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**MASTER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**His Majesty the King  
in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador  
(Represented herein by the Treasury Board)**

**AND**

**The Newfoundland & Labrador School Boards Association  
Representing the School Districts of:**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ENGLISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AND**

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
Locals 2033, 2212 and 3148**

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## **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

- 1.01 It is the purpose of both parties to this Agreement
- 1) to maintain and improve harmonious relations and settle conditions of employment between the Employer, employees, and the Union;
  - 2) to recognize the mutual value of joint discussions and negotiations pertaining to working conditions, employment and services.
  - 3) to encourage efficiency in operations;
  - 4) to promote the morale, well-being, and security of all employees in the bargaining unit of the Union.
- 1.02 It is now desirable that methods of bargaining and all matters pertaining to the working conditions of the employees be drawn up in a collective agreement.
- 1.03 In the event that there is a conflict between the expressed provisions of this Agreement and any regulation or policy made by the Employer, this Agreement shall take precedence over the said regulation or policy.
- 1.04 For purposes of this Agreement, the Employer is recognized as, and remains as, the employing School Boards. The Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association and any employee it may designate, acts only in the capacity for contract negotiations and other labour relations issues that may be requested by a School Board.

## **ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

- 2.01 All functions, rights, powers, and authority which are not specifically abridged, deleted, or modified by this agreement are recognized by the Union as being retained by the Employer.

Notwithstanding the above, following the adoption of new polices by the School Board, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to forward same to the Union prior to implementation.

## **ARTICLE 3 - RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATION**

- 3.01 Bargaining Unit
- (a) The Employer recognizes the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Locals 2033, 2212 and 3148 as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for the classes of employees as listed in the certification order issued by the Labour Relations Board, which shall include but not be limited to the classifications listed in

Schedule "B" of this agreement, and additions or deletions of positions as mutually agreed between the parties since the above noted order was issued.

- (b) When new classifications are created, the Employer shall immediately notify the Union in writing as to whether such classifications should be included in or excluded from the bargaining unit and provide reasons for its exclusions.

The Union, should it disagree with the Employer's position, will respond in writing, outlining reasons for its rejection of the exclusions within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the above notification.

Should the Union and the Employer be unable to agree upon the exclusion of any specific classification, the matter shall be referred to the Labour Relations Board for adjudication.

### **\*3.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit**

- \*(a) Persons whose jobs are not in the bargaining unit, including volunteers, shall not work on any jobs which are included in the bargaining unit, except for the purpose of instruction, reviewing an employee's performance, in the case of emergencies, or when bargaining unit employees are not available. Notwithstanding the above, for special functions and entertainment sponsored by the school, Church organizations, groups associated with the schools, church or community or private groups using the facilities of the Employer, the groups concerned may perform work of the bargaining unit with respect to and only in connection with those aspects of the facilities used by the groups or they may hire members of the bargaining unit at Union rates to perform such services. It is specifically understood and agreed that the servicing of the group and facilities used by such groups shall not reduce the normal hours of work or pay of any member of the bargaining unit. Members of the bargaining unit will assume no responsibility or liability for damages caused to the Employer's premises by such groups or individuals. Further, in the event the member's normal duties are interrupted to perform cleaning services necessitated by said groups, it is understood that their daily routine may have to be adjusted.
- (b) Employees within the bargaining unit, who are employed by these groups outside the normal working hours, shall be considered as employees of the Board for the purpose of benefits under this Agreement, such as insurance and Workers' Compensation.

### **3.03 No Other Agreements**

No employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer or their representative which may conflict with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

### 3.04 Union Access and Shop Stewards

- (a) Employees shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of a full-time representative(s) of the Union on all matters relating to the Employer-employee relationships. Union representative(s) shall, after receiving permission from the Employer or their designated representative, have access to the Employer's premises in order to provide the required assistance. Employees involved in such discussions or investigation of grievances shall not absent themselves from work except with permission from their Supervisor and such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

The same right of access will apply where the employee wishes to be represented by a Shop Steward or local officer.

- (b) Permission to hold meetings on the premises of the Employer shall, in each case, be obtained from the Employer and such meetings shall not interfere with the operations of the Employer.
- (c) No deductions shall be made from the pay of any officer or steward by reason of their being present at meetings with representatives of the Employer held during regular working hours.

### \*3.05 Extra Curricular Runs

- \*(i) Bus drivers are required to drive on all charters that commence within the school day, subject to being provided with 48 hours' notice of such requirement. Drivers shall be paid a minimum of one hour for such charters.
- \*(ii) Bus drivers wishing to participate in bus chartering for schools outside normal school hours and for outside groups must inform the Supervisor of Student Transportation at the beginning of each school year of their desire to do so. Drivers indicating that they will participate in such charters must be willing to accept school sponsored charters as well as outside group charters.
- (iii) Runs for outside activities (i.e. not school sponsored charters) are not considered part of the normal bargaining unit work; however, bus drivers will be considered employees while driving school buses on authorized school business other than regular school runs included in the regular hours. School related runs for outside activities will not be considered overtime, but will be based on the applicable straight time rate. Employees engaged in charters for non-school related groups will be eligible for overtime in accordance with the provisions of Article 18.
- \*(iv) Bus Drivers will be reimbursed for meals (as per the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Meal Rates Policy) and hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the chartering group.

- (v) Employees of the bargaining unit at the site concerned shall have the first opportunity, subject to operational requirements, to perform the required work.

**\*3.06 Reduced Day Runs**

Reduced day runs, as it pertains to students approved for alternate transportation, shall be completed by the regular bus driver of the route as to maintain consistency. In the event that the regular bus driver of the route is absent, the run will be offered by seniority to the next readily available bus driver, provided that bus driver is qualified and able to perform the work required.

**3.07 Benefits for Part-time and Temporary Employees**

Benefits under this Agreement for part-time and temporary employees shall be pro-rated according to their hours of work unless modified by specific terms of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4 - HUMAN RIGHTS**

**\*4.01 Employer Shall Not Discriminate**

The Employer agrees that in accordance with the provisions of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Human Rights Act* (as amended from time to time), there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised or practiced with respect to any employee in the manner of wage rates, training, upgrading, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall, discipline, classification, discharge, or otherwise by reason of race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, social origin, religious creed, religion, age, disability, disfigurement, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, family status, source of income, and political opinion or activity in the Union.

**4.02 Harassment**

The Employer and the Union recognize the right of all employees to work in an environment free from harassment and shall work together to ensure that harassment is actively discouraged. All reported incidents of harassment shall be thoroughly investigated as quickly and as confidentially as possible. The Employer and the Union agree to take all steps to ensure that the harassment stops and that individuals who engage in such behaviour shall be appropriately disciplined, up to and including dismissal. The Employer and the Union agree that victims of harassment shall be protected, where possible, from the repercussions which may result from a complaint.

For the purposes of this Article, harassment shall be defined as follows:

Harassment of a sexual nature is unsolicited, one-sided and/or coercive behaviour which is comprised of sexual comments, gestures or physical contact that the individual knows, or ought reasonably to know, to be unwelcome, objectionable or offensive. The behaviour may be on a one time basis or a series of incidents, however minor. Both males and females may be victims.

Harassment of a personal nature is any behaviour that endangers an employee's job, undermines performance, or threatens the economic livelihood of the employee, which is based on race, religious creed, sex, marital status, physical or mental disability, political opinion, colour, or ethnic, national or social origin or Union status.

Grievances filed under this Clause will be received at the grievance stage immediately prior to the arbitration stage.

Grievances dealing with sexual harassment will be dealt with by the Employer and the Union with all possible confidentiality.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - UNION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**

##### **5.01 All Employees to be Members**

All employees whose jobs fall within the scope of the bargaining unit as a condition of continued employment shall become and remain members of the Union.

##### **5.02 New Members**

All new members whose jobs fall within the scope of the bargaining unit shall, as a condition of employment, become and remain members of the Union from the date of hire.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES**

##### **6.01 Check-Off Payments**

The Employer shall deduct from every employee coming within the bargaining unit the initiation fee and monthly dues of the Union.

##### **6.02 Deductions**

Deductions shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Union not later than the 15th day of the month. The Employer will forward to the Union with the first dues deductions cheque following the signing of the Agreement, a list which shows the employee's full name and payroll number. Each month thereafter a list showing additions and deletions will be forwarded with the dues deductions cheque. The Employer shall forward with each

dues deduction cheque such information as is contained on the form attached as Appendix "C" of the Agreement.

6.03 Dues Receipts

The Employer agrees that when issuing T-4 slips the amount of membership dues paid by an employee to the Union during the previous taxation year will be recorded on their T-4 statement.

6.04 Employee Listing

The Union may from time to time, but not more than once per year, request a list of names of its members, along with each employee's mailing address, telephone number and classification in electronic format and such information shall be provided to the Union by the Employer within a reasonable period which shall be mutually agreed upon.

**ARTICLE 7 - EMPLOYER AND UNION SHALL ACQUAINT NEW EMPLOYEES**

7.01 New Employees

- (a) The Employer agrees to acquaint new employees with the fact that a Union Agreement is in effect, and with the conditions of employment set out in the articles dealing with Union Security and Dues Check-Off.

Upon employment, an employee will be provided with written information concerning:

- (a) job description – as available and updated
  - (b) starting salary and classification
  - (c) terms and conditions of employment and where copies of the Collective Agreement have been provided to the School Board by the Union, the employee will receive a copy.
- (b) The Employer shall continue to implement, in line with current practice, a paid orientation period, during which they can job shadow current employees and familiarize themselves with the duties of the position.

7.02 Copies of Agreement

On commencing employment, the employee's immediate supervisor shall introduce the new employee to their Union Steward or representative. The Steward or representative will provide them with a copy of the Collective Agreement.

7.03 Interviewing Opportunity

A representative of the Union shall be given an opportunity to interview each new employee within regular working hours, without loss of pay, for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes during the first month of employment for the purpose of acquainting the new employee with the benefits and duties of union membership and their responsibilities and obligations to the Employer and the Union.

**ARTICLE 8 - CORRESPONDENCE**

8.01 All correspondence between the parties arising out of this Agreement or incidental thereto, shall pass to and from the Assistant Director responsible or their designated representative, and the President of the Union.

**ARTICLE 9 - LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

9.01 Establishment of Committee

A Labour Management Committee shall be established consisting of an equal number of representatives of the Union and Employer. The numbers may be changed by mutual agreement between the parties. The Employer shall be duly notified in writing as to the names of the Union representatives selected.

9.02 Function of Committee

The Committee shall concern itself with the following general matters:

1. promoting safety and sanitary practices;
2. reviewing suggestions from employees, questions of working conditions and service;
3. other problems and matters of mutual interest which affect the relationship between the employees and the Employer.

9.03 Meetings of Committee

The Committee shall meet at least twice yearly, or as often as the parties mutually deem it necessary, at a mutually agreeable time and place. The Employer will make every reasonable effort to schedule at least one (1) of these meetings such that it is not conducted by video conference. The meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled by mutual consent. The Committee members shall receive a notice and agenda of the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Employees shall not suffer any loss of pay for the time spent with this Committee.

9.04 Chairperson of the Meeting

An Employer and a Union representative shall be designated as joint Chairpersons and shall alternate in presiding over meetings.

9.05 Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be prepared by the Human Resources staff and signed by the joint Chairpersons as promptly as possible after the close of the meeting and will be approved at the beginning of the next meeting. Any disagreement as to the content of the minutes shall be discussed at that subsequent meeting.

9.06 Jurisdiction of Committee

The Committee shall not supersede the activities of any other committee of the Union or of the Employer and does not have the power to bind either the Union or its members or the Employer to any decisions or conclusions reached in its discussions. The Committee shall have the power to make recommendations to the Union and the Employer with respect to its discussions and conclusions.

**ARTICLE 10 - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

10.01 Representatives

No employee or group of employees shall undertake to represent the Union at meetings with the Employer without the proper authorization of the Union. In representing an employee or group of employees, an elected or appointed representative of the Union shall be the spokesperson. In order that this may be carried out, the Union will supply the Employer with the names of its officers. Likewise, the Employer shall supply the Union with a list of its supervisory personnel with whom the Union may be required to transact business.

10.02 Union Bargaining Committee

(a) A Union Bargaining Committee shall be elected or appointed and consist of not more than two (2) members of each Union Local. The Union will advise the Employer of the Union nominees of the Committee.

(b) Negotiation Pay Provision

Representatives of the Union shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits when required to leave their employment temporarily in order to carry on or to take part in negotiation meetings between the Union and the Employer. This time shall include one (1) working day per negotiating member for preparation of bargaining proposals

and additional day(s) as may be agreed by the Employer. The Union shall give the Employer at least five (5) days written notice of such leave.

10.03 Function of Bargaining Committee

All matters pertaining to performance of work, operational problems, rates of pay, hours of work, collective bargaining, and other working conditions, shall be referred by the Union Bargaining Committee to the Employer for discussion and settlement.

10.04 Representative of Canadian Union of Public Employees

The Union shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of representatives of the Canadian Union of Public Employees when dealing or negotiating with the Employer. Such representative(s) shall, with the prior approval, have reasonable access to the Employer's premises in order to investigate and assist in the settlement of a grievance.

10.05 Meeting of Committee

In the event either party wishes to call a bargaining meeting, the meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by mutual agreement. However, such meeting must be held not later than three (3) weeks after the request has been given.

10.06 Technical Information

The Employer shall make available to the Union upon request, in writing, information required by the Union such as positions in the bargaining unit, job classifications, wage rates, and personnel policies, which are required for collective bargaining purposes.

**ARTICLE 11 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

11.01 Definition of Grievance

- (a) A grievance shall be defined as a dispute concerning the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of the terms of this agreement. Should any dispute arise as to whether a matter is a grievance, it may be taken up through the grievance procedure and be determined, if necessary, by arbitration.
- (b) When a grievance is lodged, the nature of the grievance, the article(s) alleged to be violated and the redress sought shall be stated.

#### 11.02 Prompt Procedure

In order to provide an orderly and speedy procedure for the settling of grievances, the Employer acknowledges the rights and duties of the Union Stewards to assist any employee in preparing and presenting their grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure.

#### 11.03 May Omit Grievance Steps

An employee considered by the Union to be wrongfully or unjustly discharged or suspended shall be entitled to a hearing under Article 11 - Grievance Procedure. Steps 1 and 2 of the Grievance Procedure may be omitted in such cases.

#### 11.04 Names of Stewards

The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the name of each Shop Steward and the department(s) they represent before the Employer shall be required to recognize them.

#### 11.05 Processing of Grievances

Shop Stewards shall suffer no loss in pay for the time spent processing grievances or attending meetings with the Employer's representative or when required to attend an arbitration hearing relating to the employees grievance.

#### 11.06 Permission to Leave Work

It is agreed that Shop Stewards will not absent themselves from their work locations for the purpose of handling grievances or other union business without first obtaining permission of the Shop Stewards' supervisor and that permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

#### 11.07 Settling of Grievances

An earnest effort shall be made to settle grievances fairly and promptly in the following manner:

##### **Step 1**

The aggrieved employee shall, after becoming aware of the circumstances giving rise to the occurrence of the grievance, submit their grievance to a Shop Steward. If the Shop Steward considers the grievance to be justified, the employee concerned, together with their Shop Steward, may, within ten (10) working days of becoming aware of the event giving rise to the grievance, submit their grievance in writing to the employee's supervisor at District /Regional Office outlining the alleged violation and redress sought. An earnest effort shall be made by all parties to settle the grievance at Step 1. The Employer shall respond to the Union within five (5) working days.

**Step 2**

Failing settlement being reached in Step 1, the Shop Steward or alternate Shop Steward shall, within five (5) working days, submit the grievance to the Manager of Human Resources responsible, or designate, who shall within ten (10) working days convene a meeting for the purpose of hearing the grievance. The Employer representative shall render their decision within a further ten (10) working days following the meeting.

**Step 3**

Failing settlement being reached in Step 2, either party may refer the dispute to arbitration within fifteen (15) working days of the Employer's decision in Step 2.

11.08 Grievance by Mail

When a grievance is processed through the mail, all correspondence shall be by registered or certified mail. The time while the mail is moving from one destination to another shall not be considered in the grievance procedure time limits.

11.09 Policy Grievance

Where a dispute arises involving a question of general application, or interpretation of this Agreement, the Union or the Employer may initiate a grievance and the said grievance will commence at Step 2.

11.10 Union May Initiate Grievances

The Union and its representatives shall have the right to originate a grievance on behalf of an employee, or group of employees, and to seek adjustment with the Employer in the manner provided in the grievance procedure. Such grievance shall commence at Step 2.

11.11 Replies in Writing

Replies to grievances stating reasons shall be in writing at all steps.

11.12 Facilities for Grievance Meetings

The Employer shall supply the necessary facilities for the grievance meetings.

11.13 Mutually Agreed Changes

Any mutually agreed changes to this Collective Agreement shall form part of this Collective Agreement and are subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

11.14 Grievance on Safety

An employee, or group of employees, who is required to work under unsafe or unhealthy conditions shall have the right to file a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure for preferred handling.

11.15 Technical Objection to Grievances

No grievance shall be defeated or denied by a technical objection occasioned by a clerical, typographical or similar technical error or by inadvertent omission of a Step in the grievance procedure.

11.16 Full Time Representative

A full time representative of the Union may be called in by the employees at any Step of the Grievance Procedure. The grievor may be present during all Steps of the Grievance Procedure, including grievance and arbitration hearings.

11.17 Personal Complaint

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, any employee may present a personal complaint to the Employer.

11.18 Time Limits

The time limits as set out in the grievance procedure are not mandatory but merely directory in nature.

**ARTICLE 12 - ARBITRATION**

12.01 Composition of Board of Arbitration

When either party requests that a grievance be submitted to arbitration, the request shall be made by registered mail addressed to the other party of the Agreement, indicating the name of its nominee on an Arbitration Board. Within fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall answer by registered mail indicating the name and address of its nominee to the arbitration board. The two (2) nominees shall then meet to select an impartial chairperson, who must be a member of the LMAC (Labour Arbitration Management Committee) approved roster, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

#### 12.02 Failure to Appoint

If the party receiving the notice fails to appoint a nominee, or if the two (2) nominees fail to agree upon a Chairperson within ten (10) days of their appointment, the appointment shall be made by the Minister Responsible upon request by either party.

#### 12.03 Board Procedure

- (a) The Board shall determine its own procedure, but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representation. In its attempts at justice, the Board shall, as much as possible, follow a lay person's procedure and shall avoid legalistic or formal procedures.
- (b) The Arbitration Board shall render its decision in the grievance as soon as possible after the date on which the Board is fully constituted and the decision of the Board shall be committed to writing and submitted to the parties concerned within a further thirty (30) calendar days. The time limits may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

#### 12.04 Decision of the Board

The decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Board. Where there is no majority decision, the decision of the Chairperson shall be the decision of the Board. The decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be final, binding and enforceable on all parties, and may not be changed except by the Court of Appeal. The Board of Arbitration shall not have the power to change this Agreement or to alter, modify, or amend any of its provisions. However, the Board shall have the power to dispose of a grievance by any arrangement which it deems just and equitable.

#### 12.05 Disagreement on Decision

Should the parties disagree as to the meaning of the Board's decision, either party may apply to the Chairperson of the Board of Arbitration to reconvene the Board to clarify the decision, which it shall do within thirty (30) days.

#### 12.06 Expenses of the Board

Each party shall pay:

- 1) the fees and expenses of the nominee it appoints;
- 2) one half (1/2) of the fees and expenses of the Chairperson.

#### 12.07 Amending of Time Limits

The time limits fixed in both the grievance and arbitration procedure may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties.

#### 12.08 Witnesses

At any stage of the grievance or arbitration procedure, the parties shall have the assistance of any employee(s) concerned as witnesses and any other witnesses.

All reasonable arrangements will be made to permit the conferring parties or the arbitrator(s) to have access to the Employer's premises to view any working conditions which may be relevant to the settlement of the grievance.

Employees appearing as witnesses, who are required to leave their place of work, shall be considered on paid leave with no loss of benefits or wages, exclusive of overtime.

#### 12.09 Single Arbitrator

The parties may mutually agree to the substitution of a single arbitrator for an Arbitration Board, in which event the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply equally to a single arbitrator where reference is made to an Arbitration Board. The Arbitrator selected must be a member of the LMAC (Labour Arbitration Management Committee) approved roster, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

#### 12.10 Grievance and Arbitration Pay Provisions

Representatives of the Union shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits for total time spent in grievance and arbitration procedure.

#### 12.11 Expedited Arbitration

Subject to agreement of both parties, a form of expedited arbitration 1 or 2 may be used following Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure. The particulars are as follows:

##### Expedited 1

- (1) In any dispute of interpretation or application of the collective agreement, the parties agree to submit a written brief only detailing the arguments of the respective parties to a single Arbitrator within fifteen (15) calendar days of the written response of the Assistant Director or designate in Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

- (2) The single Arbitrator must be agreed to by both parties within seven (7) calendar days of the Assistant Director's or designate's written response and the appointed Arbitrator must be willing to render a verbal decision within two (2) calendar days following receipt of the written brief from each party.
- (3) Decisions will be non-precedential and without prejudice of any subsequent grievance of a similar nature.

#### Expedited 2

- (1) In any dispute of the interpretation or application of the collective agreement, the parties agree to submit a written brief and present oral arguments to a single arbitrator within twenty (20) calendar days of the written response of the Assistant Director or designate in Step 2 of the Grievance procedure.
- (2) The single Arbitrator must be agreed to by both parties within seven (7) calendar days of the Assistant Director's or designate's written response and the appointed Arbitrator must be willing to render a written decision within twenty (20) calendar days following presentation of written briefs and oral arguments of each party.
- (3) The single Arbitrator may, for the purpose of clarification, request the appearance of witnesses for questioning at the time of the hearing or during the decision period when an additional meeting may be convened by the Arbitrator.  
Both parties retain access to the complete arbitration process as described in Article 12 of the collective agreement where they do not wish to implement expedited arbitration 1 or 2. Decisions of the Arbitrator will be binding on both parties within the guidelines of the *Public Service Collective Bargaining Act*. Cost will be shared on a 50/50 basis.

