for the next work year, including location and course of instruction by August 1st of each year. Assignments are conditional upon actual enrolment.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #17
JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (JCC) AGENDA**

The Parties agree to move to the Labour Management Meeting the JCC agenda items.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #18
PILOT PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

The Parties agree to create a committee to support recruiting, retention and training for employees of CUPE 2357.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #19
SUMMER LOCATIONS AND STAFFING EDP**

The employer shall endeavour to notify CUPE 2357 by the end of May of each year with a list of all the EDP programs that will be open during the summer and a list of CUPE 2357 members that will be working at each site.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #20
LEAD ECE**

Subject to Job evaluation to be incorporated into Article 34 prior agreement finalization and therefore deletion of item 4,5,6 from the LOU that addresses this action. (see below LOU signed July 20, 2021)

The Parties agree that the Ottawa Catholic School Board will create a new permanent bargaining unit position, titled "Lead RECE"

1. The Lead RECE position will be a permanent, 11-month position with a 3 year term.
2. At the end of the 3-year term, the incumbent will participate in the staffing process to secure an ECE position elsewhere in the Board in the Kindergarten program.
3. The job posting will follow Article 19 Job Posting - 19:04 a) when selecting the successful candidate for the position.
4. *The incumbent will be compensated at the level 5 RECE rate of pay with an annual \$2,500 stipend.*
5. *The parties agree that this job will go through the Job Evaluation process after 1 year.*
6. *At the next round of bargaining in 2022, the parties agree to place the Lead RECE position into CUPE 2357 salary grid as it was evaluated during the job evaluation process.*
7. The incumbent after 1 year would have the option of returning to their home school pending regular surplus determination.
8. If they choose to remain in the Lead RECE role, they give up their home school position, which becomes a vacancy and is now filled by a permanent RECE, as per the

regular transfer process.

9. The incumbent will retain all their rights under the CUPE 2357 Collective agreement.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #21
EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

Subject to Job evaluation to be incorporated into Article 34 prior agreement finalization and therefore deletion of item 4 and 5 from the LOU that addresses this action.

The Parties agree that the Ottawa Catholic School Board will create a new bargaining unit position, titled "Employment Support Assistant"

Whereas the parties agree to the above, the following terms are also agreed upon by the parties.

1. The Employment Support Assistant position will be a 10 month position with a 3 year term.
2. At the end of the 3 year term, the incumbent will participate in the staffing process to secure an EA position elsewhere in the Board.
3. The job posting will follow Article 19 Job Posting - 19:04 a) when selecting the successful candidate for the position.
4. The parties agree that this job will go through the Job Evaluation process after 1 year.
5. The parties agree to place the Employment Support Assistant position into CUPE 2357 salary grid as it was evaluated during the job evaluation process.
6. After 1 year, both the employer and the employee will need to jointly agree on extending this term for the remaining two years. Failing to agree will result in the employee returning to their home school pending regular surplus determination.
7. If they choose to remain in the Employment Support Assistant role, they give up their home school position, which becomes a vacancy and is now filled by a permanent EA, as per the regular transfer process.
8. The incumbent will retain all their rights under the CUPE 2357 Collective agreement.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #22
APPRECIATION & WELLNESS INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP

The parties agree to meet within sixty (60) days following ratification to share ideas around employee appreciation and wellness with the intent to explore alternative ways to recognize the valuable contributions and the variety of work specific to OCSB staff who are CUPE members.

The working group will consist of Communications (1), HR (1), Special Education and Student Services (1) and CUPE (1).

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #23
NEW SCHOOL OPENING AND TRANSFER OF STAFF (PILOT)

- a) CUPE 2357 EA's and RECE's at impacted schools shall be given the first opportunity to request a transfer to the new school and shall submit such a transfer request by a mutually agreed upon date by the Board and the Association. All CUPE 2357 EA's and RECE's at the impacted schools are eligible to be considered for a move to the new school.
- b) Interested CUPE 2357 EA's and RECE's shall complete an online form that HR will send out when this opportunity arises and prior to the staffing process
- c) The new school staff shall be selected by the Principal, following an interview and from the completed and submitted transfer forms prior to the regular transfer process (where applicable). The union shall be provided with a list of members who will be transferring to the new school.
- d) Vacant positions that are created due to members moving to the new school will be posted in the regular staffing process (where applicable).
- e) Any vacancies at the new school that remain after a) to c) above will be staffed through the regular transfer/placement process in accordance with Article 19 Job Posting.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #24
TERM POSITIONS - DE UNIT