### **ARTICLE 13 - DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE**

#### 13.01 Discharge Procedure

An employee who has completed their probationary period may be dismissed, but only for just cause. When an employee is discharged, suspended, or reprimanded, such employee shall be advised within five (5) working days in writing by the Employer of the reason for such discharge, suspension, or reprimand.

#### 13.02 Unjust Suspension or Discharge

Should it be found upon investigation that an employee has been unjustly suspended or discharged, the employee shall be immediately reinstated in their former position without loss of seniority. They shall be compensated for all time lost in an amount equal to their

normal earnings during the pay period next preceding such discharge or suspension, or by any other arrangement as to compensation which is just and equitable in the opinion of the parties or in the opinion of a Board of Arbitration, if the matter is referred to such a Board.

### 13.03 Burden of Proof

In cases of discharge and discipline, the burden of proof of just cause shall rest with the Employer. Evidence shall be limited to the grounds stated in the discharge and discipline notice to the employee.

### 13.04 Warnings

Whenever the Employer deems it necessary to censure an employee in a manner indicating that dismissal may follow any further infraction, or may follow if such employee fails to bring their work up to a required standard by a given date, the Employer shall, within seven (7) days of the incident give written particulars of such censure to the employee involved. If this procedure is not followed, such written censure shall not become part of their record for use against them at any time.

### 13.05 Adverse Report

- (a) Any employee who is disciplined, suspended, reprimanded, or dismissed shall be provided with written notification from the Employer as soon as practical but in any event within seven (7) days of any oral notification. Such written notification shall state the reason(s) for the discipline, suspension, or dismissal.
- (b) Any document placed on an employee's personnel file which may at any time be used against them in any case of disciplinary action, suspension, or dismissal shall be removed from the file and disregarded after eighteen (18) working months provided there has not been a recurrence of a similar incident during that time, in which case it shall be removed eighteen (18) working months after the recurrence. Notwithstanding the above, any disciplinary action, suspension or dismissal relating to issues of theft, chemical/alcohol dependency and abuse, assault or harassment shall be removed from the file and disregarded after twenty-four (24) working months provided there has not been a recurrence of a similar incident during that time, in which case it shall be removed twenty-four (24) working months after the recurrence. The Employee's written reply to such notification of dissatisfaction shall become part of their record.

### 13.06 Refusal to Cross Picket Lines

An employee covered by this Collective Agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a legal picket line of another employer at the premises of that employer. Failure to cross such

a picket line by a member of this Union shall not be considered a violation of this Collective Agreement nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action.

13.07 Personnel Files

There shall be one (1) recognized personnel file. An employee has the right, after making an appointment, to inspect their personnel file and they may be accompanied by a representative of the Union if they so desire. Employees who do not work in close proximity to the Board office shall have copies of their file made available to them. Representatives of the Union may, upon request from the employee, view the employee's personnel file with the purpose of determining the appropriate documents to photocopy or verifying copies of the copied file.

An employee who has been terminated may access their personnel file within seven (7) working days of such request, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Any employee involved in an arbitration hearing shall have the right to copy all documents in their personnel file.

13.08 Justice and Dignity Provision

If upon investigation, the Employer feels that disciplinary action is necessary, such action shall be taken based on the collective agreement. In situations where the Employer is unable to investigate the matter to its satisfaction, but feels the employee should be removed from their place of employment, it shall be with pay.

13.09 Criminal or Legal Liability

The Employer shall defend, negotiate or settle civil and/or criminal claims, suits or prosecutions arising out of acts performed by an employee in the course of their duties, provided that the Employer is satisfied that the employee performed duties required by the Employer, and/or the employee acted within the scope of their employment.

**ARTICLE 14 - SENIORITY**

14.01 Seniority Defined

Subject to 14.04, seniority is defined as the date of hire with the Employer in a bargaining unit position. Employees with the earlier date of hire shall have greater seniority. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining unit wide basis by school district.

14.02 Seniority List

The Employer shall maintain a seniority list in accordance with Clause 14.01 showing the date upon which each employee's service with the Board commenced. When applying the

seniority provisions of the agreement, the last three digits of Social Insurance Number will be used to determine preference where seniority entitlements are equal. The lowest three digit number will have the highest seniority. A seniority list as of December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be sent to the Union and posted in each school in February of each year.

The seniority list shall contain:

- (a) each employee's classification;
- (b) whether they are full-time or part-time or temporary;
- (c) the number of weekly hours of work for permanent employees as of December 31<sup>st</sup>;
- (d) the school and/or the community in which the employee works

Employees shall be permitted the right to challenge the accuracy of the seniority list within thirty (30) days of a list being sent to the Union and posted in each school. After the thirty (30) day period the list may only be amended by the addition of new hires and/or deletion due to termination, resignation, retirement or expiry of recall rights. The Union will be advised of any additions or deletions.

**\*14.03 Probation for Newly Hired Employees**

- (a) A newly hired employee shall be on probation for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days of work from date of hiring at least eighty (80) of which shall occur during the school year.
- (b) The probationary period for part-time employees shall be equivalent to that of a full-time employee in working hours. The probationary period of part-time employees may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.
- \*(c) With the exception of termination or dismissal for reasons of unsuitability or incompetence, as assessed by the Employer of a probationary employee during the probationary period, the employee shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of this agreement. After completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be effective from the original date of employment as recognized in accordance with 14.01.
- (d) For the purpose of this Article as it relates to probationary period, less than four (4) hours work shall equal one half (1/2) day, four (4) hours or more shall be counted as a full day.

**\*14.04 Loss of Seniority**

An employee shall not lose seniority rights if they are absent from work because of sickness, accident, layoff, or leave of absence approved by the Employer. An employee shall only lose their seniority in the event:

- 1) they are discharged for just cause and not reinstated;

- \*2) they resign in writing and do not withdraw within three (3) working days;
- 3) they are absent from work in excess of four (4) consecutive working days without sufficient cause or without notifying the Employer, unless such notice was not reasonably possible;
- 4) (a) they fail to return to work within seven (7) working days following a recall and after being notified by registered mail to do so, unless through sickness or other just cause. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to keep the Employer informed of their current address.
- (b) An employee recalled for casual work or employment of short duration at a time when they are employed elsewhere shall not lose their recall rights for refusal to return to work. It is the responsibility of the employee to advise the Employer of their availability prior to the start of the school year and to provide updates should their status change.
- (c) Notwithstanding 14.04(4)(b) and 16.08 a temporary employee who refuses to accept three (3) recalls within an eighteen (18) month period without valid reasons acceptable to the Employer.
- 5) they are laid off for a period of longer than two (2) years;
- 6) they are declared redundant and have received all redundancy pay entitlement. Employees who are re-employed in accordance with the provision of 16:05 (c) will not be credited with prior service but will count the seniority from the date of re-employment;
- 7) they have forfeited their union position in accordance with Article 14.05(b).

#### 14.05 Transfer and Seniority Outside Bargaining Unit

- (a) No employee shall be transferred permanently to a position outside the bargaining unit without their consent. Where an employee is transferred permanently with their consent, they shall retain their seniority accumulated up to the date of leaving the unit, for the length of their trial period after which such seniority shall be forfeited.
- (b) When an employee is temporarily assigned to non-bargaining unit work, they shall continue to earn benefits of this agreement and pay union dues. Unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Employer and the Union, such employee shall only be permitted to remain in a non-bargaining position, without forfeiting their union position, for a period of twelve (12) months, except in the case of a long term sick leave replacement.

## **ARTICLE 15 - PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES**

### **\*15.01 Job Postings**

- \*(a)** When a vacancy occurs or a new position is created, inside of the bargaining unit, and the Employer determines that the vacancy is to be filled, the Employer shall post a notice of the position on the Employer's website for a period of not less than five (5) days. Copies of all postings are to be supplied concurrently to the Local Union unless mutually agreed.
- (b)** No bargaining unit position will be filled from outside the bargaining unit until applications of present employees have been considered.
- (c)** Whenever possible, all positions shall be filled within four (4) weeks of posting.
- (d)** Temporary positions which are expected to last in excess of six (6) weeks duration or do exceed thirteen (13) weeks duration shall be posted through the bargaining unit as above. However, employees within their own school or office having the required qualifications may be assigned to a higher rated position or a position with increased hours of work for that interim period prior to posting without recourse to the vacancy procedure.
- (e)** Employees who fill a temporary vacancy may not bid on any other temporary vacancy, at the same or lower pay level, unless the duration of the temporary vacancy is known to exceed thirteen (13) weeks or unless the duration of the temporary vacancy is known to exceed the duration of their current temporary position or unless the new temporary position has additional hours of work.

### **15.02 Information on Postings**

Such notice shall contain the following information: title of position, qualifications, required knowledge and education, skills, shift, hourly rate of pay and specific hours of work (subject to Article 17 of the collective agreement).

### **15.03 Role of Seniority in Promotions and Transfers**

Both parties recognize:

- 1) The principle of promotion within the service of the Employer;
- 2) That job opportunity should increase in proportion to length of service.

Therefore in making staff changes, transfers or promotions, appointments shall be made of the applicant with the greatest seniority and having qualifications in accordance with Article 15.02 and Article 25.

**\*15.04 Trial Period**

The successful applicant shall be placed on trial for a period up to sixty (60) days of work during the school term. Conditional on satisfactory service, the Employer shall confirm the employee's appointment after the period of sixty (60) days of work during the school term. In the event that the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position during the trial period or if the employee is unable to perform the duties of the new job classification, they shall be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate. If a permanent employee is unable to return to their former position because the employee's former permanent position has been declared redundant or is no longer available within the trial period, the provisions of Article 16 - Layoffs and Recalls shall apply or the impacted employee can choose to revert to the call-in list. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority. The parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the trial period. Where the Employer and the Union agree, the employee may revert to their former position prior to the completion of the trial period.

**15.05 Notification to Employee and Union**

Within seven (7) calendar days of the date of appointment to a vacant position, the name of the successful applicant shall be sent to each applicant and a copy posted on an appropriate bulletin board in each school building. The Union shall be notified of all appointments, hirings, layoffs, transfers, recalls, and terminations of employment.

**15.06 Promotions Requiring Higher Qualifications**

Consideration for promotions will be given to the senior applicant who does not possess the required qualifications, but is preparing for qualification prior to filling of vacancy.

**15.07 Disabled and Older Worker Provision**

- (a) An employee who has become incapacitated by injury or illness will be employed in other work which they can do providing a suitable position is available and the applicable rate for the new position will apply.
- (b) An employee, who through advancing years or temporary disablement, is unable to perform their regular duties will be employed in some work which they can do providing a suitable position is available and the applicable rate for the new position will apply.
- (c) In either of the above situations, should the worker not be able to be accommodated by the Employer, they shall be permitted to bump as per the provisions of Article 16.03.

15.08 Transfers and Demotions

Notwithstanding the posting requirements of this Article, and where the parties mutually agree, lateral transfers or voluntary demotions may be granted without posting on compassionate or medical grounds to permanent employees who have completed their probationary period.

15.09 Vacancies

Permanent full-time employees are not eligible for vacancies in temporary positions at the same or lower pay level except in special circumstances (e.g. geographical considerations, increased hours of work, etc.) which will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Any permanent employee who secures a temporary position through job vacancy or transfer shall retain their permanent status.

**ARTICLE 16 - LAYOFFS AND RECALLS**

16.01 Role of Seniority in Layoffs

Both parties recognize that job security shall increase in proportion to length of service. Therefore, in the event of layoff, employees shall be laid off in the reverse order, by classification, provided that those employees being retained have sufficient qualifications to do the work required. Temporary employees shall be laid off before any permanent employees are laid off provided that the permanent employees being retained are qualified and able to perform the work required. No temporary employee shall bump a permanent employee upon layoff.

16.02 Recall Procedures

Employees shall be recalled by classification in the order of their seniority, provided that those employees being recalled have sufficient qualifications to do the work required. Permanent employees shall be recalled before temporary employees provided that the permanent employees being recalled are qualified and able to do the work required.

A permanent employee who changes their classification as a result of layoff shall have the opportunity within twenty-four (24) months to return to their former classification in their former school or department should a vacancy occur which the Board intends to fill, provided they are qualified and able to perform the duties required for the position.

16.03 Bumping Procedures

- (a) i) An employee who is to be laid off or who is not recalled when a recall occurs, shall be entitled to bump a junior employee in the employee's preferred school or facility, covered by this Agreement, provided that the employee

retained or recalled in accordance with this procedure has sufficient qualifications to do the work.

- ii) The employee who is bumped in accordance with this procedure shall be deemed to have been given notice of layoff with effect from the date that the employee who bumped them was given notice of layoff.
  - iii) The employee who is bumped from a recall in accordance with this procedure shall be deemed not to have been recalled.
- (b) Any employee who is laid off or bumped in accordance with this Article shall make their intentions known to the Employer, with respect to bumping, within five (5) working days of being notified of such by the Employer.
  - (c) For the purposes of this Article, a reduction in hours of work shall be considered to activate the employee's right to bump in accordance with the procedure outlined above.
  - (d) In the event of a layoff resulting from a permanent reduction in the workforce or the abolition of a post, employees who qualify under the provision of Article 15 - Promotion and Staff Changes in particular Clause 15.02 and 15.03 will, with the exception of a Supervisor's position, be permitted to bump into a higher classification.
  - (e) A permanent employee who bumps into a temporary position shall retain their permanent status, including their bumping rights under Article 16.03.
  - (f) Notwithstanding the above, ten (10) month employees shall not bump twelve (12) month employees during periods of school closure, such as, Christmas, Easter and summer school vacation.

#### 16.04 No New Employees

No new employees shall be hired until those laid off have been given an opportunity of recall.

#### 16.05 Advance Notice of Layoff

- (a) (i) Except in the case of dismissal for just cause and where legislation is more favourable to the employees, the Employer shall notify employees who are to be laid off no less than twenty (20) working days prior to the effective date of layoff. If the employee has not had the opportunity to work the days of notice as provided in this article, they shall be paid for the days for which work was not made available. Such notice shall not apply to employees who are regularly laid off during the Christmas, Easter or school summer vacation period.

- (ii) Thirty (30) calendar day's notice will be provided to employees on layoff or extended leave of absence where their positions have been declared redundant or where they will not be recalled during the normal recall period.
- (b) Five (5) working days' notice in writing will be given to temporary employees whose services are to be terminated except where such notice was provided at the time of hiring.
- (c) Permanent employees whose positions are declared redundant, or permanent employees who are displaced as a result of bumping and who are unable to bump or unable to be placed in other employment shall be given notice of termination or pay in lieu of notice. The period of notice shall depend upon the employee's age and completed years of continuous service since the last date of employment, as per the attached chart in Schedule E. Where an earlier effective date is required, employees shall receive redundancy pay in lieu of notice. Where an employee is eligible to receive severance pay, the notice period and/or the amount of pay in lieu of notice shall be reduced accordingly.

Employees who are re-employed with the Employer, other School Boards, Government, or Government Funded Agencies shall be required to pay back part of any severance pay/pay in lieu of notice they received. The amount they have to pay back shall be based on the length of time they have been out of the employment from the Employer. The amount repaid will be based on the net amount received by the employee or the amount paid to a financial institution on behalf of an employee.

#### 16.06 Grievances on Layoffs and Recalls

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

#### 16.07 Continuation of Benefits

In the event of a layoff, employees so affected shall have the right to continue employee benefit plans through direct payments at no cost to the Employer.

#### 16.08 Right to Refuse Recall

Subject to the provisions of 14.04 Loss of Seniority the following shall apply:

- (a) Employees shall have the right to refuse recall without loss of seniority to a work site that is more than thirty (30) km. from their home.
- (b) Employees shall have the right to refuse recall into a lower paying position or the position with less hours than their own without loss of seniority.

**ARTICLE 17 - HOURS OF WORK**

**17.01 Regular Hours of Work - Clerical Support**

- (a) School Board office clerical support staff may be scheduled up to the normal work week of five (5) seven (7) hour days Monday to Friday, i.e. thirty-five (35) hours per week.
- (b) School Secretaries may be scheduled to work up to the normal work week of five (5) seven (7) hour days Monday to Friday, i.e. thirty-five (35) hours per week.

**17.02 Regular Hours of Work - Trades Workers, Maintenance, and Computer Support Personnel**

Trades Workers, Maintenance and Computer Support Personnel may be scheduled up to the normal work week of five (5) eight (8) hour days Monday to Friday, i.e. forty (40) hours per week unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Union and the Employer.

**\*17.03 Work Week - Busing Employees**

- \* (a) \* (i) The work week for busing employees shall be Monday to Friday as follows:

(1)	Heavy Equipment Technician	40 hours
(2)	Heavy Equipment Mechanic	40 hours
(3)	Equipment Operator II (part-time)	25 hours
(4)	Equipment Operator IIB (Mechanic Helper)	40 hours
(5)	Equipment Operator IIB (Caretaker/Maintenance) up to	40 hours
(6)	Equipment Operator IIG (Foreman)	40 hours
(7)	Equipment Operator IIF (Lead)	25-40 hours

\* (ii) Bus Drivers who are required to make a morning and afternoon run will receive a minimum of 25 hours per week.

- (b) Bus drivers who are not fully deployed in their normal work schedule may be assigned other duties.

Other assigned duties shall be limited to all assigned duties in and around the bus depot as well as the transport and delivery of goods and materials between school board properties and/or businesses.

**(c) Work Week - Bus Drivers**

Where the Employer requires a Bus Driver/Maintenance, Bus Driver/Caretaker position, the Employer agrees to assign an additional two (2) hours per week up to a maximum of eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per week. This will create a

minimum twenty-seven (27) hour Bus Driver/Caretaker or Bus Driver/Maintenance position which will be awarded according to the posting procedure as defined by Article 15.

**\*17.04 Work Schedule**

- (a) Prior to the opening of school for students the Employer agrees to notify the employees of any change in the hours of work assigned during that school year. These hours shall not be reduced within that school year except in the case of property destruction or permanent school closure.
- \*(b) Subject to 17.04(a), the hours of work of each employee shall be posted in an appropriate place and supplied in writing to the employee in September of each year, with the exception of busing positions, which shall be supplied to the employee by October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Posted work schedules may be changed after consultation with the employee(s) affected provided:
  - \*(i) one week's notice is to be given to employees to change the schedule by up to one hour to accommodate changes in the school's openings/closings and bus schedules. This article does not apply to schedule changes that happen as a result of a delay or closure due to adverse weather conditions.
  - (ii) one week's notice is to be given to employees to change the schedule to accommodate work which is inappropriate to be performed during the regular school day. This is intended to include work not to exceed one week's duration. Shift change will only be made for sound operational reasons and will not be made in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. Changes will be made only after prior consultation with the employee(s) affected.
- (c) The Employer will, in consultation with the Union, make every reasonable effort to avoid split shifts. The Employer agrees that no shift shall be split into more than two (2) work periods in any workday, exclusive of meal breaks.
- (d) Bus Driver/Maintenance, Bus Driver/Caretaker duties will be scheduled within a 12 hour day. Notwithstanding the above, the Employer will use its best effort to minimize the length of the work day.
- (e) Employees who have been assigned to work split shifts may be permitted to combine the total number of hours worked by them into one complete shift during regular school closures at Christmas, Easter and during summer break. Employees will also be permitted to do likewise during professional development/workshop days, subject to operational considerations.

- (f) Where there is sufficient time for the Employer to make staff alterations, in instances where there is more than one (1) employee in a classification within a school and one (1) employee is absent for any reason, the senior employee in that classification within the school will be offered the opportunity of increasing their hours up to full-time hours before a replacement employee is called in. Where the part-time employee works in two (2) schools this clause will apply only if it does not interfere with the existing schedule in either school.
- (g) All food service employees shall work one (1) day longer than the school term where deemed necessary by the Employer. The scheduling of this day shall be at the discretion of the school principal after consultation with the affected employees.

17.05 Paid Rest Periods

Employees who work in excess of three (3) hours per day shall be permitted a rest period as follows:

Shift up to four (4) hours - one (1) fifteen (15) minute break

Shift more than four (4) hours  
and up to eight (8) hours - two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks

17.06 Full time Hours

Subject to the employee's qualification, skills and clauses 15.02, 15.03 and 15.04 whenever a vacancy occurs, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to combine work locations and job classes within reasonable driving distances so that employees are able to work up to full time hours.

In a situation where additional hours are added to a part-time position, the incumbent employee shall receive the extra hours without a job posting. Notwithstanding the above, should the additional hours awarded the position result in full time equivalent hours, then the position shall be posted as per Article 15.

\*17.07 Bus Drivers/Foreperson (Equipment Operator IIG)

Where, in the opinion of the Employer, Bus Driver/Lead Drivers are required, they will be compensated at a CG-25 rate. For the purpose of this Agreement Bus Driver/Lead Drivers are not considered supervisors.

A Bus Driver/Foreperson, if hired, will be compensated at a CG-28 rate.

Bus Driver/Foreperson who are responsible for more than 16 buses will receive an additional allowance of \$3.57 per bus per week for each bus over and above 16 buses.

**\*17.08 Replacements**

Replacement of absent employees in a school setting may commence on the first day of the absence if qualified employees are available.

**ARTICLE 18 - OVERTIME**

**18.01 Overtime Defined**

All time authorized by the Employer for work beyond the normal work day or normal work week in accordance with Article 17 shall be considered as overtime. Effective on date of signing, overtime shall be calculated in fifteen (15) minute units, moved to the next highest 15 minute interval.

**18.02 Compensation for Overtime Work**

Overtime before or after the regular daily or weekly hours of work shall be paid at the rate of time and a half (1/2).

**18.03 Overtime Requirement**

The Employer will not compel an employee to work overtime if another qualified employee is available and willing to work that overtime.

**18.04 Calculation for Overtime Rates**

An employee who is absent on approved time off during the scheduled work week because of sickness, bereavement, holidays, vacation or other approved leave of absence shall, for the purpose of computing overtime pay, be considered as if they worked during their regular hours during such absence.

**18.05 Overtime for Part-time Employees**

All time worked by a part-time employee in excess of equivalent full-time hours on a daily or weekly basis shall be considered overtime. The Employer recognizes the need and will give full consideration to schedule part-time employees for shifts that are of a three (3) hour or greater duration.

**18.06 No Layoff to Compensate for Overtime**

An employee shall not be laid off during regular hours to equalize any overtime worked.

18.07 Sharing of Overtime

Overtime and call back hours shall be divided as equitably as possible among employees available and qualified to perform the available work.

18.08 Callback

- (a) An employee who is called in to work outside their regular hours to perform work that has not previously been scheduled by the Employer shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rates whenever there is a break between the employee's regularly scheduled hours and the work the employee is called in to do.
- (b) An employee who is called back to work and completes the work in less than the minimum three (3) hours and is subsequently recalled within, the three (3) hour minimum receives only the benefit of the three (3) hours minimum once. However, should the total time on both calls exceed the three (3) hour minimum the employee will be compensated for the actual time worked at the applicable overtime rate.

18.09 Time Off in Lieu of Overtime

Employees may request time off at overtime rates for overtime worked. Such time shall be allotted by mutual agreement. In the event that the parties cannot agree, the overtime is paid out.

18.10 Shift Differential

- (a) A shift differential of two dollars and thirty cents (\$2.30) per hour shall be paid for each hour the employee works between the hours of 1600 on one day and 0800 hours on the following day provided that the shift includes hours after 1800 hours.
- (b) A Saturday and Sunday differential of two dollars and fifty-five cents (\$2.55) per hour shall be paid for each hour worked by an employee between the hours of 0001 Saturday and 2400 hours Sunday.
- (c) If an employee qualifies for both differentials under (a) and (b) above, they shall receive both.

**ARTICLE 19 - ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

19.01 The Employer aims to act safely and prudently to ensure the safety and health of employees regarding adverse weather; however, the Parties understand that District offices and/or depots will not necessarily close in conjunction with school closures due to adverse weather.

The Employer and the Union acknowledge that there are job duties that can continue, as well as duties that are required (such as snow clearing) when schools are closed due to adverse weather.

When schools have been closed by the Employer, or a designate of the Employer, due to current weather conditions, the members of the Union shall not be required to report for work until directed to do so by the Employer or designate. In making a decision to direct members to report for work, the Employer will take into consideration the current weather conditions at that time.

When an employee, through no fault of their own, is unable to report for work because of the current weather conditions, such employee shall suffer no loss of pay or other benefits, nor shall they be required to make up, in any way, for time lost due to not reporting for work.

It is expected that employees shall make every reasonable effort to report for work and shall keep the Employer informed of their status.

## **ARTICLE 20 - PAID HOLIDAYS**

### **20.01 Paid Holidays**

- (a) The Employer recognizes the following as paid holidays:
1. New Year's Day
  2. Good Friday
  3. Commonwealth Day
  4. Labour Day
  5. Thanksgiving Day
  6. Armistice Day
  7. Christmas Day
  8. Boxing Day
  9. Civic Holiday or Floating Day
  10. Memorial Day
  11. Orangeman's Day
  12. St. Patrick's Day
  13. St. George's Day
  14. Discovery Day
  15. Christmas Eve – 1/2 day
  16. New Year's Eve – 1/2 day

and any other day declared or proclaimed as a holiday by federal, provincial or municipal government or by the Employer.

- (b) It is agreed that employees who work up to the beginning of the Christmas break and return after the break and employees who work up to the Easter break and return after the break shall be considered to be on layoff for the purpose of this agreement. For the purpose of clause 20.01 all employees shall receive their normal daily payment for Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday as if they had worked the last scheduled day before and the first scheduled day after the holiday. All employees shall get paid for each statutory holiday in the pay period immediately following the holiday.

20.02 Compensation for Holidays Falling on Saturday

When any of the above noted holidays falls on a Saturday and is not proclaimed as being observed on some other day, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purpose of this Agreement.

20.03 Compensation for Holidays Falling on Sunday

When any of the above noted holidays fall on a Sunday and is not proclaimed as being observed on some other day, the following Monday (or Tuesday, where the preceding clause already applies to Monday) shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purpose of this Agreement.

20.04 Pay for Regularly Scheduled Work on a Holiday

- (a) An employee who is not scheduled to work on the holidays outlined in 20.01 shall receive holiday pay equal to one day's pay. An employee who is scheduled to work shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1/2) plus another day off with pay, in lieu of holiday pay, at a time mutually agreed to by the Employer and the employee.
- (b) In the event schools are open on a scheduled holiday, these holidays will be worked at regular straight time rates and a day off will be rescheduled to a period when schools are closed. Should an employee be laid off or quit before the holiday is rescheduled, they shall be paid for the regular straight time hours worked.

20.05 Compensation for Paid Holidays Falling on Scheduled Day Off

When any of the above noted holidays fall on an employee's scheduled day off the employee shall receive another day off with pay at a time mutually agreed to by the Employer and the employee.

20.06 Pay for Temporary Employees

Temporary employees, who work the day before and the day after scheduled paid holidays, as defined by the Employer, shall be paid for the holiday. Such pay will be calculated according to whichever is the greater number of hours said employee worked on the day before or the day after the holiday.

**ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS**

21.01 Length of Vacation

All employees shall receive an annual vacation with pay in accordance with their years of service as follows:

- (a) 1. up to ten (10) years - 15 working days
- 2. in the calendar year of the 10th anniversary and each year thereafter - 20 working days
- 3. in the calendar year of the 20th anniversary and each year thereafter - 25 working days.

(b) The following provisions respecting annual leave shall apply:

- 1. The accrual rate for annual leave purposes shall be at the rate of one and one quarter (1.25) days per month of service up to ten (10) years of service one and two thirds (1.666) days per month of service from ten (10) to twenty (20) years of service; and two and one twelfth (2.083) days per month of service after twenty (20) years of service.
- 2. No annual leave may be taken by an employee until they have not less than sixty (60) days of service prior to taking leave;
- 3. When an employee has had not less than sixty (60) days of service, they may anticipate annual leave to the end of the period of their authorized employment or to the end of the year concerned, whichever is the shorter period.
- 4. Part-time employees shall be entitled to payment for annual leave in accordance with this Article on a pro-rata basis.
- 5. By April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Employer shall provide notice in writing to each employee of their entitled vacation.

## 21.02 Compensation for Holidays Falling Within Vacation Schedule

If a paid holiday falls or is observed during an employee's vacation period, they shall be allowed an additional vacation day with pay at a time mutually agreed to by the Employer and the employee.

## \*21.03 Vacation Pay on Termination, Dismissal or Retirement

An employee who is dismissed, terminates their employment or retires before they have had their vacation shall be entitled to a proportionate payment of salary or wages in lieu of such vacation.

Notwithstanding the above, upon an employee's death, the estate shall be entitled to the same vacation which they would have earned if they had continued in employment to the end of the month in which the death occurred.

## \*21.04 Vacation Schedule

\*(a) No vacation shall be taken except with the prior approval of the Assistant Director, or designate, responsible; however, subject to the operational requirements of the school or Board Office and considering such things as additional cost, the Assistant Director, or designate, responsible shall make every reasonable effort to grant the employee vacation at a time requested by the employee.

Vacation during the school year will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Assistant Director and every reasonable effort will be made to grant such requests. Any denials may be communicated to the employee in writing stating the reason for the decision.

(b) Vacation schedules shall be posted by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and may not be changed unless mutually agreed upon by the employee and the Employer.

(c) Employees who are not specifically assigned to a school on a daily basis may be permitted to take a total of five (5) working days vacation during the school year.

## 21.05 Unbroken Vacation Period

Subject to the operational requirement of the school and/or Board, an employee shall be entitled to receive their vacation in an unbroken period.

21.06 Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

- (a) Subject to 21.06 (b), where an employee qualifies for sick leave, bereavement, or any other leave during their period of vacation, there shall be no deduction from vacation credits for such absence. The period of vacation so displaced shall either be added to the vacation period or reinstated for use at a later date, upon mutual agreement between the Employer and the employee concerned.
- (b) In the event that an employee requires their annual leave to be changed in accordance with article 21.06 (a), the employee shall notify their supervisor as soon as reasonably possibly.

21.07 Overtime Vacation Rate

Subject to extraordinary operational requirements of the school board, the Assistant Director responsible will make every reasonable effort not to recall to duty any employee who has commenced annual leave.

Employees who are required to work during a period of annual leave shall receive pay at overtime rates as outlined in Article 18. Such hours worked while on vacation shall not be deducted from the employee's vacation credit.

21.08 Preference in Vacation

Seniority shall prevail for the purpose of selecting vacation dates, unless otherwise mutually agreed among employees.

21.09 Carry Forward of Vacation

- (a) An employee may carry forward to another year not more than their annual entitlement of the previous year. Employees who are prohibited from taking annual leave because of Workers' Compensation or extended sick leave shall be entitled to carry forward additional days.
- (b) Any earned but unused vacation of a deceased employee shall be paid to such employee's estate.

21.10 Rate of Vacation Pay

Vacation pay shall be at the rate effective immediately prior to the vacation period. However, should any salary increase become effective during the employee's vacation, they shall receive the benefit of such increase from the effective date.

21.11 First or Last Month of Service

For the purpose of this Article, an employee who is paid full salary or wages in respect of 50 percent (50%) or more of the days in the first or last calendar month of their service shall be deemed to have had a month of service. Employees who are re-employed by the Employer after termination may have service prior to termination credited to them for annual leave purposes.

21.12 Pay Out of Vacation

After April 30th of each year, the Employer shall pay to school year employees, upon request, any or all vacation pay accumulated to date. Such payment shall be distributed no later than thirty (30) days following the request.

**ARTICLE 22 - SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS**

22.01 Sick Leave Defined

Sick leave means the period of time an employee is absent from work with full pay by virtue of being sick or disabled, exposed to a contagious disease or under examination or treatment of a physician, chiropractor, or dentist or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act*.

22.02 Annual Paid Sick Leave

- (a) An employee is eligible to accumulate sick leave with full pay at the rate of two (2) days for each month of service, to a maximum of four hundred eighty (480) days.
- (b) Notwithstanding Clause 22.02(a), an employee hired after May 4, 2004 is eligible to accumulate sick leave at the rate one (1) day for each month of service. The maximum number of days of sick leave which may be awarded to an employee hired after May 4, 2004 during any consecutive twenty (20) year period of service shall not exceed two hundred and forty (240) days.

22.03 Deductions from Sick Leave

- (a) A deduction shall be made from accumulated sick leave of all normal working hours (exclusive of holidays) absent for sick leave.
- (b) Employees are required to make every reasonable effort to arrange medical appointments during non-working hours. Notice of appointment is to be given to the employee's supervisor at the time the appointment is made, or as soon as reasonably

possible. Employees must obtain permission from their immediate supervisor prior to leaving the workplace.

**\*22.04 Proof of Illness**

- (a) Before sick leave with full pay is approved, an employee may be required to provide the Employer with a medical certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner for any illness in excess of three (3) consecutive working days or a total of seven (7) working days in a year, certifying that during that period of absence the employee was unable to perform their duties because of illness. In computing seven aggregate days, any sick days covered by a previous medical certificate will not be counted. When there is suspected abuse, the Employer reserves the right to request a medical certificate for any period of illness.
- (b) Where the Employer provides the employee with a medical form to be completed by their physician, the Employer will reimburse the employee for the cost of having the form completed, upon provision of receipt. This does not cover medical certificates required to be provided under clause 22.04(a).
- \*(c) There may be cases where an employee has an ongoing medical condition where they foresee a use of sick days beyond the number of days allowed before a medical certificate is required. In an effort to minimize the number of medical certificates required, employees with an ongoing medical condition(s) are permitted to submit a medical certificate at the beginning of each calendar year outlining that they have an ongoing medical condition to the Employer.

If the Employer is satisfied with the medical certificate, then the employee does not have to provide a medical certificate for each subsequent day of illness related to the ongoing medical condition for the remainder of the calendar year.

**22.05 Sick Leave During Leave of Absence and Layoff**

When an employee is given leave of absence for any reason up to thirty (30) work days, they shall receive sick leave credit for the period of such absence on their return to work. When an employee is laid off on account of lack of work, they shall not receive sick leave credits for the period of such absence but shall retain their cumulative credit, if any, existing at the time of such layoff.

**22.06 Extension of Sick Leave**

- (a) Providing the Employer may recover monies owing in the event the employee fails to return to work, an employee with more than five (5) years of service who has exhausted their sick leave credits shall be allowed an extension of their sick leave

credits to a maximum of thirty (30) working days for each serious illness. Upon their return to duty, the employee shall repay the extension of sick leave in full at the rate of one-half of their monthly accumulation.

- (b) When an employee has reached the maximum of the sick leave which may be awarded them in accordance with this Article, they shall, if they are still unfit to return to duty, proceed on annual leave if they are eligible to receive such leave.

#### 22.07 Sick Leave Records

Prior to the start of each school term, the Employer shall, provide each employee confirmation of the employee's accrued sick leave.

#### 22.08 Disability Retirement

If it appears, in the opinion of a medical doctor, that it is unlikely that the employee will be able to return to duty after the expiration of their accumulated sick leave, the employee may be retired effective when their accumulated sick leave has expired or at retirement age and paid such pension award as they may be eligible to receive and the employee shall be given notice in accordance with Article 16.

#### 22.09 Personal Physician

An employee shall have the option of being attended by a doctor of their choice and under no circumstances will an employee be penalized in any way by the Employer for exercising their option of being attended by their personal physician. The Employer reserves the right to have the employee obtain a second medical opinion from another medical practitioner should the circumstances warrant.

#### 22.10 Sick Leave for Temporary Employees

A temporary employee shall not receive sick leave if the temporary employee refuses recall from layoff due to illness, but the temporary employee shall earn service for seniority purposes only for the time that they did not report to work because of illness. Sick leave may only be awarded to a temporary employee who commences work and subsequently qualifies for sick leave under this Article. The temporary employee who refused recall due to illness shall report to work in accordance with Article 16 after their illness providing work is still available and providing the temporary employee gives the Employer reasonable notice.

Where a temporary employee is scheduled for work and subsequently qualifies for sick leave, that employee shall receive sick leave benefits for the period of their entitlement upon presentation of a medical certificate by a medical doctor.

## ARTICLE 23 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 23.01 Leave of Absence for Union Functions

- (a) Upon written request to the Employer, with five (5) days notice, a maximum of four (4) employees from each Local at any one time who may be elected or appointed to attend Union functions shall, subject to operational requirements, be allowed leave of absence with pay and benefits equal to what would have been earned while at normal duties. Such requests will not be unreasonably requested or denied. The total number of days permitted under this section is thirty (30) working days per year per Local.
- (b) An additional ten (10) days shall be granted without pay and without loss of seniority if the above number of days proves to be insufficient.
- (c) Where possible, every reasonable effort will be made to schedule various functions outside the normal scheduled work week.

### \*23.02 Paid Bereavement Leave

- \*(a) In the case of the death of an employee's mother, father, brother, sister, child or child-in-law, spouse, legal guardian, common-law spouse, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or near relative living in the same household, three (3) consecutive working days.
- \*(b) In the case of siblings-in-law, one (1) working day.
- (c) If the death of a relative referred to in Clause 23.02 occurs outside the Province, the employee may be granted leave with pay not exceeding four (4) consecutive days for the purpose of attending the funeral.
- (d) If any employee is on annual leave with pay at the time of bereavement, the employee shall be granted bereavement leave and be credited the appropriate number of days to annual leave.
- (e) In cases where extraordinary circumstances prevail, the Assistant Director responsible may grant two (2) additional days.

### 23.03 Pallbearer Leave

One-half (1/2) day leave shall be granted without loss of salary or wages to attend a funeral as a pallbearer.

#### 23.04 General Leave

With the prior approval of the Assistant Director responsible or their designate, an employee may be granted leave of absence with or without pay and without loss of seniority and accrued benefits in exceptional circumstances, provided that the employee has no current or accumulated annual leave available to them.

#### 23.05 Family Leave

- (a) Subject to Clause 23.05(b), (c), and (d) an employee who is required to:
- i) attend to the temporary care of a sick family member;
  - ii) attend to the needs relating to the birth of an employee's child or grandchild;
  - iii) accompany a dependent family member on a dental or medical appointment;
  - iv) attend meetings with school authorities;
  - v) attend to the needs relating to the adoption of a child;
  - vi) attend to the needs related to home or family emergencies;
  - vii) attend a secondary or post-secondary graduation of employee, employee's spouse, or employee's child.

shall be awarded up to three (3) paid days family leave in any calendar year.

- (b) In order to qualify for family leave, the employee shall:
- i) provide as much notice to the Employer as reasonably possible;
  - ii) provide to the Employer valid reasons why such leave is required; and
  - iii) where appropriate and in particular with respect to Clause 23.05 (iii), (iv), and (v) of (a) have endeavored to a reasonable extent to schedule such events during off duty hours.
- (c) Employees shall not be permitted to change any other leave to family leave but shall be entitled to change family leave to bereavement leave or sick leave.
- (d) A temporary employee shall only be granted family leave if they report to work following a recall and subsequently qualifies for family leave during that period for which they were recalled.

#### \*23.06 Family Violence Leave

An employee shall be granted leave with pay, not exceeding three (3) days in the aggregate in a calendar year, where the employee or a person to whom the employee is a parent or caregiver has been directly or indirectly subjected to, a victim of, impacted or seriously affected by family violence or witnessed family violence by:

- (i) a person who is or has been a family member;
- (ii) a person who is or has been in an intimate relationship or who is living or has lived with the employee;
- (iii) a person who is the parent of a child with the employee; or
- (iv) a person who is or has been a caregiver to the employee.

### Confidentiality

All personal information concerning domestic violence will be kept confidential in compliance with relevant Legislation. An employee who wishes to take a leave of absence under this Clause may be required to provide the Employer with reasonable verification of the necessity of the leave.

### 23.07 Education Leave

- (a) With prior approval and subject to operational requirements and availability of qualified replacement staff, an employee shall be granted unpaid educational leave of the amount requested not exceeding two (2) years unless mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer. The employee shall not accrue any benefits of the Collective Agreement, except service for seniority.
- (b) With the approval of the Assistant Director responsible, an employee shall be entitled to a maximum of five (5) working days leave of absence with pay and without loss of seniority and benefits to write examinations to upgrade their employment qualifications.
- (c) The Employer shall reimburse employees any registration and other fees incurred as a result of the employee engaging in an employment upgrading course. Reimbursement will be limited to upgrading as required by the Employer and/or any new equipment the Employer requires the employee to operate and provided the employee successfully completes the course of study.

### 23.08 Unpaid Leave

Subject to operational requirements and availability of qualified replacement staff, where required, the Employer may agree to make provisions for one (1) month of unpaid leave to employees who have completed one (1) year of service while granting service credits for seniority purposes, provided that the employee would not have been laid off during the period of unpaid leave. Leave under this Article shall be taken only once in a school year. The minimum leave under this Article shall be three (3) days. The maximum leave under this Article shall be one (1) month.

### 23.09 Extended Unpaid Leave

- (a) Upon written request, a permanent employee who has completed five (5) years of service may be granted unpaid leave to a maximum of twelve (12) months, subject to the operational requirements of the Employer's operations and the availability of qualified replacement staff. Other than extraordinary circumstances, which shall be evaluated on a case by case basis, such leaves shall be requested no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> in the current year for leaves commencing in the following school year. An employee may be granted up to a maximum of twelve (12) months unpaid leave for each subsequent completion of two (2) years of service with the understanding that no employee can have more than twelve (12) consecutive months of unpaid leave at any one time. While on such leave employees shall continue to accumulate service, unless they would have been otherwise laid off, for seniority purposes only. The minimum amount of unpaid leave an employee may have under this Clause is eight (8) weeks.
- (b) Employees wishing to return to their position prior to the period of leave granted in (a) above, must first provide one (1) month's notice to the Employer to allow the Employer to provide the replacement with notice in accordance with Article 16.05.

### 23.10 Paid Jury, Court Witness or Jury Selection Leave

- (a) The Employer shall grant leave of absence without loss of pay, seniority, or accumulative benefits to an employee who serves as juror, witness in any court, or who is required to attend jury selection. The employee will present proof that they attended as juror, witness in court, or for the purpose of jury selection. Any remuneration the employee receives from the court shall be over and above their pay and benefits from the Employer.
- (b) If an employee is required to be in Court in any matter arising out of their employment with the Employer, during their regular shift, or their scheduled day off or after their regular shift, they shall be considered as working for the Employer. This clause will not apply if an employee is charged with an offence.

### \*23.11 Maternity/Adoption/Parental Leave

- \* (a) i) An employee may request maternity/adoption/parental leave without pay which may commence prior to the expected date of delivery and the employee shall be granted such leave in accordance with this Article.
- \* ii) An employee is entitled to a maximum of seventy-eight (78) weeks leave under this clause. However, the Employer may grant leave without pay when the employee is unable to return to duty after the expiration of this leave.