The parties agree that when a 10 month term position becomes available in any DE unit within the OCSB, if the employee who is in the immediate classification below the employee on leave cannot or does not want the temporary increase in classification, the term position will then be posted as an Expression of Interest only to those DE staff members in the immediate classification below. Should an existing DE staff member move classifications, the resulting temporary vacancy will be filled with a casual EA selected by the school Principal.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #25
LEAD OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The Parties agree that the Ottawa Catholic School Board will create a new bargaining unit position, titled "Lead Office Administrator".

Whereas the parties agree to the above, the following terms are also agreed upon by the parties.

1. The Lead Office Administrator position will be a 12 month position with a 3 year term.
 - a. For clarity, the position will come into effect upon the ratification of the 2022-2026 CUPE Collective Agreement, and will remain in effect until its expiration.
 - b. For clarity, this position will be funded from the System Priorities Funds (Appendix II Central Terms).
2. The job posting will follow Article 19 Job Posting when selecting the successful candidate for the position.
3. The parties agree that this job will go through the Job Evaluation process after 1 year.
 - a. Until such time, the incumbent will be compensated at the level 5 Office Administrator rate with an annual \$2,500 stipend.
4. Further to paragraph 3, the parties agree to place the Lead Office Administrator position into CUPE 2357 salary grid as it was evaluated during the job evaluation process.
5. At the end of the term, for any reason should the position become redundant or the terms of this agreement are not renewed the incumbent will participate in the staffing process to secure an Office Administrator position elsewhere in the Board.
6. After 1 year, both the employer and the employee are to jointly agree on extending this term for the remaining two years. Failing to agree will result in the employee returning to their home school pending regular surplus determination.
 - a. Should the employee and employer agree that the incumbent remain in the Lead Office Administrator Role, their home position as an Office Administrator will be released, and filled by a permanent Office Administrator, as per the regular staffing process.
7. The incumbent will retain all their rights under the CUPE 2357 Collective agreement.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #26
TERM ASSIGNMENTS - BREAK IN SERVICE

More than three days of unpaid leave is considered a break in continuous service. A long-term assignment will restart unless exceptional circumstances beyond the employee's control arise. Reasons for exceptional circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Human Resources or designee. The Employer reserves the right to request supporting documentation before rendering a decision.

Upon completion of the first long-term assignment in the current school year, employees may continue to access the prorated sick leave and short-term disability leave in the fiscal year in which the allocation was provided for any subsequent long-term assignments over three months.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #27
PAID PD DAYS FOR TERM EMPLOYEES

If a casual employee is on a term assignment for 3 months or longer, they shall be paid for all PD days, to provide them the same abilities as permanent employees, of attending training, meeting with education partners, and putting together supplemental learning materials/resources for their students as needed

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #28
LATERAL TRANSFER FOR PART TIME DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANT TO VACANT POSITIONS


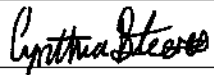
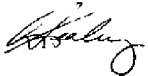
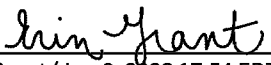

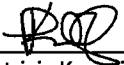

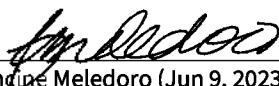
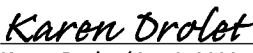
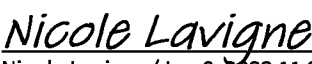
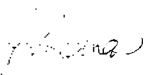
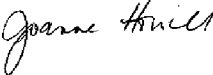

The parties agree that going from a Part time Developmental Assistant to a Full time Developmental Assistant shall be considered a lateral transfer.

Whereas the parties agree to the above, the following terms are also agreed upon by the parties.

1. The parties agree that Part time Developmental Assistants will be given the first right of refusal to any vacant Full time Developmental Assistant positions.
2. The PTDA must be working 35 hours a week at the time of the FTDA vacancy, in order to qualify for a lateral transfer to the FTDA position.
3. The Transfer process will follow Article 18:01 - Seniority as well as Article 18:03 - Same Seniority Date

PART B: LOCAL AGREEMENT

Signed this 8th day of June 2023.

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