- (b)
  - i) An employee may return to duty after giving their Employer two (2) weeks' notice of their intention to do so.
  - ii) The employee shall resume their former position and salary upon return from leave, with no loss of accrued benefits.
- \* (c)
  - \*i) Periods of leave up to seventy-eight (78) weeks shall count for seniority purposes, annual leave, sick leave, severance pay, and step progression.
  - \*ii) Employees on leave will have the option of continuing to pay their portion of the group insurance plan premiums to a maximum of seventy-eight (78) weeks. Where the employee opts to continue to pay premiums, the Employer will also pay its share of the premiums.
- (d) An employee may be awarded sick leave for illness that is a result of or may be associated with pregnancy prior to the scheduled commencement date of maternity leave.
- (e) While on maternity/adoption/parental leave the employee may request copies of job postings be forwarded to them through the School Board Office.
- (f) An employee, who so desires, may be permitted to avail of their accumulated vacation leave immediately before or after maternity/adoption/parental leave subject to the approval of the supervisor and operational requirements.

23.12 Leave of Absence for Full-Time Union or Public Duties

- (a) The Employer recognizes the right of an employee to participate in public affairs. Therefore, upon written request of the employee, the Employer may allow unpaid leave of absence without loss of accrued seniority or benefits so that the employee may be a candidate for a full-time paid political office at the federal, provincial, or municipal level.
- (b) Where an employee is successful in being elected to a full-time paid political office, the Employer, if requested, shall allow unpaid leave of absence without loss of accrued seniority or benefits for the employee's first term of office. Subsequent re-election will require the employee to resign from employment with the Employer.
- (c) An employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the Union, or an affiliated organization may be granted unpaid leave of absence without loss of accrued seniority or benefits for a period of one (1) year. Such leave may be renewed each year, upon written request to the Employer, one (1) month prior to any renewed term of office.

## **ARTICLE 24 - PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES**

### **24.01 Pay Days**

The Employer shall pay salaries and wages bi-weekly in accordance with Schedule C attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement. On each pay day each employee shall be provided with an itemized statement of their wages, overtime, and other supplementary pay and deductions. Every second Thursday shall be pay day and all payroll payments to employees shall be made through direct deposit.

### **24.02 Rate of Pay on Promotion**

- (a) When an employee is promoted to another classification they shall receive the pay for that classification.
- (b) Where, in the opinion of the Employer, Lead Hands are required, they will be compensated an additional 5% to the next Step. This provision shall also apply to the head mechanic.

### **24.03 Pay on Temporary Transfer**

- (a) An employee who is temporarily assigned by the Employer to a position for which a higher rate of pay is applicable will receive the salary rate for the assigned position in accordance with the promotional procedure provided that they fill the position for one (1) or more consecutive working days.
- (b) When an employee is temporarily assigned to a position paying a lower rate, their rate shall not be reduced.
- (c) Transfers within the bargaining unit shall be in accordance with Article 15.

### **24.04 Vacation Pay**

An employee may, upon giving at least seven (7) calendar days' notice, receive on the last office day preceding commencement of their annual vacation any pay cheques which may fall due during the period of vacation.

### **\*24.05 Transportation Allowance or Travel Allowance**

- (a) Employees shall be reimbursed for all authorized travelling and other expenses at rates determined by the prevailing Provincial Government rates. Subject to (b), employees have the right to refuse to use their own personal vehicle.

- (b) Where an employee, as a condition of their employment is required to provide a service vehicle (pick-up truck or van) for use in their position, the rate of reimbursement will be 10 cents above the prevailing government rate.
- \* (c) Effective the date of signing, for each day or part thereof, on travel status, the maximum rate allowable for meals, inclusive of taxes and gratuities, shall be as follows:

	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>NL</b>	\$9.60	\$16.80	\$26.04	\$52.44
<b>Other Provinces</b>	\$12.18	\$19.68	\$28.38	\$60.24
<b>USA (USD\$)</b>	\$12.18	\$19.68	\$28.38	\$60.24
<b>Other</b>	\$13.50	\$21.54	\$31.20	\$66.24

**\*24.06 Automobile Insurance**

Upon submission of a receipt, employees who are required, as a condition of employment, to have access to an automobile for use on Employer’s business shall be entitled to a reimbursement of the difference in cost between personal and business insurance.

**24.07 Labrador Allowance**

Employees living in Labrador shall be entitled to extra benefits as outlined in the agreement between C.U.P.E. and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as per Schedule “D”.

**24.08 Utility Bill Allowance**

Employees required to plug in school buses at place of residence during the winter months will be paid a minimum allowance of fifteen dollars and fifty cents (\$15.50) per month for the months of December, January, February and March. Such allowance will be paid annually as a tax free payment on the first pay day in June next following.

**ARTICLE 25 - JOB CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION**

**25.01 Job Description**

The Employer agrees to draw up job descriptions for all positions and classifications for which the Union is bargaining agent. These descriptions shall be presented to the Union and shall become the recognized job descriptions. The Employer is prepared to discuss any employee's concerns regarding job descriptions and may rewrite and upgrade the job descriptions to clarify any items of concern. Existing classifications shall not be eliminated without three (3) months prior notification to the Union or the end of the school year, whichever is greater.

## 25.02 Changes in Classification

When the duties or volume of work in any classification are changed or increased, or where the Union and/or an employee feels they are unfairly or incorrectly classified, or when a position not covered in Appendix "A" is established during the term of the Agreement, the rate of pay shall be first established by the Employer and subject to negotiations between the Employer and the Union. The new rate shall become retroactive to the time the position was first filled by an employee.

## **ARTICLE 26 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS**

### \*26.01 Joint Employer/Employee Benefit Plans

- (a) The plan presently in effect shall remain in effect during the term of this agreement.
- (b) While an employee is in receipt of wages from the Employer, the Employer will pay fifty (50) percent of the premiums of the Group Insurance Plan and the employee will pay fifty (50) percent. While an employee is in receipt of temporary earnings loss (TEL) benefits from the Workplace Health and Safety Commission the Employer will pay fifty (50) percent of the premiums of the Plan provided the employee maintains their premium payments.
- (c) When an employee is on extended leave without pay, the employee may pay the full premium in order to maintain coverage while on such leave.
- (d) A summary of the general provisions and benefits of the Plan is appended to this agreement as Schedule "F".
- \* (e) Employer maintains payment of the Employer premiums, as long as the employee maintains their premium payments, while they are on maternity/adoption/parental leave for a maximum of seventy-eight (78) weeks.

### 26.02 Workers' Compensation /Injury on Duty

- (a) All employees shall be covered by the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act*. Pending the settlement of an insurable claim, the employee shall receive salary calculated as if the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission were to accept the claim and the employee shall continue to receive full benefits of this Agreement, subject to necessary adjustments. If the claim is subsequently denied by the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission, the employee may access other available benefits including sick leave and annual leave.
- (b) Permanent employees retain and continue to accrue vacation and sick leave while off work and receiving benefits from Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission other than extended earnings loss (EEL). Any employee who is

approved for full EEL benefits from the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission after the date of signing of this agreement shall no longer accumulate benefits under this agreement but shall have their position with the employer protected for two (2) calendar years following the date of such approval, immediately following which their employment shall be terminated, subject to the *Human Rights Act*.

- (c) Employees who are prohibited from taking vacation because of Workers' Compensation Benefits shall be allowed to carry forward accrued vacation to a maximum of two (2) years allotment.
- (d) Early and Safe Return to Work  
The Employer and the Union agree to cooperate on Early and Safe Return to Work initiatives in accordance with the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*. Any employee who has a concern with their Early and Safe Return to Work Plan may involve a Union Representative in related meetings, and the Employer will inform such employees of this right.

#### 26.03 Employee Assistance Plan

- (a) The Union and the Employer shall co-operate in encouraging employees who seek to undergo a recognized program of rehabilitation for their alcoholism or drug dependency where a diagnosis of alcoholism or drug dependency is established.
- (b) The Union and the Employer may co-operate in disciplinary cases in encouraging employees to undergo a recognized program of rehabilitation for their alcoholism or drug dependency, where a diagnosis of alcoholism or drug addiction is established.
- (c) Such information shall be held in confidence between the parties. The decision for such participation shall be directed to the objectives of their employment and rehabilitation.

#### 26.04 Pension and Retirement Planning

The Employer shall grant to all members of the Union, whose employment is recognized by the terms of this Collective Agreement, one (1) day leave to attend any Pension and Retirement Planning sessions organized by the Provincial Government, without loss of pay or benefit.

Attendance at these sessions shall be considered as time worked for the Employer. No employee shall be required to work additional time to make up for time spent at these sessions.

Employees may avail of the one (1) day leave under this Article only once during their career.

## ARTICLE 27 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

### 27.01 Co-operation on Safety

The Union and the Employer shall co-operate in improving rules and practices which will provide adequate protection to employees engaged in hazardous work.

### 27.02 Union-Employer Health and Safety Committee

A Health and Safety Committee shall be established in accordance with legislation and composed of equal representatives appointed by the Employer and the Union

### 27.03 Health and Safety Committee Pay Provisions

The Health and Safety Committee shall hold meetings as requested by the Union or by the Employer to deal with all unsafe, hazardous or dangerous conditions. Representatives of the Union shall suffer no loss of pay for attending such meetings. Copies of minutes of all Committee meetings shall be sent to the Employer and to the Union.

### 27.04 Health and Safety Clothing, Tools, Equipment and Protection

Employees working in any unsanitary or dangerous jobs shall be supplied with all the necessary tools, safety equipment and protective clothing.

### 27.05 No Disciplinary Action

No employee shall be disciplined for refusal to work on a job or to operate any equipment which in accordance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* is deemed to be unsafe.

### 27.06 Investigation of Accidents

The Health and Safety Committee shall be notified of all lost time accidents or injuries and shall be provided with reports as soon as possible on the nature and cause of the accident or injury.

For an accident that involves the Occupational Health and Safety Branch, when an investigation is conducted, a Union member of the Health and Safety Committee shall be available.

### 27.07 Injury Pay Provision

An employee who is injured during working hours, and is required to leave for treatment or is sent home as a result of such injury shall receive payment for the remainder of the shift at their regular rate of pay, without deduction from sick leave, unless a doctor or nurse states that the employee is fit for further work on that shift.

27.08 Transportation of Accident Victims

Transportation to the nearest physician or hospital for employees needing medical attention as a result of an accident during the performance of their duties shall be at the expense of the Employer.

27.09 First Aid Kits

A first aid kit shall be supplied by the Employer to each mobile unit of employees and in other appropriate locations of the Employer.

27.10 First Aid Training

The Employer agrees to provide on-the-job training in First Aid procedures to all employees designated by the Employer, at no cost to the employee.

27.11 Medical/Medication Procedures

Only those employees who agree to be trained may be required to administer student medications on a regular basis. However, in potential emergency situations the employee may be required to be trained to administer student medications as part of an emergency response plan.

Employees who in the course of their duties are assigned by the Employer to administer medications on a regular basis or to become involved in administering medications in emergency situations will be covered by the School Board's liability insurance policy.

**ARTICLE 28 - TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER CHANGES**

28.01 Advance Notice

Before the introduction of any technological change or new method of operation which affects the rights of employees, conditions of employment, wage rates or workloads, the Employer shall notify the Union of the proposed changes.

28.02 Consultation

Any such change shall be made only after the Union and the Employer have discussed the matter. The discussion shall take place within twenty-one (21) days of the Employer's notification to the Union.

28.03 Attrition Arrangement

No employee will be laid off because of technological change or new method of operation unless such employee refuses, without good reason, to avail of additional training provided to

equip the employee with the new or greater skills required by the technological change or new method of operation.

28.04 Income Protection

An employee who is displaced from their job by virtue of technological change or new method of operation will suffer no reduction in normal earnings, unless such employee has refused, without good reason, to avail of additional training provided to equip the employee with the new or greater skills required to prevent displacement.

28.05 Transfer Arrangements

An employee who is displaced from their job by virtue of technological change or new method of operation will be given the opportunity to fill other vacancies according to seniority, ability and qualifications.

28.06 Training Benefits

In the event that the Employer should introduce new methods or machines which require new or greater skills than are possessed by employees under the present method of operation, such employees shall, at the expense of the Employer, be given a reasonable period of time in the opinion of the Employer, during which they may perfect or acquire the skills necessitated by the new method of operation. There shall be no change in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such employee.

28.07 No New Employees

No additional employee(s) shall be hired by the Employer to replace any employee(s) affected by the technological change or new method of operation until the employee(s) already working and affected by the change have been notified and allowed a training period to acquire the necessary knowledge or skill for the trainee(s) to retain their employment, as provided for in Clause 28.06.

**ARTICLE 29 - JOB SECURITY**

29.01 Restrictions on Contracting Out

- (a) Work normally done by permanent employees in the bargaining unit shall not be contracted out in such a manner as to cause layoff or loss of present benefits of employees in the bargaining unit.
- (b) Whenever the Employer needs work to be done within the bargaining unit, such work shall be done by bargaining unit employees on layoff, who are qualified instead of contracting out work while employees are on layoff.

- (c) In the event there is extra work to be done, i.e., special projects, etc., qualified bargaining unit members who are on layoff or underemployed shall have first opportunity to complete such work to gain extra hours and wages up to full time hours. If extra staff is needed, the hours will be offered to the full time employees on a straight time basis.

29.02 Recognition and Job Security

(a) Successor Right

In the event the Western School District is merged, amalgamated or consolidated with another Board or School Boards or the Department of Education, the representation rights of the Canadian Union of Public Employees shall be retained. The provisions of any or all Collective Agreements shall be binding upon any merged, amalgamated or consolidated Employer or any successor.

(b) Advance Notice

The Employer agrees to advise the Union within thirty (30) days of receiving official notice from Government of any merger, amalgamation, consolidation or change of Employer.

**ARTICLE 30 - UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

30.01 The following table defines what clothing will be supplied by the Employer upon hiring to a permanent position. Clothing will be replaced as determined by the Employer. Normal annual replacement allocation will be 1 shirt, 1 pair of pants, and 1 pair of safety footwear. Casual employees shall be allocated 1 shirt, 1 pair of pants, and 1 pair of safety footwear. Employees in multiple positions shall only receive a single allocation as per the table below. The Employer may inspect the protective clothing upon request.

	Scrubs or Smocks	Safety Footwear	Coveralls	Jackets	Pants	Shirts	Insulated Coveralls**
Caretaker	2	1					
Maintenance*		1	1		2	2	1
Mechanic		1	2				
Bus Driver/ Mechanic		1	1	1	2	2	
Bus driver		1		1	2	2	
Bus Driver/ Caretaker/Maintenance		1		1	2	2	
Trades		1	1				1
IT Staff		1	1		2	2	
Food Service Worker	2	1					

\* Maintenance includes the following classifications: Caretaker/Maintenance Repair I, Maintenance Repair I, Maintenance Repair II and Maintenance Foreman.

Gloves, rain wear, other protective clothing will be supplied to employees as is necessary for the performance of their duties.

\*\* Allocations shall be phased in over the life of the agreement for employees required by the employer to regularly perform outdoor work in winter.

Other items such as pant and shirt combinations, or smocks may be substituted for coveralls as requested by employees.

Protective footwear shall be as approved by the Employer based on appropriateness for work performed.

Additional items may be provided at the discretion of the Employer.

All clothing supplied in accordance with this clause must be used only while on duty.

### **ARTICLE 31 - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### **31.01 Lockers and Meals**

Where required, lockers will be provided for employees. The Employer shall provide adequate accommodation for meals and coffee breaks.

#### **31.02 Bulletin Boards**

The Employer shall provide suitable bulletin boards for the use of the Union, placed so that all employees will have access to them and upon which the Union shall have the right to post notices of Union business. Other notices shall be subject to approval of the Employer.

#### **31.03 Allowance for Tools**

The Employer shall supply all tools and equipment beyond those normally provided by trades persons necessary for the performance of their duties. Employees are responsible for the proper use and reasonable security of tools and equipment provided for their use. Tools and equipment are to be kept at the Employer's premises and available for inspection at all times. Worn or broken tools are to be returned to the Employer for replacement.

#### **31.04 Personal Loss**

(a) Subject to (b) and (c), where an employee in the performance of their duty suffers any personal loss and where such loss was not due to the employee's negligence, the Employer may compensate the employee for any loss suffered subject to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

- (b) All incidents of loss suffered by an employee shall be reported in writing by the employee within five (5) days of the incident to the Assistant Director responsible or their designated representative.
- (c) This provision shall only apply in respect of personal effects which the employee would reasonably have in their possession during the normal performance of their duty.

## **ARTICLE 32 - PRESENT CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS**

### **32.01 Continuation of Acquired Rights**

All provisions of this Agreement are subject to applicable laws now or hereinafter in effect. If any law now existing or hereinafter enacted, or proclamation or regulation shall invalidate any portion of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall not be invalidated and the existing rights, privileges and obligations of the parties shall remain in existence and either party, upon notice to the other, may re-open the pertinent parts of the Agreement for negotiations.

### **32.02 Legislation and Collective Agreements**

The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no strikes and no lockouts during the term of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the no strike and no lockout provisions, notice to re-open negotiations may be issued by either party in the event that the Provincial Government passes legislation to amend any provision of the Agreement. Failing agreement, the parties may exercise the right to strike or lock out. Negotiations are to be conducted in accordance with the applicable legislation.

### **32.03 Amalgamation, Regionalization and Merger Protection**

In the event the Employer merges or amalgamates with any other body, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to ensure that:

- 1) Employees shall be credited with all seniority rights with the new Employer.
- 2) All service credits relating to vacation with pay, sick leave credits and other benefits shall be recognized by the new Employer.
- 3) All work and services presently performed by members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees shall continue to be performed by C.U.P.E. members with the new Employer.
- 4) Conditions of employment and wage rates for the new Employer shall be equal to the best provisions in effect with the new merging Employers.

- 5) No employee shall suffer a loss of employment as a result of merger.
- 6) Preference in location of employment with the merged Employer shall be on the basis of seniority and qualifications.

#### 32.04 Portability

Employees who are accepted for employment with another or the same school board within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of resignation shall retain portability respecting:

- (1) accumulated sick leave credits;
- (2) accumulated annual leave entitlements; and
- (3) service for severance pay

The recognition of benefits shall not exceed the benefits available with the new employer, nor shall it result in the duplication of benefits.

### **ARTICLE 33 - COPIES OF AGREEMENT**

- 33.01 The Union and the Employer desire every employee to be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement and their rights and obligations under it. For this reason the Employer shall supply, at their own cost, sufficient copies of the agreement, in booklet form, within thirty (30) days of signing.

### **ARTICLE 34 - DEFINITIONS**

- 34.01 "Bargaining" unit means the bargaining unit recognized in the Certification Order, and additions or deletions as mutually agreed and included in the Collective Agreement.
- 34.02 "Calendar Year" shall mean the period extending from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December.
- 34.03 "Classification" means the identification of a position by reference to a class title.
- 34.04 "Day" means a working day unless otherwise stipulated in this agreement.
- 34.05 "Day of Rest" means a calendar day on which an employee is not ordinarily required to perform the duties of their position other than:
- i) a designated holiday
  - ii) a calendar day on which the employee is on leave of absence.
- 34.06 "Employee" or "Employees" where used is a collective term, including all persons in the bargaining unit.
- 34.07 "Employer" means the pertinent School Board which is party to this Agreement and such persons authorized to act on its behalf.

- 34.08 "Holiday" means the twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at 0001 hours of a calendar day designated as a holiday in this agreement.
- 34.09 "Layoff" means a reduction in the hours of any employee, the termination of employment of any employee because of a lack of work, or because of the abolition of a post but retaining all recall rights of this agreement.
- 34.10 "Leave of Absence" means absence from duty with the permission of the Employer.
- 34.11 "Month of Service" means a calendar month in which an employee is in receipt of full salary or wages in respect of the prescribed number of working hours in each working day in the month and includes a calendar month in which an employee is absent on special leave without pay not in excess of twenty (20) working days.
- 34.12 "Notice" means notice in writing which is hand-delivered or delivered by registered mail.
- 34.13 "Part-time Employee" means a person who is regularly scheduled to work less than the full number of working hours in each working day, or less than the full number of working days in each work week.
- 34.14 "Permanent Employee" means a person who has completed their probationary period and is employed without reference to any specified date of termination of service.
- 34.15 "Person in Charge" means an authorized Administrator designated by the School Board.
- 34.16 "Plural or Feminine Terms", whenever the singular or masculine is used in this Agreement it shall be considered as if the plural or feminine has been used where the context so requires.
- 34.17 "Probationary Employee" means a person who is employed on a full-time or part-time basis but who has worked less than the prescribed probationary period.
- 34.18 "Probationary Period" means one hundred twenty (120) days of work {seventy-five (75) days of work for employees hired before April 1, 2008, sixty-five (65) days of work for employees hired before May 4, 2004}. Part-time and temporary employees must work a probationary period equivalent to full-time employees in working days.
- For the purpose of this Article as it relates to probationary period, less than four (4) hours work shall equal 1/2 day, while 4 hours or more shall be counted as a full day.
- 34.19 "School Board" means the Employer identified as signatures to this Agreement.
- 34.20 "Temporary Employee" means a person who is employed for a specified period or for the purpose of performing certain specified work and who may be laid off at the end of such period or on completion of such work and retaining all rights to recall.

- 34.21 "Union" means the Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Locals 2033, 2212 and 3148.
- 34.22 "Vacancy" means an opening which the Employer requires to be filled in a permanent, part-time, or temporary position which is expected to last in excess of six (6) weeks duration, or does last thirteen (13) weeks duration.
- 34.23 "Week" means the period of seven (7) consecutive days beginning at 0001 hours Sunday morning and ending 2400 hours on the following Saturday.
- 34.24 "Year" means the period extending from the first day of July in one year to the thirtieth day of June in the succeeding year.
- 34.25 "Bargaining Unit Work" means work normally and currently being performed by the bargaining unit and related to the day to day operation, clerical, cleaning and maintenance of buildings and equipment and the operation of such equipment owned or leased by the Employer but excluding major renovation which bargaining unit employees are unable to do or the replacement of buildings.
- 34.26 "School Term" means the period from school opening in September to school closing in June of each year.
- 34.27 "Date of Hire" shall be defined as the first day the employee accrues wages.

### **ARTICLE 35 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

#### **\*35.01 Duration**

This Agreement shall be binding and remain in effect from April 1, 2022 until March 31, 2026 and shall continue from year to year thereafter unless either party gives to the other party notice in writing within the seven-month period immediately prior to the expiration of this Agreement of its desire to terminate or amend this Agreement.

#### **35.02 Changes in Agreement**

Any changes deemed necessary in this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement at anytime during the existence of this Agreement.

#### **35.03 Notice of Change**

Either party desiring to propose changes in this agreement shall give notice in writing, to the other party, of the changes proposed.

35.04 Agreement to Continue in Force

Where such notice requests revisions only, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) The notice shall state specifically the revisions requested and bargaining negotiations shall be restricted thereto, unless the parties otherwise mutually agree;
- (b) Both parties shall adhere to the terms of this Agreement during the collective bargaining. If negotiations extend beyond the termination of the Agreement, any revision in terms mutually agreed upon shall, unless otherwise specified, apply retroactively to that date.

35.05 Retroactive Pay for Terminated Employees

An employee who has severed their employment between the termination date of this Agreement and the effective date of the new Agreement, shall receive the full retroactivity of any increase in wages, salaries, or other prerequisites.

**ARTICLE 36 - APPRENTICES**

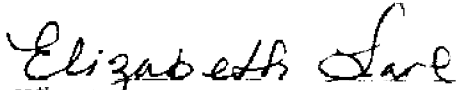
- 36.01 It is agreed by the parties that the Apprenticeship Training Program currently in place as outlined in Schedule "G" shall form part of the Collective Agreement until its expiry date and can only be amended by the mutual consent of the parties.

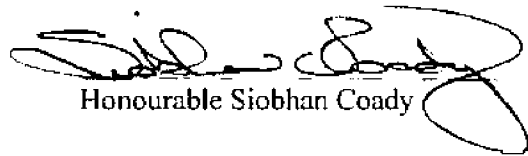
**ARTICLE 37 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- 37.01 The Union and Employer agree that the Employee Assistance Program as per Schedule "H" and coordinated by the Public Service Commission (PSC), shall apply to members covered under this agreement and any changes to the program must have the approval of all parties as outlined in Schedule "H".


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written,

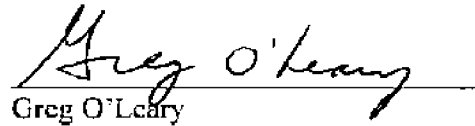
**Signed** on behalf of Treasury Board representing His Majesty the King in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador by the Honourable Siobhan Coady, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

  
Witness

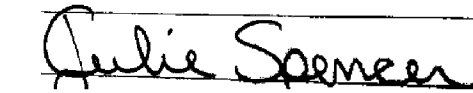
  
Honourable Siobhan Coady

**Signed** on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards' Association representing the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District and Conseil Scolaire Francophone by Greg O'Leary, Deputy Minister of Education Transformation and Chairperson – Newfoundland and Labrador English School District Board of Trustees in the presence of the Witness hereto subscribing

  
Witness

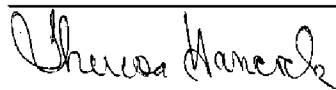
  
Greg O'Leary

**Signed** on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees









**\*SCHEDULE "A"**

**A. Classification System**

Employees under this Collective Agreement are covered by the provincial government's classification system which is administered by Treasury Board. Classification levels are listed in Schedule A.

**\*B. Salary Implementation Formula**

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Effective April 1, 2022 | 2% + Recognition Bonus |
| b. Effective April 1, 2023 | 2%                     |
| c. Effective April 1, 2024 | 2%                     |
| d. Effective April 1, 2025 | 2%                     |

Effective June 1, 2023, each bargaining unit employee will receive a one-time recognition bonus payment of \$2,000 pro-rated based on regular full time hours for the hours worked during the previous twelve (12) months.

Retroactivity will be applied to wages only.

**\*C. Retroactivity to 1 April 2022 shall apply to  
Wages**

**D. Step Progression**

1. Employees shall continue to advance one (1) step annually on their respective salary scale for each twelve (12) months of service accumulated after their last proceeding step movement.
2. New employees shall advance one (1) step annually on their respective salary scales effective the date twelve (12) months of service is accumulated, and thereafter from year to year for each additional twelve (12) months of service is accumulated.
3. All employees who are employed for the full school year (which is normally ten (10) months) shall advance to Step Two (2) of their respective salary scales on their first anniversary date after having completed ten (10) months of service and Step Three (3) on their second anniversary date following ten (10) months of accumulated service.

**E. Red Circled Employees**

- (a) Permanent employees whose regular salary rate exceeds the maximum of the new salary scale for the respective SB level shall receive a payment of the percentage increase applicable for their salary rate. This cash payment will be paid bi-weekly for each regular hour worked.

- (b) Red-circled permanent employees whose regular salary does not exceed the maximum of the new salary scales for their respective School Board shall:
  - (i) be placed on Step 3 of the new scale, and
  - (ii) receive a cash payment of the difference between the percentage increase applicable for their salary rate and the salary increase received by being placed on Step 3. This cash payment will be paid bi-weekly for each regular hour worked.

**\*SCHEDULE "B" - Classification Determinations**

<b>School Board Title</b>	<b>TBS Titles</b>	<b>Class Level</b>
1. Accounting Clerk I	Accounting Clerk I	CG-25
2. Accounting Clerk II	Accounting Clerk II	CG-26
3. Boiler Plant Engineer 4th Class	Power Engineer 4th Class	CG-25
4. Boiler Plant Chief Engineer	Power Engineer 4th Class (IC)	CG-27
5. Bus Driver	Equipment Operator IIB	CG-23
6. Bus Driver/Caretaker II	Equipment Operator IIB	CG-23
7. Bus Driver/Foreman	Equipment Operator IIG	CG-28
8. Bus Driver/Lead Driver	Equipment Operator IIB	CG-23
9. Bus Driver/Lead Driver	Equipment Operator IIF	CG-27
10. Bus Driver/Maintenance Repair	Equipment Operator IIB	CG-23
11. Bus Driver/Mechanic Helper	Equipment Operator IIB	CG-23
12. Bus Driver/Mechanic	Heavy Equipment Technician	CG-29
13. Bus Mechanic	Heavy Equipment Technician	CG-29
14. Caretaker	Custodial Worker	CG-19
15. Caretaker/Maintenance Repair	Maintenance Repairer	CG-22
16. Computer Support Specialist	Computer Support Specialist	CG-29
17. Delivery Driver	Equipment Operator I	CG-21
18. Food Service I	Food Service Worker I	CG-20
19. Food Service II	Food Service Worker II	CG-21
20. Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Heavy Equipment Mechanic	CG-29
21. Labourer I	Labourer I	CG-17
22. LAN Administrator	LAN Administrator	CG-36
23. Maintenance Repair	Maintenance Repairer	CG-22
24. School Secretary	Clerk Typist III	CG-26
25. Senior Systems Analyst	Senior Systems Analyst	CG-42
26. Trades Worker I (General Maintenance)	Trades Worker I	CG-24
27. Trades Worker I (Carpenter)	Trades Worker IE	CG-29
28. Trades Worker II (Supervisory)	Trades Worker IIA	CG-29
29. Trades Worker II (Electrical)	Trades Worker II	CG-29
30. Trades Worker II (Plumbing)	Trades Worker II	CG-29
31. Trades Worker III	Trades Worker III	CG-35
32. Training Specialist	Training Specialist	CG-33

**\*SCHEDULE "C"**  
**CUPE SCHOOL BOARDS SUPPORT STAFF**  
**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022 to MARCH 31, 2026**

**Effective April 1, 2022**

	<b><u>STEP 1</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 2</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 3</u></b>
CG-08	\$17.42	\$17.98	\$18.55
CG-09	\$17.56	\$18.14	\$18.66
CG-10	\$17.69	\$18.24	\$18.81
CG-11	\$17.79	\$18.39	\$18.97
CG-12	\$17.97	\$18.57	\$19.11
CG-13	\$18.14	\$18.73	\$19.36
CG-14	\$18.32	\$18.94	\$19.58
CG-15	\$18.55	\$19.19	\$19.83
CG-16	\$18.75	\$19.46	\$20.09
CG-17	\$19.06	\$19.79	\$20.50
CG-18	\$19.27	\$20.00	\$20.76
CG-19	\$19.66	\$20.46	\$21.22
CG-20	\$20.03	\$20.88	\$21.74
CG-21	\$20.40	\$21.29	\$22.23
CG-22	\$20.78	\$21.75	\$22.79
CG-23	\$21.21	\$22.24	\$23.30
CG-24	\$21.97	\$23.08	\$24.21
CG-25	\$22.85	\$24.00	\$25.18
CG-26	\$23.59	\$24.87	\$26.11
CG-27	\$24.49	\$25.78	\$27.09
CG-28	\$25.36	\$26.71	\$28.09
CG-29	\$26.02	\$27.43	\$28.90
CG-30	\$26.72	\$28.22	\$29.68
CG-31	\$27.74	\$29.24	\$30.82
CG-32	\$28.63	\$30.22	\$31.82
CG-33	\$29.56	\$31.19	\$32.88
CG-34	\$30.55	\$32.27	\$34.03
CG-35	\$31.66	\$33.51	\$35.32
CG-36	\$32.88	\$34.79	\$36.70
CG-37	\$34.05	\$36.05	\$38.04
CG-38	\$35.29	\$37.32	\$39.37
CG-39	\$36.47	\$38.62	\$40.81
CG-40	\$37.65	\$39.91	\$42.12
CG-41	\$38.55	\$42.00	\$45.46
CG-42	\$39.55	\$43.05	\$46.60
CG-43	\$41.03	\$44.70	\$48.39
CG-44	\$42.51	\$46.37	\$50.16

CG-45	\$44.01	\$48.04	\$51.98
CG-46	\$45.91	\$50.09	\$54.25

**Effective April 1, 2023**

	<b><u>STEP 1</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 2</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 3</u></b>
CG-08	\$17.77	\$18.34	\$18.92
CG-09	\$17.91	\$18.50	\$19.03
CG-10	\$18.04	\$18.60	\$19.19
CG-11	\$18.15	\$18.76	\$19.35
CG-12	\$18.33	\$18.94	\$19.49
CG-13	\$18.50	\$19.10	\$19.75
CG-14	\$18.69	\$19.32	\$19.97
CG-15	\$18.92	\$19.57	\$20.23
CG-16	\$19.13	\$19.85	\$20.49
CG-17	\$19.44	\$20.19	\$20.91
CG-18	\$19.66	\$20.40	\$21.18
CG-19	\$20.05	\$20.87	\$21.64
CG-20	\$20.43	\$21.30	\$22.17
CG-21	\$20.81	\$21.72	\$22.67
CG-22	\$21.20	\$22.19	\$23.25
CG-23	\$21.63	\$22.68	\$23.77
CG-24	\$22.41	\$23.54	\$24.69
CG-25	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.68
CG-26	\$24.06	\$25.37	\$26.63
CG-27	\$24.98	\$26.30	\$27.63
CG-28	\$25.87	\$27.24	\$28.65
CG-29	\$26.54	\$27.98	\$29.48
CG-30	\$27.25	\$28.78	\$30.27
CG-31	\$28.29	\$29.82	\$31.44
CG-32	\$29.20	\$30.82	\$32.46
CG-33	\$30.15	\$31.81	\$33.54
CG-34	\$31.16	\$32.92	\$34.71
CG-35	\$32.29	\$34.18	\$36.03
CG-36	\$33.54	\$35.49	\$37.43
CG-37	\$34.73	\$36.77	\$38.80
CG-38	\$36.00	\$38.07	\$40.16
CG-39	\$37.20	\$39.39	\$41.63
CG-40	\$38.40	\$40.71	\$42.96
CG-41	\$39.32	\$42.84	\$46.37
CG-42	\$40.34	\$43.91	\$47.53
CG-43	\$41.85	\$45.59	\$49.36
CG-44	\$43.36	\$47.30	\$51.16
CG-45	\$44.89	\$49.00	\$53.02
CG-46	\$46.83	\$51.09	\$55.34

**Effective April 1, 2024**

	<b><u>STEP 1</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 2</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 3</u></b>
CG-08	\$18.13	\$18.71	\$19.30
CG-09	\$18.27	\$18.87	\$19.41
CG-10	\$18.40	\$18.97	\$19.57
CG-11	\$18.51	\$19.14	\$19.74
CG-12	\$18.70	\$19.32	\$19.88
CG-13	\$18.87	\$19.48	\$20.15
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CG-21	\$21.23	\$22.15	\$23.12
CG-22	\$21.62	\$22.63	\$23.72
CG-23	\$22.06	\$23.13	\$24.25
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CG-25	\$23.78	\$24.97	\$26.19
CG-26	\$24.54	\$25.88	\$27.16
CG-27	\$25.48	\$26.83	\$28.18
CG-28	\$26.39	\$27.78	\$29.22
CG-29	\$27.07	\$28.54	\$30.07
CG-30	\$27.80	\$29.36	\$30.88
CG-31	\$28.86	\$30.42	\$32.07
CG-32	\$29.78	\$31.44	\$33.11
CG-33	\$30.75	\$32.45	\$34.21
CG-34	\$31.78	\$33.58	\$35.40
CG-35	\$32.94	\$34.86	\$36.75
CG-36	\$34.21	\$36.20	\$38.18
CG-37	\$35.42	\$37.51	\$39.58
CG-38	\$36.72	\$38.83	\$40.96
CG-39	\$37.94	\$40.18	\$42.46
CG-40	\$39.17	\$41.52	\$43.82
CG-41	\$40.11	\$43.70	\$47.30
CG-42	\$41.15	\$44.79	\$48.48
CG-43	\$42.69	\$46.50	\$50.35
CG-44	\$44.23	\$48.25	\$52.18
CG-45	\$45.79	\$49.98	\$54.08
CG-46	\$47.77	\$52.11	\$56.45

**Effective April 1, 2025**

	<b><u>STEP 1</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 2</u></b>	<b><u>STEP 3</u></b>
CG-08	\$18.49	\$19.08	\$19.69
CG-09	\$18.64	\$19.25	\$19.80
CG-10	\$18.77	\$19.35	\$19.96
CG-11	\$18.88	\$19.52	\$20.13
CG-12	\$19.07	\$19.71	\$20.28
CG-13	\$19.25	\$19.87	\$20.55
CG-14	\$19.44	\$20.10	\$20.78
CG-15	\$19.69	\$20.36	\$21.04
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CG-30	\$28.36	\$29.95	\$31.50
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CG-41	\$40.91	\$44.57	\$48.25
CG-42	\$41.97	\$45.69	\$49.45
CG-43	\$43.54	\$47.43	\$51.36
CG-44	\$45.11	\$49.22	\$53.22
CG-45	\$46.71	\$50.98	\$55.16
CG-46	\$48.73	\$53.15	\$57.58

**\*SCHEDULE "D"**  
**LABRADOR BENEFITS AGREEMENT**



**Labrador Benefits Agreement**

Between

Her Majesty The Queen  
In Right of Newfoundland  
(Represented Herein by the Treasury Board)

College of the North Atlantic

Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority

Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association

Newfoundland Liquor Corporation

And

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public & Private Employees

Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association

Signed: February 10, 2020

Expires: March 31, 2022

**ARTICLE 1**

**SCOPE**

- 1.1 This Agreement is applicable to all employees in Labrador whose Employers are signatory to this agreement, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public & Private Employees, the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association. The terms of the agreement will be considered to form an integral part of all collective agreements.

**ARTICLE 2**

**DURATION**

- \*2.1 This agreement shall be effective from the February 10, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until March 31, 2022. It shall be renewed thereafter through the normal process of collective bargaining utilized by each of the employee groups, or, with the consent of the parties, will be renewed through joint negotiations. At the request of either party negotiations shall commence six (6) months prior to the expiry date of this agreement.

**ARTICLE 3**

**LABRADOR ALLOWANCE**

- \*3.1 Labrador Allowance for employees covered by this agreement shall be paid in accordance with Schedule "A."

	<b>LABRADOR ALLOWANCE</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>DEPENDENT</b>
<b>GROUP 1</b>	10-Feb-20	2939	5878
	1-Apr-20	2979	5918
	1-Apr-21	3019	5958
<b>GROUP 2</b>	10-Feb-20	3402	6793
	1-Apr-20	3442	6833
	1-Apr-21	3482	6873
<b>GROUP 3</b>	10-Feb-20	3558	7089
	1-Apr-20	3598	7129
	1-Apr-21	3638	7169

In the case of spouses who are both employed by Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador as represented by Treasury Board, or a Board, Agency or Commission, the total amount paid to both employees shall not exceed the dependent rate for the allowance contained in this article. This allowance shall be paid to employees on a pro-rated basis in accordance with their hours of work excluding overtime.

- \*3.2 Labrador Benefits will be paid to employees for periods of maternity, parental and adoption leave.

**ARTICLE 4**

**TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

- \*4.1 Employees covered by this agreement shall receive a travel allowance to help offset the costs of travel to areas outside of Labrador based on the following rates per employee and his/her dependent(s). The travel allowance shall be paid out during the pay period following April 15<sup>th</sup> at the rate in effect on April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the allowance is to be paid.

	<b>TRAVEL ALLOWANCE</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>DEPENDENT</b>
<b>GROUP 1</b>	10-Feb-20	911	702
	1-Apr-20	950	702
<b>GROUP 2</b>	10-Feb-20	962	754
	1-Apr-20	1001	754
<b>GROUP 3</b>	10-Feb-20	1015	806
	1-Apr-20	1054	806

- \*4.2
  - \*(a) This allowance shall be paid to employees in the first pay period following April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year on a pro-rated basis in accordance with their hours of work in the previous twelve (12) month period, excluding overtime. The amount of travel allowance to be paid shall be based on the number of dependents at March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - \*(b) An employee retiring, resigning or otherwise terminating employment shall be entitled to a proportional payment of travel allowance as determined in 4.2 (a) based on the employee's hours of work in the current fiscal year. In the case of death the payment shall be made to the employee's beneficiary or estate.

- 4.3 (a) For the purpose of calculating this benefit the following leaves shall be considered as hours of work:
- (i) Maternity Leave/Parental Leave Adoption Leave
  - (ii) Injury-on-Duty/Worker's Compensation Leave
  - (iii) Paid Leaves
  - (iv) Any other period of unpaid leave for which the employee is eligible to accrue service under the respective collective agreement
- (b) The provisions of 4.3 (a) will not apply when the employee would otherwise have been laid off.
- (c) The provision of 4.3(a) (iv) will apply only to employees who have worked or have been credited with hours of work under 4.3(a) (i), (ii) or (iii) for a period of 20 days in the aggregate in the qualifying period.
- 4.4 In the case of spouses who are both employed Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador as represented by Treasury Board, or a Board, Agency or Commission, each spouse shall receive the employee travel allowance, but only one spouse shall claim the benefit for dependents.
- 4.5 The travel benefit available to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association under their Collective Agreement and to teachers under Article 25 of the NLTA Labrador West Collective Agreement shall continue to apply except in cases where Article 4 of this joint agreement provides a greater benefit. E.g. Members of the RNCA would continue to receive the employee travel benefit under their collective agreement unless the employee travel benefit in this joint agreement is greater. In addition to the employee benefit under the RNCA collective agreement, members of the RNCA shall also receive the dependent benefit under the joint agreement.

## ARTICLE 5

### LEAVE

- 5.1 Employees covered by this agreement shall receive three (3) non-cumulative, paid leave days in the aggregate per year. This leave will only be utilized when the employee is delayed from returning to the community due to interruptions to a transportation service occurring within Labrador. This article shall also apply where there has been an interruption to a transportation service occurring at the last departure point directly to Labrador.

**ARTICLE 6**

**EXISTING GREATER BENEFITS**

- 6.1 No provision of this agreement shall have the effect of reducing any benefit for any employee which exists in each applicable employee group collective agreement outlined in Article 1.

**ARTICLE 7**

**DEFINITIONS**

- 7.1 **Dependent** - for the purpose of this Agreement, dependent means a spouse, whether of the same or opposite gender, and children under eighteen (18) years of age, or twenty-four (24) years of age if the child is in full time attendance at a school or post-secondary institution or any child that remains in the direct care of the parent in the same household because the dependent is medically verified as disabled and under twenty-four (24) years of age.
- \*7.2 **Spouse** – for the purpose of this agreement, spouse means a person to whom an employee is legally married or a person in a common law relationship with whom the employee has lived with for more than one (1) year.

**SCHEDULE A**

**COMMUNITY GROUPING**

The employee's community grouping shall be determined by the location of their headquarters.

**GROUP 1**

Happy Valley/Goose Bay  
North West River  
Sheshatshiu  
Wabush  
Labrador City  
Churchill Falls

**GROUP 2**

Red Bay  
L'Anse au Loup  
L'Anse au Clair  
Forteau  
Pinware  
West St. Modest  
Mud Lake  
Cartwright  
Mary's Harbour  
Port Hope Simpson  
St. Lewis  
Charlottetown  
Lodge Bay  
Paradise River

**GROUP 3**

Rigolet  
William's Harbour  
Norman's Bay  
Black Tickle  
Pinsent's Arm  
Makkovik  
Postville  
Hopedale  
Davis Inlet/Natuashish  
Nain

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Re: Nurses Committee**

The parties acknowledge that the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador (RNUNL) have indicated that they have issues of concern unique to Nurses who live and work in Labrador and that the RNUNL will attempt to address these concerns through a committee which will be established subsequent to these negotiations.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Re: Labrador Benefits Agreement - Interpretation**

In an effort to clarify the interpretation of certain items contained in the Labrador Benefits Agreement the parties agree to the following:

- 1) Article 4.2(b) refers to employees who terminate employment. (i.e. are not on layoff status and do not have recall rights). These employees have their Travel Allowance paid out based on the hours worked in the current year and it shall be paid out at the rate in effect on the date employment is terminated.
- 2) For the purposes of Article 4.4 it is agreed that an employee may refuse to claim the employee benefit if it is to their benefit to have their spouse claim them as a dependant. Employees who exercise this option will not be entitled to any portion of the Employee Travel Allowance. It is incumbent on the employee to communicate this choice to their respective Employer(s).
- 3) Notwithstanding Schedule A, the following employee shall be entitled, on a without prejudice basis, to the rates applicable to Mud Lake as long as they remain within the employ of their current Employer and continue to permanently reside in Mud Lake:  
Vyann Kerby, Health Labrador Corporation

This agreement is effective from April 1, 2013 and shall expire upon the renewal of the Labrador Benefits Agreement expiring March 31, 2016.

- 4) For the purposes of clarification and in accordance with Article 3.1 (Labrador Allowance), Article 4.1 (Travel Allowance) and Article 9.1 (Definitions), benefits are applicable for the fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) in which a dependent reaches 18 years of age or 24 years of age, if the dependent is in full time attendance at a school or post-secondary institution. Full time attendance shall be determined by the educational institution in which a dependent is registered.

For example:

If a dependent reaches 18 years of age on January 1, 2011 and is no longer enrolled as a full time student in a post secondary institution, they would be eligible for the travel benefit payable April 15, 2011.

Earl Hann  
**Earl Hann**  
**On behalf of the Unions**

Lisa Curran  
**Lisa Curran**  
**On Behalf of the Employers**

Jan 16, 2020  
**Date**

Jan 16, 2020  
**Date**

February 10, 2020

Mr. Steve Brooks  
Executive Director  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
Teachers' Association  
3 Kenmount Road  
St. John's, NL A1B 1W1

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This letter is to confirm that for teachers in Labrador, the payment of the travel allowance provided under Article 4 - Travel Allowance, of the Joint Agreement on Labrador Benefits shall be calculated for the school year, September to June, but shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Joint Agreement.

Yours truly,



**Lisa Curran**  
Chief Negotiator  
Collective Bargaining Division

Original letter dated December 20, 1999

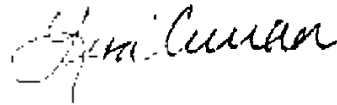
February 10, 2020

Mr. Jerry Earle  
President  
NAPE  
330 Portugal Cove Place  
St. John's, NL, A1B 3M9

**Re: Labrador Benefits Allowance and Travel Allowance for School Board Student Assistants (NAPE) and School Board Support Staff (NAPE and CUPE)**

Within three (3) months of the date of signing of the Labrador Benefits Agreements, officials from the Human Resource Secretariat (HRS) of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (NAPE) will meet to discuss the application of the Labrador Benefit Allowance and the Travel Allowance for employees who work less than full time hours as outlined in the above respective collective agreements.

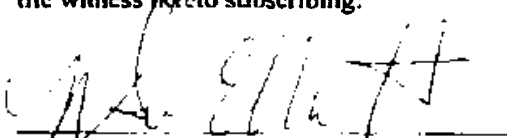
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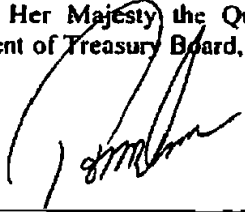


**Lisa Curran**  
Chief Negotiator  
Collective Bargaining Division

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written.

**SIGNED** on behalf of Treasury Board representing Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland by the Honourable Tom Osborne, President of Treasury Board, in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:

  
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Witness


  
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President of Treasury Board

**SIGNED** on behalf of the College of the North Atlantic

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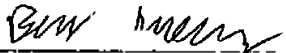
  
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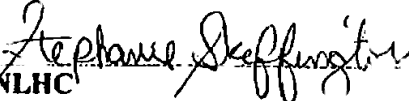
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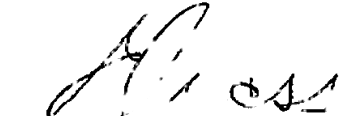
  
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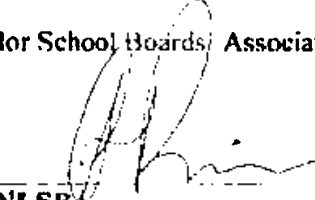
**SIGNED** on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

  
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**SIGNED** on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association

  
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**SIGNED** on behalf of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation

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**SIGNED** on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees

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CUPE

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RNUNL

**SIGNED** on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

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NLTA

**SIGNED** on behalf of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association

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**RNCA**

**SIGNED** on behalf of the Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees

**Witness**

**NAPE**

**SCHEDULE "E"**  
**APPENDIX C**

**NUMBER OF WEEKS PAY IN LIEU OF NOTICE**

SERVICE	AGE					
	< 35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	> 54
< 6 Months	2	4	6	8	10	12
> 6 Months < 1 year	4	6	8	10	12	14
> 1 Year < 2 Years	7	9	11	13	15	17
> 2 Years < 4 Years	11	13	15	17	19	21
> 4 Years < 6 Years	15	17	19	21	23	25
> 6 Years < 8 Years	19	21	23	25	27	29
> 8 Years < 10 Years	23	25	27	29	31	33
> 10 Years < 12 Years	27	29	31	33	35	37
> 12 Years < 14 Years	31	33	35	37	39	41
> 14 Years < 16 Years	35	37	39	41	43	45
> 16 Years < 18 Years	39	41	43	45	47	49
> 18 Years < 20 Years	43	45	47	49	51	53
> 20 Years < 22 Years	47	49	51	53	55	57
> 22 Years	52	54	56	58	60	62

December 15, 1995

## **SCHEDULE "F"**

### **SUMMARY OF GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND PLAN**

The online "Employee/Retiree Benefits" booklet contains a more detailed description of the benefits and the member's responsibilities under the Plan. The following summary has been prepared to outline the basic content of the Plan only, as contractual provisions specified within the group insurance policies prevail. You may also refer to the Government website at [http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/tbs/working\\_with\\_us/employee\\_benefits.html](http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/tbs/working_with_us/employee_benefits.html) for further information.

#### **BENEFITS**

##### **BASIC GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

You are insured for a life insurance benefit equal to two times your current annual salary rounded to the next higher \$1,000, if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000.

If your insurance ceases on or prior to age 65, you may be entitled to convert the cancelled amount of basic group life insurance to an individual policy of the type then being offered by the insurer to conversion applicants **within 31 days** of the termination and no medical evidence of insurability would be required. The premium rate would be based on your age and class of risk at that time.

##### **DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE**

In the event of the death of your spouse or dependent child from any cause whatsoever, while you and your dependents are insured under the plan, the insurance company will pay you \$10,000 in respect of your spouse and \$5,000 in respect of each insured dependent child. This applies to those employees with family health coverage only.

##### **BASIC ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE**

The plan provides accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage in an amount equal to your basic group life insurance (two times your current annual salary). Coverage is provided 24 hours per day, anywhere in the world, for any accident resulting in death, dismemberment, paralysis, loss of use, or loss of speech or hearing.

If you sustain an injury caused by an accident occurring while the policy is in force which results in one of the following losses, within 365 days of the accident, the benefit shown will be paid to you. In the case of accidental death, the benefit will be paid to the beneficiary you have named to receive your group life insurance benefits. Benefits are payable in accordance with the following schedule:

## **Schedule of Benefits**

### **100% of Principal Sum for Loss of or Loss of Use of:**

- Life
- Sight of One Eye
- Speech
- One Arm
- One Leg
- One Hand
- One Foot

### **66 2/3% of Principal Sum for Loss of or Loss of Use of:**

- Hearing in One Ear
- Thumb and Index Finger
- Four Fingers of One Hand

### **33 1/3% of Principal Sum of Loss of:**

- All Toes of One Foot

### **200% of Principal Sum for Loss of Use:**

- Quadriplegia (total paralysis of both upper and lower limbs)
- Paraplegia (total paralysis of both lower limbs)
- Hemiplegia (total paralysis of upper and lower limbs of one side of the body)

"Loss" means complete loss by severance except that in the case of loss of sight, speech or hearing, it means loss beyond remedy by surgical or other means.

"Loss of use" means total loss of ability to perform every action and service the arm, hand or leg was able to perform before the accident.

No more than the principal sum will be paid for all losses resulting from one accident.

No benefits are paid for injury or death resulting from:

- suicide while sane or insane;
- intentionally self-inflicted injury or suicide;
- viral or bacterial infections, except pyogenic infections occurring through the injury from which loss is being claimed;
- any form of illness or physical or mental infirmity;
- medical or surgical treatment;
- service, including part-time or temporary service, in the armed forces of any country;
- war, insurrection or voluntary participation in a riot;
- air travel serving as a crew member, or in aircraft owned, leased or rented by your employer, or air travel where the aircraft is not licensed or the pilot is not certified to operate the aircraft.

The following additional benefits are also included; please see your employee booklet for details:

Repatriation Benefit	Occupational Training Benefit	Identification Benefit
Wheelchair Benefit	Seat Belt Benefit	Funeral Expense Benefit
Education Benefit	Hospital Confinement Benefit	Workplace Modification Benefit
Weekly Benefit	Daycare Benefit	Family Transportation Benefit
Business Venture Benefit		

**WAIVER OF PREMIUM PROVISION**

If an insured member becomes totally disabled before age 65, the group life, dependent life, accidental death and dismemberment, voluntary accidental death and dismemberment, voluntary term life insurance, and critical illness may be continued to age 65 without payment of premiums. To have premiums waived, claims forms must be submitted with 10 months from date of disability and the employee must be totally disabled for at least 119 calendar days.

**HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS**

**Hospital Benefit**

If you or any of your insured dependents are confined in a hospital coverage is provided at 100% to a covered maximum of \$85 per day.

**Prescription Drug Benefit**

The program will pay the ingredient cost of eligible drugs (including oral contraceptives and insulin), you are responsible to pay the co-pay, which will be the equivalent of the pharmacists dispensing fee plus any applicable surcharge over the ingredient cost. The drug plan provides coverage for most drugs which require a prescription by law, however, but does not provide coverage for over-the-counter drugs, cough or cold preparations or nicotine products. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, through a consultation process with the insurer and drug experts, determines the drugs that are covered under the plan, and typically follows the recommendations of The Canadian Expert Drug Advisory Committee. There is no guarantee or obligation expressed or implied that all drugs recommended by physicians will be covered by the plan. Some drugs may require special authorization, details of the special authorization process are outlined in the online “Employee/Retiree Benefits” booklet.

**Vision Care Benefit**

You and your insured dependents are covered for the following vision care expenses:

- a) Charges for eye examinations performed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist where the Medicare plan does not cover such services, limited to one such expense in a calendar year for dependent children under age 18, and once in two calendar years for all other insured persons. Coverage is provided at 80% to a covered maximum of \$70.

- b) 100% of the maximum covered expense of \$150 for single vision lenses and frames, \$200 for bifocal lenses and frames and \$250 for trifocal and progressive adaptive lenses and frames every three calendar years. **For dependent children under age 18 expenses are eligible once in a calendar year provided there is a change in the strength of their prescription.** Please note that expenses for contact lenses will be reimbursed at the same level as for eyeglasses. Coverage is not provided for sunglasses, safety glasses, or repairs and maintenance.
- c) 100% of the maximum covered expense of \$250 every two calendar years for the purchase of contact lenses when prescribed for severe corneal scarring, keratoconus or aphakia and if the cornea is impaired so that visual acuity cannot be improved to at least to 20/40 level in the better eye with eyeglasses.
- d) one pair of eyeglasses when prescribed by an Ophthalmologist following non-refractive eye surgery, to 100% of a lifetime covered eligible expense of \$200; and
- e) 50% of the cost of visual training or remedial therapy.

When submitting your claims for reimbursement, please ensure your receipt clearly indicates whether your glasses are single vision, bifocal, trifocal or progressive adaptive lenses so that accurate reimbursement can be made. Also, your receipt indicating that the expense has been paid in full must accompany the Claim Submission Form. Records indicate that costs vary amongst dispensaries throughout the province; therefore, it is suggested that you check with several optical dispensaries before finalizing your purchase.

### **Extended Health Benefit**

Reimbursement is provided for many types of services, such as registered nurse, physiotherapist, wheelchairs, braces, crutches, ambulance service, chiropractors, to name a few. Pre-authorization is required for the rental and/or purchase of all durable equipment and all Nursing Care/Home Care benefits. Certain dollar amounts or time period maximums apply. It is important to note that reimbursement under the extended health care benefit is made at 80% of covered eligible expenses up to \$5,000; expenses over \$5,000 and less than \$10,000 are reimbursed at 90%, and expenses over \$10,000 are reimbursed at 100% in any calendar year. Where no maximum eligible expense is noted, reasonable and customary rates will apply. Please consult your online employee benefit booklet for details.

### **Services not Covered Under the Supplementary Health Insurance Program**

You and/or your dependents are not covered for medical expenses incurred as a result of any of the following:

- Expenses private insurers are not permitted to cover by law
- Services or supplies for which a charge is made only because you have insurance coverage

- The portion of the expense for services or supplies that is payable by the government public health plan in your home province, whether or not you are actually covered under the government public health plan
- Any portion of services or supplies which you are entitled to receive, or for which you are entitled to a benefit or reimbursement, by law or under a plan that is legislated, funded, or administered in whole or in part by a provincial/federal government plan, without regard to whether coverage would have otherwise been available under this plan
- Services or supplies that do not represent reasonable treatment
- Services or supplies associated with:
  - treatment performed only for cosmetic purposes
  - recreation or sports rather than with other daily living activities
  - the diagnosis or treatment of infertility
  - contraception, other than contraceptive drugs and products containing a contraceptive drug
- Services or supplies associated with a covered service or supply, unless specifically listed as a covered service or supply or determined by Great-West Life to be a covered service or supply
- Extra medical supplies that are spares or alternates
- Services or supplies received out-of-province in Canada unless you are covered by the government health plan in your home province and Great-West Life would have paid benefits for the same services or supplies if they had been received in your home province
- Expenses arising from war, insurrection, or voluntary participation in a riot
- Chronic care
- Podiatric treatments for which a portion of the cost is payable under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). Benefits for these services are payable only after the maximum annual OHIP benefit has been paid
- Vision care services and supplies required by an employer as a condition of employment
- Prescription sunglasses and safety glasses

### **Group Travel Insurance**

The group travel plan covers a wide range of benefits which may be required as a result of an accident or unexpected illness incurred outside the province while travelling on business or vacation. The insurer will pay 100% of the reasonable and customary charges (subject to any benefit maximums) for expenses, such as hospital, physician, return home and other expenses as outlined in the employee booklet. Coverage under Group Travel Insurance is limited to a maximum of ninety (90) days per trip for travel within Canada. Coverage commences from the actual date of departure from your province of residence. Coverage under Group Travel Insurance is limited to thirty (30) days per trip for travel outside Canada. Coverage commences from the actual date of departure from Canada.

A person with an existing medical condition must be stable for 3 months prior to travelling. Stable means there has been no period of hospitalization, no increase or modification in treatment or prescribed medication, or no symptom for which a reasonably prudent person would consult a physician. Stable dosage does not apply to diabetics.

Additional coverage is available from Great-West Life on an optional pay all basis.

## **OPTIONAL BENEFITS**

### **Optional Group Life Insurance**

This plan is available on an optional, employee-pay-all basis and you may apply to purchase additional group life insurance coverage for you and/or your spouse. Coverage is available from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000 in increments of \$10,000.

### **Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**

This plan is available on an optional, employee-pay-all basis and enables you to purchase additional amounts of accidental death and dismemberment insurance on an employee and/or family plan basis. Coverage is available from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000 in \$10,000 increments.

### **Optional Long Term Disability Insurance**

This plan is available to you on an optional and employee-pay-all basis. Long term disability insurance may provide disability benefits for periods of total disability which exceed 119 days. To be eligible for this benefit, you must be under the age of 65 and be a member of either the Public Service Pension Plan or the Uniformed Services Pension Plan. To be eligible for LTD benefits, claim forms must be submitted with 10 months from date of disability and the employee must be totally disabled for at least 119 calendar days.

### **Optional Dental Care Insurance**

This plan is available to you and your insured dependents on an optional and employee-pay-all basis. Coverage is available for basic and major restorative dental procedures.

### **Optional Critical Conditions Insurance**

This plan is available to you and your dependents on an optional and employee-pay-all basis. Critical Conditions Insurance will provide a lump sum payment to insured employees in the event they and/or dependents are afflicted, while coverage is in force, with a critical condition as defined in the policy.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

For the purpose of the group insurance program, the following definition of dependent is applicable:

### **Spouse**

- (a) an individual to whom you are legally married; or
- (b) an individual of the same or opposite sex who has been publicly represented as your spouse for at least one year.

## Dependent Children

- your or your spouse's unmarried, natural, adopted, foster or step-children, including a child of an unmarried minor dependent, who are:
  - (a) under 21 years of age and dependent upon you for support and maintenance;
  - or
  - (b) under 25 years of age and in full-time attendance at a university or similar institution and dependent upon you for support and maintenance; or
  - (c) age 21 or over who is incapacitated for a continuous period beginning before age 21 or while a full-time student and before age 25. A child is considered functionally impaired if they are incapable of supporting themselves due to a physical or psychiatric disorder.

Children of your spouse are considered dependents only if:

- they are also your children; or
- your spouse is living with you and has custody of the children

This plan does not cover a spouse or dependent child who is not a resident in Canada nor does it cover any child who is working more than 30 hour per week, unless the child is a full-time student.

## **Eligibility**

- all full-time permanent employees working a regular work week are required to participate on the first day of employment
- all part-time permanent employees working a minimum of 50% of the regular work week are required to participate from the first day of employment
- all full-time temporary employees, if hired for a period of more than three months, are required to participate from the first day of employment. Full-time temporary employees who are hired for a period of less than three months, who have their contract extended for an additional period of at least three months, are required to participate on the date of notification that their employment was extended.
- all contractual employees, if hired for a period of more than three months, are eligible from the first day of employment. Contractual employees who are hired for a period of less than three months, who have their contract extended for an additional period of at least three months, are eligible to participate on the date of notification that the contract was extended. Contractual employees are not eligible to participate beyond 31 days of their eligibility date.
- all regular seasonal employees are required to participate in the plan from their first day of active employment. During periods of layoff, provided they do not work for another employer during such layoff, regular seasonal employees have the option to continue coverage provided the employer is duly notified prior to the commencement of the layoff.

**Coverage will not continue unless a “Continuation of Coverage” form is completed, signed, and given to your Group Plan Administrator prior to you leave.**

- all casual employees working a minimum of 50% of the normal working hours for their job classification in the previous calendar year are required to participate in the following policy year (April 1 to March 31). Eligibility for casual employees is reviewed on an annual basis.
- employees who elect early retirement will continue to be insured under the program as if active employees. Group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits will be calculated on the annual superannuation benefits. Optional Long Term Disability and Critical Illness will terminate. Basic Life and Basic AD&D coverage will be reduced on the first of the month following the date of retirement or age 65, whichever occurs first.
- for retirees, upon attainment of age 65, all basic life and optional life insurance policies terminate. At age 65, if you have been insured for a period of five years immediately prior to your 65th birthday, you may be eligible for a reduced paid-up life insurance policy on the first of the month following attainment of age 65, which will remain in force throughout your lifetime. You may also be eligible to continue your supplementary health and group travel insurance plans on a 50/50 cost-shared basis.
- In the event of your death, your surviving spouse and any insurable dependent children, who on the date of your death was insured under the plan, may have the option of continuing in the group insurance program.

### **EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE RESPONSIBILITY**

You should note that you have responsibilities to fulfill. You are responsible for the following:

- For ensuring that you have applied for the coverage you wish to have for yourself on your enrolment forms and your dependents within the appropriate time frames.
- To change your coverage from single to family within the appropriate time frame. If the coverage is not changed within 31 days of acquiring your first eligible dependent an Evidence of Insurability on Dependents is required for approval.
- To add a spouse to this plan in the event that he or she loses coverage under another plan within a 31 day period following the loss of coverage to avoid having to provide medical evidence.
- For examining payroll deductions for each pay period for all group insurance benefits. Examples would include family versus single coverage and optional benefit premiums particularly when you have requested changes in coverage and at the annual renewal date when the premiums are adjusted. This will ensure accuracy and allow for corrections on a timely basis. Coverage details can be confirmed through pay stubs, your plan administrator, employers online benefit statements (where available), and the insurance carrier (their website and their toll free number)

- For amending your coverage to delete any coverage you no longer require. Contributions which you have paid are not refundable if they were consistent with the application on file.
- For effecting conversion of the coverage eligible to be converted upon the earlier of termination of employment or at age 65.
- For accurately completing the necessary forms required for continuing benefits while on maternity leave, sick leave, special leave without pay, retirement, etc. It is extremely important these arrangements be made prior to commencing eligible leave. For continuation of group life and health insurance while on temporary layoff or on unpaid leave you are responsible for the payment of the full premium amount (employer/employee contributions) and failure to remit will result in termination of coverage. You are also responsible for the payment of the full premium amount (employer/employee contributions) if you are a casual/hourly employee and you maintain benefits during a pay period when you have not worked and have not received pay. Failure to remit premiums will result in the termination of coverage.
- For providing appropriate claim information necessary to process LTD and/or Waiver of Premium claims as well as to ensure notice of claim/proof of claim where necessary has been provided within appropriate time frames as required under the contract.
- For providing appropriate medical information necessary to add a dependant as functionally impaired to continue their coverage beyond the age a dependant would otherwise terminate based on contract guidelines
- For completing the appropriate forms accurately, completely, and within applicable timeframes for such things as change of address, addition or deletion of a dependent, and other significant matters that can change or otherwise affect your coverage.
- To register overage student dependents between age 21 and 25 at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so may impact coverage.
- Reviewing the online employee benefit booklet, contacting the insurance carrier and/or your organization's plan administrator to ensure you have a sound knowledge of the benefits available, extent of coverage, eligibility criteria, exclusions, restrictions, medical underwriting requirements, conversion options, continuation of benefits, predeterminations and other important requirements of the program.
- Providing proof of the purchase of pension service that may reduce LTD premiums. Premiums will only be adjusted when the plan administrator has been notified and received verification despite the date the purchase may have occurred.
- For notifying your plan administrator if the deletion of an overage dependant requires a change in your premiums from family to single coverage.

## **SCHEDULE “G”**

### **APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM**

#### **1. Overview**

Both parties recognize that participation in an Apprenticeship Training Program forms part of the English School District’s recruiting strategy and also creates valuable training opportunities for the development of skilled trades for our local industry.

#### **2. Eligibility**

Trades Apprentices who maintain their standing in the Apprenticeship Program shall be employed as Temporary employees in accordance with the terms of the respective Collective Agreements, except as set out in this Schedule.

##### **Bargaining Unit Applicants**

When a vacancy occurs, all bargaining unit members who choose to apply and meet the required qualifications as set forth by the Provincial Government, shall be considered prior to outside applicants.

Such employees shall be granted the appropriate leave of absence from the employer while participating in the above noted program. Such members shall maintain all rights and benefits of their Collective Agreement. Continuation /participation in the GMPP or PSPP will be in accordance with established Pension Regulations and guidelines.

Bargaining unit employees who avail of this apprenticeship program will have the right to return to their former position without loss of seniority or benefits.

#### **3. General Criteria**

##### **Registration**

Apprentices are to be registered with the Provincial Government.

##### **Previous Training**

Apprentices and Bargaining Unit Applicants may be given credit for previous training and experience by the Provincial Government based on the apprentice program criteria.

##### **Training Period**

During the training period, the Employer will review progress at the respective block intervals or at the conclusion of a contract term and may either recommend a further training period or termination,

subject to Provincial Government apprenticeship program guidelines. Unsatisfactory progress or failure to complete a block may be considered just cause for termination for new employees, or termination from the Employer's apprenticeship program for existing employees.

### Apprentice Rates

The Apprentice rates shall be as follows, subject to the successful completion of regular examination:

- a) In the first year of employment, after completion of pre-apprenticeship training, 70% of the first step of the Journeyman rate.
- b) In the second year of employment, 80% of the first step of the Journeyman rate.
- c) In the third year of employment, 90% of the first step of the Journeyman rate.

### 4. Program Completion

- a) Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship program and attainment of Journeyman status, and upon application for a vacant position, ex-apprentices and bargaining unit members who have successfully completed the program shall be eligible and may apply as per the provisions of the Collective Agreement, shall be considered prior to outside applicants, provided that the position which the ex-apprentices applies is filled within twenty-four (24) months from the date of their termination.
- b) Service by an apprentice during their apprenticeship program shall be credited towards their total service for seniority purposes only if they are re-employed in a regular position within twenty-four (24) months of the completion of their apprenticeship program.

### 5. Other Provisions

- a) The following provisions of the Collective Agreement shall not apply to employees other than bargaining unit employees, hired under this Apprenticeship Training Program: Articles 14, 21, and 29 (unless otherwise noted in this Apprenticeship Training Program).
- b) Apprentices shall be entitled to accumulate vacation at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 ¼) days for each month of service. Vacation shall be accumulated by Apprentices and they shall be entitled to request and receive vacation on the same basis as other employees.
- c) While in school, apprentices shall be on approved leave without pay and will have the option to continue participation in the benefits program subject to the plan criteria.
- d) Apprentices shall be permitted to apply for other positions while employed as Apprentices provided they are prepared to abandon the Apprenticeship program. Should an Apprentice obtain another position, previous service as an Apprentice shall

be credited for Seniority purposes only and any terms of this apprenticeship program shall discontinue.

- e) Apprentices must work under the supervision of a Journey person and the ratio shall be in accordance with the Provincial Government guidelines. Apprentices shall not be used to replace full-time Journeypersons.
- f) Apprentices in the final year of their training program shall be permitted to apply for Journeyperson positions. If selected as the successful applicant, the offer of employment for the apprentice shall be contingent upon the successful completion of their program of study, within a reasonable period of time.

## **SCHEDULE "H"**

### **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a joint program of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and its unions/associations. The purpose of the program is to provide employees and their dependants with an opportunity to access professional counseling services. The program is also intended to act as a supportive resource to employees and managers throughout government and agencies who have been deemed as participants in the program.

A cornerstone of the EAP is confidentiality with respect to all matters associated with professional services to clients. The EAP Coordinators demonstrate respect for the trust and confidence placed in them by clients. This is accomplished by protecting the privacy of client information and respecting the clients right to control when or whether this information will be shared with third parties as outlined in the EAP Roles, Responsibilities and Operating Procedures. The general expectation that EAP Coordinators keep information confidential does not apply when there is a professional duty or obligation to disclose information where there is serious, imminent, or foreseeable harm to a client, employee, or others. This caution is explained to the employee at the earliest possible opportunity.

Nothing in this statement or policy is to be interpreted as constituting a waiver of management's right to take disciplinary measures, nor the union's right to grieve within the framework of the Collective Agreement.

#### **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

The Unions/Associations and the Employer, recognize that personal problems, which are affecting or which may affect work performance, can be addressed effectively when identified early and when referral is made to an appropriate source of help.

For employees who participate in the EAP, sick leave may be granted, on the same basis as is granted for other health problems. Consideration could also be given for the use of annual leave or leave without pay.

Employees are assured that their job future and standing with the Employer will not be jeopardized by their participation in the Program.

The EAP encourages employees to seek help voluntarily.

Wherever the need exists and where they feel it would be advantageous to the employee, management reserves the right to encourage employees to attend the program.

The Committee oversees the operation of this Program.

This Program applies to employees and their dependents, who have been deemed as participants in the program. The Program applies to all employees, and former employees, for the period of one year from their last date of employment.

In the event that a group of employees are concerned that the help of the EAP should be offered to an immediate supervisor, established procedures should be followed to advise the next level of management of this concern.

## **JOINT LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

The chairperson shall be the Director of the Employee Assistance Program.

The committee is comprised of 6 members as listed below.

- Director EAP Program – one representative
- Human Resource Secretariat - one representative
- Public Service Commission – one representative
- Newfoundland Association of Public and Private Employees- one representative
- Canadian Union of Public Employees (School Board ) – one representative
- Public Sector Management Association – one representative

### **JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee functions in a consultative capacity and provides recommendations to the employer and unions on matters related to the EAP. The committee shall not override the employers' rights and responsibilities to manage, nor affect the unions' rights as established by law and collective agreements. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 4 members.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a) To oversee the effective operation of the policy and procedures of the program as agreed upon by the PSC/employer and the union/associations;
- b) To serve in an administrative advisory capacity to the EAP in policy, procedures and practices;
- c) To ensure that steps are taken to promote awareness and a full understanding of the program to employees
- d) To ensure that adequate training is provided to managers, supervisors and union representatives
- e) To review annual reports of the EAP

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The frequency of the meetings shall be determined by the committee; however the committee will meet not less than four times per year. The date of the following meeting will be established prior to the adjournment of the current meeting.

### **AGENDA**

Agenda items may be submitted to the chair in advance of the meeting.

### **RECORD OF MEETINGS**

The minutes of meetings will be reviewed and adopted at the beginning of each meeting. Any changes will be made and recorded in subsequent meeting minutes. The PSC will be responsible for recording of minutes and ensuring that copies are distributed in advance of the meeting to the committee members.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Director of the EAP will chair the meetings. The roles and responsibilities of the Director, coordinators, managers and employees will be outlined in an operational and procedural document developed by the Director of the EAP in consultation with the JLMC.

### **THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION INCLUDING ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES.**

The Director and EAP Coordinators of the Employee Assistance Program ( EAP) are employees of the Public Service Commission. These individuals are responsible for the administration and operations of the program.

#### **The responsibilities of :**

- **Co-ordinators and/or the Director**
  - a) To thoroughly understand and consistently apply the principles of the EAP.
  - b) To interview all employees who request assistance through the EAP, and to provide them with full information regarding participation in the program.
  - c) To provide direct help in assisting employees, to advise employees of other helping services available, and to arrange for referral for assessment or treatment.

- d) To monitor the progress of employees referred to the Program, where appropriate.
- e) To provide general information and statistics to the Joint Labour management Committee (JLMC) on request.
- f) A cornerstone of the EAP is confidentiality with respect to all matters associated with professional services to clients. The EAP Coordinators demonstrate respect for the trust and confidence placed in them by clients, by protecting the privacy of client information and respecting the clients right to control when or whether this information will be shared with third parties. The general expectation that EAP Coordinators will keep information confidential does not apply when there is a professional duty or obligation to disclose information, or where there is serious, imminent, or foreseeable harm to a client, employee, or others. This caution will be explained to the employee at the earliest possible opportunity.

- **Managers/supervisors**

- a) To establish and communicate to their employees the level of work performance that will be considered satisfactory.
- b) To observe and document instances of unsatisfactory job performance.
- c) Where in the opinion of the manager that work performance is unsatisfactory and that there exists a potential need for counselling service, the manager should inform the employee of the EAP Program.

- **Human Resources Directors /Managers**

- a) To understand and to distribute up-to-date information about the EAP to all employees in their department or agency.
- b) To ensure that all employees are aware of the EAP and the application of confidentiality practices.

- **Union Representatives**

The Union Representatives will play a supportive role in the referral to the EAP of bargaining unit members.

- a) To fully understand the roles and responsibilities outlined in the operational procedures and operations issued by the Director of the EAP in consultation with the JLMC.
- b) To ensure that the employee's rights under the Collective Agreement and under the EAP are clearly explained.

- c) Upon the request of an employee, become involved in any interview so that both the Union/Association and the Employer can encourage the employee to accept help through the EAP.
- d) To provide support to the employee during their participation in the EAP.

- **Employee**

The responsibilities of the individual employee who is a participant in the EAP are:

- a) To have knowledge of the EAP.
- b) To actively participate in the EAP.

## **EAP REFERRAL PROCEDURES**

Employees may access EAP through:

1. **Self Referral:**

A self referral is a referral made by the employee on their own behalf. All employees can seek assistance on a voluntary basis by contacting an EAP Co-ordinator of the Program. When a self-initiated referral requires outside treatment, and/or time away from the workplace, it is the employee's responsibility to notify the supervisor (or other personnel as required) to request leave or other arrangements.

2. **Workplace Assisted Referral:**

Where the manager and/or supervisor of an employee or another manager may identify an individual in the workplace is in need of support and counselling, they may recommend contact with the EAP. The manager or supervisor is not provided with any information regarding contact unless the employee provides consent and the EAP Coordinator agrees that it is in the individual's best interest to share information.

3. **Formal Referral**

A formal referral to EAP normally occurs at a point when work performance issues have been identified by the manager or supervisor to the employee. The employee is provided with a letter outlining the issues of concern within the workplace and offered the option of EAP support to assist in addressing the concern. Participation in the EAP Program is voluntary, whether it is through self referral on one's own initiative, or through formal referral by the manager. The employee maintains the right to confidentiality throughout their involvement in the EAP. Nothing of a confidential nature is discussed between the coordinator and the manager.

The EAP coordinator has a duty to provide confirmation of whether an employee is participating in a treatment program and attendance when this information is requested from the manager. The manager is responsible for maintaining contact with the EAP coordinator to confirm the employee is participating and attending the program. They are also responsible for offering the employee support throughout the process. During the time the employee is in the program, the EAP Coordinator maintains contact with the employee and outside helping agency.

When an employee's work performance becomes unsatisfactory, the supervisor's first response should be to provide the employee with feedback on performance and to clarify what is expected.

If the unsatisfactory job performance persists, the supervisor or manager shall consult with the Human Resources Manager or Director or their designate to review the employee's performance before making a formal referral to the Employee Assistance Program. The employee has the right to have union representation at any meeting where there is a human resources manager and departmental manager present to discuss concerns related to unsatisfactory work performance. The employee is advised of the following:

- a) The consequences of continuing the present unsatisfactory work pattern may lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
- b) The Employee Assistance Program is in place and how it operates.
- c) The employee is given a choice between accepting referral to the Employee Assistance Program or not.
- d) The employee is expected to keep the appointment and to participate in the program

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All persons working with clients of the EAP (e.g., medical personnel administrators, co-ordinators, counsellors, and support staff) are prohibited from disclosing any information unless consent of the individual employee is obtained. There are specific circumstances whereby confidentiality cannot be guaranteed between the coordinator and client. These circumstances include situations whereby there is a professional duty of the coordinator to release information. This caution will be explained to the employee at the earliest possible opportunity.

EAP files shall be handled with the greatest degree of confidentiality. Names shall not be used on these files or on the working notes contained in them. Other means of identification such as codes/numbers/letters will be used.

EAP files and working notes shall be retained in a secure and restricted area and shall be destroyed according to the Records, Retention, and Disposal Schedule as per the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Records Management guidelines. The confidential file of the EAP shall be available for inspection by the employee at any reasonable time.

When an employee is referred by the E.A.P. Co-ordinator to an appointed external service provider, sufficient information shall be released to that individual in order that they may provide the most appropriate counselling service to the employee.

## **FOLLOW-UP**

At the discretion and professional assessment of the EAP Coordinator, follow up contact will be made by the coordinator to the employee.

## **CONCLUSION**

The success of an Employee Assistance Program rests with a commitment from the Employer and the Unions/Associations in providing employees with an offer of help. This commitment can be realized only through the actions of the Employer's managers at all levels, and the Unions/Associations representatives for the workplace. Likewise, the employee's willingness to participate in the Program is essential.

Employee Assistance Programs are now widely accepted as beneficial to the employee and the Employer. The employee is offered and encouraged to accept help for problems that seriously affect their work, well-being, and family. The Employer benefits by retaining its employees in the work force so that their skills and knowledge are not lost.

The early use of EAP policies and procedures can contribute significantly to the prevention of serious mental health or workplace performance problems among employees.

**SCHEDULE I**  
**THE CLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND APPEAL PROCESS**

**A. Definitions**

1. "Appeal" means a request by an employee to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to review specific factor allocations determined by the Classification & Organizational Design Division that they consider being incorrect.
2. "Adjudicator" refers to an individual who is appointed to the position of Classification Appeal Adjudicator of the Public Service Commission.
3. "Classification" means the identification of a position by reference to a classification title and pay range number.
4. "Classification Appeal Adjudicator" means the individual appointed to function in accordance with these procedures.
5. "Day" means a working day.
6. "Factor" means a compensable job element that applies to all jobs.
7. "Factor Rating" means the numerical value assigned to a factor.
8. "Permanent Head" means permanent head as defined below, or any official authorized by them to act on their behalf:
  - in respect of persons employed by government departments, the Deputy Minister of the department concerned;
  - in respect of employees of agencies not specifically covered by the definitions in this section, the highest management official in these agencies;
  - in respect of employees of Board operated hospitals and homes the CEO and/or Executive Director.
9. "Review" means a re-appraisal or re-assessment of an employee's position classification by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat upon request of an employee or the permanent head on behalf of an organization.
10. "Treasury Board" means Treasury Board as constituted pursuant to *The Financial Administration Act* as now or hereafter amended.
11. "Organization" means the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, commission, agency, hospital or other entity mentioned in Section A.8.

## **B. Classification Review Process**

1. The process of a classification review shall be available to an organization if the organization considers that a position has been improperly classified by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The process of review and/or appeal pursuant to these procedures shall be available to any employee who considers that their position has been improperly classified by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

2. A review shall not be entertained on the grounds:
  - of inadequacy of the pay scale assigned to the pay range number; or
  - that the scope of duties and responsibilities has been improperly assigned to the position by management.
3. Organizations or employees who wish to have a position reviewed are able to do so by submitting a Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) to the Classification & Organizational Design Division, Treasury Board Secretariat, Confederation Building, St. John's, A1B 4J6. Employees may use the Microsoft Word version of the PDQ or complete and submit the PDQ online.

Information on access to the necessary documents can be found in the Treasury Board Secretariat's website <http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/tbs/newjobevaluation.html>

4. A request for review shall be regarded as closed:
  - when a decision is rendered thereon by the Classification & Organizational Design Division;
  - if the employee(s) requests in writing the withdrawal of the request for review;
  - in the event an employee is dismissed with cause. If the employee separates from the organization for a reason other than dismissal for cause, the employee may request the difference in pay as a result of an outstanding classification review but would not be entitled to a further review or appeal; or
  - if the permanent head, in the case of an organization request for review, requests in writing the withdrawal of the request for review.
5. All documents relating to a classification review shall be maintained by the Classification & Organizational Design Division. Copies of such classification review materials shall be provided to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator upon its request.

## **C. Classification Appeal Process**

1. If an employee is dissatisfied with the decision of the Classification & Organizational Design Division, an appeal of the decision may be submitted to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator of the Public Service Commission. The request for an appeal must identify which factor(s) is/are being challenged and the associated rationale for each factor(s). The

appeal process is restricted to those factors identified as being challenged and sufficient reasoning provided.

2. All such appeals shall be submitted to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator in writing within a period of not more than fourteen (14) days after the receipt by an employee of notification of the Classification & Organizational Design Division's decision as above mentioned.
3. A classification appeal of specific factor(s) shall not be accepted by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator based on job content which differs from that reviewed by the Classification & Organizational Division. In such a case, the employee or group of employees shall first approach the Classification and Organizational Division seeking a further review on the basis of the new circumstances involved.
4. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall be an independent position created within the Public Service Commission.
5. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator is hereby empowered to receive, hear and decide upon any appeal consistent with these procedures.
6. Changes in these procedures shall be recommended for approval only after co-ordination with the Public Service Commission and the Treasury Board Secretariat.
7. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator may render decisions based on the information provided or may hold hearings if deemed necessary. The appellant may be required to appear at any time and in any place in the province deemed desirable.
8. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall only consider and rule upon the factors challenged by an individual employee, or group of employees having identical classifications, provided that such employee or group shall first have submitted their request in accordance with Section 3 of Part B and shall have been notified in writing of the Classification & Organizational Design Division's decision on the request.
9. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator has the right to refuse to receive or hear an appeal if it considers that the grounds on which the appeal was submitted are irrelevant or not in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of Part B.
10. The employing organization concerned shall allow time off from regular duties to any employee who is required by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to appear before them and, in respect of such absence; the employee shall be regarded as being O.H.M.S. It is the responsibility of the employee to obtain the prior approval of the permanent head before absenting themselves from their duties for this purpose.

11. On receipt of an appeal from an employee or a group of employees, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator may request the Classification & Organizational Design Division to assemble all pertinent information prepared as a result of the classification review, a copy of which will be provided to the appellant and the immediate supervisor by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
12. Where the appellant requires clarification on any point contained in the classification file or wishes to comment on any aspect of the classification file, they must file with the Classification Appeal Adjudicator within fourteen (14) days of receiving the file, a written statement including any supporting documentation which details their questions or comments.
13. A copy of the appellant's written statement and supporting documentation will be sent by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator, within three (3) days of receipt, to the Classification & Organizational Design Division who may respond or be requested to respond in writing within fourteen (14) days to the questions or observations raised by the appellant. Such response shall be forwarded by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to the appellant within three (3) days of receipt. This cumulative documentation shall then constitute the entire appeal file to be considered by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
14. Where the Classification Appeal Adjudicator is satisfied that all relevant documentation is on file, it shall determine whether a hearing is warranted or if a decision can be rendered on the basis of the written documentation provided.
15. Where in the opinion of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator a group of appellants' position description questionnaires are sufficiently similar, have identical ratings and the appellants are employed in the same classification by the same organization, the Adjudicator may propose the consolidation of individual appeals to those appellants such that the appeals of individuals may be decided upon in a group appeal.
16. Where the Classification Appeal Adjudicator proposes a group review, the individual appellants must indicate their agreement with the group review in writing.
17. Where not all appellants agree to consolidation, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator will first decide on a consolidated basis the appeals of those appellants who are in agreement with consolidation. Those appellants not in agreement shall be provided an opportunity for individual review, as soon as practical following the determination of a consolidated appeal.
18. When the Classification Appeal Adjudicator renders a decision on those factors challenged on the basis of the written documentation, notification of such decision on those factors challenged shall be forwarded to the Classification & Organizational Design Division. The Classification & Organizational Design Division will notify and provide the necessary authority to the employing agency as well as provide a copy of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's decision and the impact, if any, on the position to the appellant and their designate.

19. If a hearing is warranted, the appellant, a permanent head or management designate and a representative of Classification & Organizational Design Division may be requested to appear before the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
20. Appellants are to be given two opportunities to postpone appeal hearings after which appeals will then be withdrawn by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
21. The hearing will be presided over by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator who will retain control over the conduct of the hearing and who will rule on the relevancy of any questions raised by any of the parties.
22. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator may adjourn the hearing and order the appearance of any person or party who, at the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's discretion, it deems necessary to appear to give information or to clarify any issue raised during the hearing.
23. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator will deliberate on and consider all relevant evidence and supporting information. Within fifteen (15) working days of reaching a decision, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall inform the Classification & Organizational Design Division in writing over the signature of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator of their decision on those factors challenged and a detailed explanation of the rationale of any change from the Classification & Organizational Design Division's original determination. The Classification & Organizational Design Division will notify and provide the necessary authority to the employing agency as well as provide a copy of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's decision and the impact, if any, on the position to the appellant and their designate.
24. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator is required to submit written reasons to the Classification & Organizational Design Division for those decisions that result in changes in the factors challenged.
25. The impacts of changes in ratings arising from decisions of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall be processed by the Classification & Organizational Design Division in accordance with the Treasury Board Secretariat's compensation policies.
26. The decision of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator on an appeal is final and binding on the parties to the appeal.
27. An appeal shall be regarded as closed:
  - when a decision is rendered thereon by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator;
  - if the appellant requests in writing the withdrawal of the appeal;
  - in the event an employee is dismissed with cause; or
  - if the appellant postpones a hearing in accordance with Section 20 of Part C.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - 2004**  
**HEALTH INSURANCE**

There is agreement to extend the benefits of the current group health and insurance plan to temporary employees effective April 1, 2002. The eligibility criteria at that time was amended as follows:

It is understood and agreed that effective April 1, 2002, eligibility under the group insurance programs, policies 7600 and 3412, is hereby amended to include the following class of employees, subject to the following:

- Employees who have worked 50% or greater of the normal working hours in the previous calendar year will qualify for group insurance benefits as a condition of employment effective April 1, 2002.
- Annual review on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year will determine eligibility, continued enrollment or termination of coverage under these programs. Should an employee terminate employment, all coverages under the programs terminate the date of termination.
- For the purpose of determining group life insurance coverage, the amount will be based upon twice their annual salary, subject to a minimum amount of \$10,000.
- Employees determined to be eligible by the Employer for coverage under these group programs, based on the number of hours worked in the previous year, will not be required to produce evidence of insurability as enrollment is mandatory and a condition of employment.

As a result of the 2004 round of negotiations, the following was also agreed:

1. Employees determined to be eligible for coverage under the Desjardins Plan shall be continued for the full twelve (12) month period commencing April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as long as they remain actively employed and pay the required premiums.
2. Temporary employees covered under this Agreement who are determined to be eligible will access group insurance programs that are currently available.
3. Premiums for these employees must be collected through payroll deductions.
4. Employees who accessed Maternity, Adoption and/or Parental Leave during the previous calendar year will be allowed to count, for eligibility purposes, the hours worked during such leave by the next senior employee in that period.
5. Premiums for employees who are off payroll for one (1) or more periods will be recovered from the next cheque unless extenuating circumstances exist. This procedure for the recovery of premiums applies only to health care groups. Existing arrangements for the recovery of premiums in other sectors shall continue for the life of that Agreement.

6. Employees who miss a payroll for reasons other than approved unpaid sick leave are required to pay 100% of the premiums.
7. Employees on unpaid sick leave are required to present supporting medical documentation to the Employer during the current pay period.
8. If necessary, a further review of the premium recovery process will occur within six (6) months of the signing of the relevant Collective Agreements.

This wording reflects amendments to the eligibility guidelines only as complete terms and policy conditions are set out in actual contracts on file with Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the policyholder.

9. **Group Insurance Committee Membership**

With respect to the membership of the Group Insurance Committee, it is understood and agreed that the complement of groups represented will remain unchanged throughout the term of this agreement.

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **AGREEMENT ON PENSIONS**

The Parties agree to the following:

1. Introduction of a formal indexing program for those pensioners and survivors who have reached age 65, as follows:

60% of the annual change in the national CPI as published by Statistics Canada (Catalogue 62-001), in the calendar year immediately preceding the anniversary date, to a maximum annual increase of 1.2%;

- a) For those pensioners and survivors who have attained age 65 from October 1, 2002; and
- b) For those pensioners and survivors who are not age 65, from the next anniversary date after the date they reach age 65.

Cost: 2% of salary to be shared equally by both parties.

Anniversary Date: October 1, 2002 and every October 1 thereafter.

2. Government will pay \$982 Million into the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP), with \$400 Million being paid on March 15, 2007 and the remaining balance of \$582 Million will be paid by June 30, 2007.
3. This Memorandum of Agreement will not take effect unless all participants, The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, The Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses' Union, The Association of Allied Health Professionals, The Canadian Merchant Service Guild, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland (represented by the treasury Board) agree to its terms.
4. It is agreed that the payment outlined in Clause 2 above is full settlement of Government's share of the unfunded liability of the PSPP as established on December 31, 2000 and outlined in section 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding - 2004, Agreement on Pensions and there shall be no further special payments
5. A committee of the parties will be established to identify and resolve any matters required to implement joint trusteeship by April 1, 2008.

All reasonable costs of the Committee relating to professional, legal and support services shall be paid from the Pension Fund.

6. All unions representing Public Service Pension Plan members must indicate, in writing, acceptance of this proposal.
7. For the duration of the Collective Agreement the Employer agrees to maintain the Public Service Pension Plan as an independent pension plan.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BENEFITS RE: PENSIONS**

The Employer agrees that all new employees who are eligible shall become and remain members of either GMPP or the Public Service Pension Plan.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**\*TRANSPORTATION OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES TO DEPOT**

It is agreed that in instances where it is required to transport new school busses from delivery points within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, bargaining unit employees who are qualified and able will perform such duties based on seniority on a rotational basis and paid as per the terms of the collective agreement.

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)**

#### **JOB SECURITY**

Notwithstanding any article or provision of the Collective Agreement, and for the duration of the collective agreement, where the Government of Newfoundland Labrador is building a new structure to expand on an existing service, or replacing or expanding an existing structure, through the utilization of the Public Private Partnership (P3) Model, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is the recognized bargaining agent, the employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent. Work that is currently performed by bargaining unit members in the existing structure shall also be performed by bargaining unit members in the new structure; with the exception of building infrastructure maintenance.

## APPENDIX A

### Agreed Articles Pertaining to

### THE BURIN PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT #7 and CUPE LOCAL 2033

#### Payment of Unused Sick Leave on Termination of Employment

(a) All current employees of the bargaining unit as of June 30, 1986 shall receive upon termination due to death, retirement, disability, layoff in excess of twelve (12) months, or resignation, payment of sick leave days as follows:

1. Accumulated sick days of 100 or more - 100 days.
2. Accumulated sick days of 60 to 100 - as accumulated.
3. Accumulated sick days of less than 60 - as accumulated to a total of 60.

at a rate of pay effective at the time of termination of employment subject to a cut-off date of sixty-five (65) years of age. Employees over sixty-five (65) years of age at the signing of this Agreement shall receive payment at the rate of pay in effect as of June 30, 1986.

(b) Effective July 1, 1986, all employees shall accrue sick leave credits for usage only and they are no longer payable as a pay-out feature except for current employees to accumulate to a maximum of sixty (60) days as per (a) 3. above.

(c) When an employee receives payment for sick leave upon termination of employment they shall forfeit their remaining days for sick leave and will not be credited with same should they return to the service of the Employer.

(d) An employee may draw personal time off from this accumulated sick leave by mutual agreement. Days so used will be deducted from this sick leave thus reducing the total accumulated pay-out days. This option will be available once employees have reached sixty (60) day accumulation.

(e) Employees under this Article shall be entitled to a pay-out from the Employer as outlined in (a) above. Employees who use sick leave as defined in Article 21.01 can re-establish credits to the maximum allocation as of June 30, 1986, for the purposes of payout.

#### Employees eligible for sick leave payout

1. Joan Doody
2. Eugene Spencer
3. Yvonne Walsh

**APPENDIX B**

Canadian Union of Public Employees  
21 Florence Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 0W6

ATTN: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT  
PER CAPITA SECTION

DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES

Enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Said cheque covers the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

Local \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ full-time members and \_\_\_\_\_ part-time members in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ .

The union dues structure of Local \_\_\_\_\_ is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ % of Total Regular Wages

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The total regular wages paid during the month was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Enclosed are two lists of names and the amount of union dues deducted from the above members of this Local.

Employer: Applicable School District

Address:

cc: Secretary-Treasurer School District

Attachment

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re:      **Article 9 - Job Security - Clause 29.01****  
          **Restrictions on Contracting Out**

This will confirm our understanding following discussions between our committees with respect to the interpretation of clause 29.01.

It is clear from the intent of Clause 29.01 (a) that the Employer will not contract out work in such a manner to cause layoffs or loss of present benefits of employees in the bargaining unit. It is our understanding that (b) refers to those same permanent employees who may be in a layoff status and still eligible for recall under clause 14.04. Section 29.01 (b) is referring to permanent full time, permanent part-time employees and employees who are considered to be part of the normal regular summer maintenance crew. We do not intend to refer to short term replacement workers.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

**LETTER OF INTENT**

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re: Leave With Pay - Emergency Services**

Employees who are volunteer members of a Community Emergency Response Team such as Fire Fighters and/or Search and Rescue, shall upon being hired by the Employer or appointed to the Emergency Unit; inform the Employer of their obligation as a volunteer. Subject to the employee's position and responsibilities with the Employer and any understandings reached between the Employer, the Employer shall grant leave with pay and without loss of benefits whenever their services are required for emergencies involving the actual fighting of fires or actual search and rescue efforts.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

## LETTER OF INTENT

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

### **Re: Short Term Hiring - Special Circumstances**

With the mutual agreement of the Local Union, employees who are hired for temporary short term work in special circumstances, such as damage to schools by fire or flood, elections, etc., shall not normally be placed on the seniority list. It is the intent of 14.01 to recognize employees who have a legitimate claim to future employment with the Board.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

## LETTER OF INTENT

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

The Employer agrees in principle to encourage employees to retrain for other positions with the Employer and will participate in minor retraining of displaced employees.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING RE: MARKET ADJUSTMENT**

This will confirm our understanding reached during negotiations whereby if the Employer determines that it is unable to recruit/retain employees in specific positions at a particular geographic site, the Employer may provide benefits to employees beyond those outlined in the collective agreement.

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re: Professional Fees, Criminal Record Checks and Abstracts**

The employer will continue current practice for the life of this collective agreement re: the payment or reimbursement of Professional fees, Criminal Record Checks and Abstracts.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re: Sick Leave**

The parties agree to the establishment of a committee composed of an equal number of union and Government representatives (to a maximum of 8 committee members in total) to explore sick leave utilization of the unionized workforce throughout the public service of Newfoundland Labrador and to make non-binding recommendations to CUPE and Government.

The terms of reference for the committee shall be determined prior to the commencement of their meetings.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

April 1, 2020

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re: Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Eligibility**

The parties hereby confirm and acknowledge:

1. Former employees who are deferred pensioners within the meaning of the *Other Post-Employment Benefits Modification Act*, S.N.L. 2014 c.O-9 (the “Act”) shall, as of the coming into force of the Act, only be entitled to OPEB in accordance with the Act.
2. Current employees as of the date of signing of the collective agreement who retire not later than December 31, 2019, with a minimum of five (5) years’ pensionable service shall qualify for OPEB.
3. Current employees as of the date of signing of the collective agreement who retire after December 31, 2019, shall qualify for OPEB only where such employees are:
  - a. Pension eligible;
  - b. Have a minimum of ten (10) years’ pensionable service; and
  - c. Retire and commence receipt of a pension immediately on ceasing active employment in the public service.
4. Employees who are hired subsequent to the date of signing of the collective agreement (“Newly Hired Employees”), shall qualify for OPEB only where such employees are:
  - a. Pension eligible;
  - b. Have a minimum of fifteen (15) years’ pensionable service; and
  - c. Retire and commence receipt of a pension immediately on ceasing active employment in the public service.
5. Former employees who are rehired following loss of seniority subsequent to the date of signing of the collective agreement shall be considered to be Newly Hired Employees for the purpose of this Letter of Understanding.
6. Notwithstanding clause 5 above:
  - a. Employees with service prior to the date of signing of the collective agreement who are hired subsequent to the date of signing of the collective agreement who retain portability of benefits under the collective agreement;  
or

- b. Employees with service prior to the date of signing of the Collective Agreement who are employed outside the bargaining unit in the public service and are re-employed in a CUPE Public Service bargaining unit position subsequent to the date of signing of the Collective Agreement without a break in service in the Public Service shall not be considered to be Newly Hired Employees for the purpose of the this Letter of Understanding.

For the purposes of this clause the definition of public service shall be limited to those employers covered by one the following CUPE collective agreements:

CUPE Government House  
CUPE Group Homes/Transition Houses  
CUPE HS  
CUPE Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation  
CUPE Provincial Information and Library Resources Board  
CUPE Master Collective Agreement (English School District)  
CUPE English School District

- 7. Employees who do not meet the criteria noted in clauses 2, 3 or 4 above shall not be entitled to OPEB on ceasing active employment in the public service.
- 8. Employees who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clauses 2 or 3 above shall pay 50% of the premiums of the plan and the employer shall pay 50%.
- \*9. New Hired Employees who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clause 4 above shall pay premiums of the plan on the basis of their date of hire as follows:
  - (a) employees hired up to March 31, 2020 shall pay 50% of the premiums of the plan and the employer shall pay 50%; and
  - (b) employees hired subsequent to March 31, 2020 shall pay 60% of the premiums of the plan and the employer shall pay 40%.
- \*10. Former employees who are rehired subsequent to March 31, 2020 and who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clause 4 above shall be required to pay premiums in accordance with clause 9(b) above.
- 11. This Letter of Understanding, made pursuant to s.3(2) of the Act, shall prevail where any term herein conflicts with a provision of the collective agreement, one of its Schedules, Letters or Memoranda of Agreement, including, without limitation, any practice, settlement of dispute, agreement or arbitration award arising from events prior to the coming into force of the Act.

12. Nothing in this Letter of Understanding shall have the effect of waiving or negating, in whole or in part, any requirement, procedural or substantive, under a Group Health and Life Insurance program or policy sponsored by the employer, e.g., the filing of continuation or other required forms, provision of proof of insurability, etc....
13. This Letter of Understanding may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be considered an original of same, and which together will constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile signature or an otherwise electronically reproduced signature of any party shall be deemed to be an original.

Sincerely,



Lisa Curran  
Chief Negotiator

October 4, 2018

Mr. Brian Farewell  
National Representative  
Canadian Union of Public Employees  
105 International Place, Suite 102  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. Farewell:

**Re: JES Appeal Procedure**

The JES Appeal Procedure currently being developed will form part of the CUPE Collective Agreements but will not be subject to the grievance/arbitration provisions of the collective agreements.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Anthony  
Chief Negotiator

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Severance Pay**

Effective March 31, 2018, there shall be no further accumulation of service for severance pay purposes.

Employees who qualified for and elected to defer the payment of severance pay beyond March 31, 2018 cannot extend beyond the end of the period of employment and the redemption value shall be frozen as of March 31, 2018, for both accumulated service and weekly salary.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

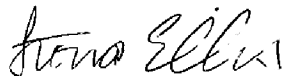
Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Working Alone**

Within sixty (60) calendar days of signing the agreement, the Parties agree to establish a committee with equal representation from the Employer and the Union to review best practices and make recommendations to the Employer to inform the development of safe work practices (SWPs) for working alone.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Public Health Emergency**

The Employer recognizes that public health emergencies may have an impact on overall government operations and service delivery, individual employees, and the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Employer further recognizes that not all public health emergencies will require the same emergency response requirements and/or public health directives and will require an evaluation of such response based on the nature of the emergency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, general principles will apply to impacted employees in the event of a public health emergency.

- 1) Self-Isolation – employees directed by their Employer or Public Health – Department of Health and Community Services to self-isolate, and who are asymptomatic of a public health illness may (where applicable - this may be dependent on vaccination or other considerations deemed appropriate by the Employer) be placed on special leave with pay for the hours in which they are unable to report to work up to the maximum of their regular bi-weekly hours. Employees who work less than full time hours will receive the benefit on a pro-rata basis. Temporary call-in employees who are not prescheduled, will be permitted to take special leave with pay on shifts they would have received in normal circumstances (compared to next junior temporary call-in).

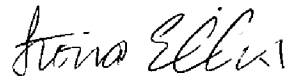
Employees will not be required to provide medical documentation for this period of hours, unless there is sufficient reason on the part of the Employer to request such documentation. All other absences require employees to utilize their leave entitlements until they return to work.

- 2) Remote Work – employees may be required to work remotely where the capability exists, and it is operationally feasible. Special leave with pay shall only be utilized in instances where remote work is not an option.
- 3) Use of Sick Leave – employees who exhibit symptoms of a public health illness and who cannot work remotely, are required to use their sick leave entitlement until they return to work. Functional Abilities Information related to accommodation requests, extensions, illness unrelated to the current public health emergency, use of long-term sick leave and attendance support planning may still be required.

- 4) Re-Deployment – the Parties recognize that the Employer may be required to redeploy human resources to ensure adequate and safe staffing levels, and such re-deployment shall be done in consultation with the Union.

The parties further agree to enter into agreements as necessary to address other issues arising from a public health emergency that may not be covered by this letter.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Workplace Violence**

The Parties recognized the following as it relates to Workplace Violence:

- a. The Employer and the Union recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from workplace violence. The parties shall undertake to expediently investigate alleged occurrences. If workplace violence against a bargaining unit member has taken place, the Employer shall take appropriate and reasonable action to address instances of workplace violence.
- b. We further agree that within six (6) months of signing of the agreement, the Employer(s) and the Union agree to establish a committee comprised of an equal number of representatives to discuss workplace violence, including but not limited to legislative requirements, violence risk assessment plans, workplace violence prevention plans and appropriate employee/employer training.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Statutory Holiday Replacement**

Each year, an employee shall be entitled to designate replacement statutory holiday(s) that are days of cultural or religious significance to the employee in place of any or all of the statutory holidays outlined in the collective agreement. The Employer will endeavor to accommodate such requests and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

For the purposes of this letter, cultural or religious significance shall be defined as: *A day in which a religious observation is held or a day that celebrates the culture of a particular nation, people, or other social group.*

The employee shall inform the Employer of their choice(s), in writing, prior to November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect. Such notice shall state clearly which statutory holiday(s) the employee is replacing and which day(s) of cultural or religious significance, including the dates on which they occur, that they are designating in the stead of the replaced statutory holiday(s).

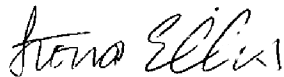
Where the specific date(s) of cultural or religious significance are not yet confirmed, on or before November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect, the employee will notify the Employer of the day(s) of significance and will provide date(s) as soon as they become available. The Employer will endeavor to accommodate such requests received after November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect, subject to operational requirements and availability of replacement staff. Requests will not unreasonably be denied.

Such statutory holiday replacement, once designated, will not be amendable for the applicable calendar year. The Employer will grant the newly designated holiday(s) as paid day(s) off. Once designated per the above process, the newly named holiday(s) shall be the day(s) to which all rights which are normally associated with the specific statutory holiday being replaced are now applied:

- (a) The newly designated holiday days will attract all benefits of the collective agreement as if that day were the actual statutory holiday that they are designated to replace.
- (b) The replaced statutory holiday(s) will become a regular day, whether it be a workday or a day of rest and will not attract any additional benefit previously attributable to it as a statutory holiday: all such benefits will have transferred to the designated replacement day(s).

- (c) Where the Employer does not provide service on a day described under b) above, and where the employee is scheduled to work on that day of the week, the Employer will make reasonable efforts to provide meaningful work, including work from home arrangements, to the employee on that day.
- (d) Where the Employer has determined it is unable to provide meaningful work on that day, the Employer, the employee, and a representative of the Union will meet as soon as possible to discuss alternate work arrangements. If no resolution is still possible, the employee may access banked overtime and other like paid banks, or in a last resort, vacation leave to cover the missed day of work.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

**\*Re: Other Post-Employment Benefits**

The Employer has identified challenges with respect to the funding of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs) and the potential sustainability of the Group Insurance Plan. CUPE agrees to engage in a joint collaborative process with the Employer and other interested stakeholders to meet within ninety (90) days of the signing of the Collective Agreement to discuss possible solutions to these challenges.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder  
Atlantic Regional Director  
St. John's Area Office  
Suite 102, 15 International Place  
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:


**\*Re: Remote Work/Telework**

The parties recognize the benefits of access to e-work arrangements for employees and Employers. The parties also recognize the value in conducting a review of the current policies and practices regarding e-work arrangements within their respective Employers represented by CUPE.

Within six (6) months of signing of the Collective Agreement, the Government and/or Employer(s) will complete a review of current e-work arrangements to determine necessary updates. The Employer will consult with the Union regarding the details of the review and provide opportunity for feedback via that consultation. The review will include but not be limited to: eligibility and operational requirements, defined hours of work, work performance requirements and evaluation, remote supervision, employee health and safety (including ergonomics), equipment, termination of agreement and any other terms as agreed by the parties.

Current e-work arrangements will remain in place subject to the above referenced review.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis  
Director of Collective Bargaining

**THIS TRANSITION AGREEMENT** made this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

**BETWEEN**

**THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ENGLISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**, organized and existing under *The Schools Act 1997*, Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 1997, Chapter S-12.2,

(hereinafter collectively called the “District”)

of the first part

**AND**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES**, a trade union organized and existing under the laws of Newfoundland and Labrador, and representing unionized employees of the Labrador School District; the Western School District; the Nova Central School District; and the Eastern School District,

(hereinafter called “NAPE”)

of the second part

**AND**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**, a trade union organized and existing under the laws of Newfoundland and Labrador and representing unionized employees of the Western School District and the Eastern School District,

(hereinafter called “CUPE”)

of the third part

**WHEREAS** the previous Boards wil. be fully integrated into a single District effective, September 1, 2013, hereinafter known as the “Newfoundland and Labrador English School District”.

**AND WHEREAS** the parties have held discussions and have agreed to certain transitional arrangements to address the circumstances surrounding the fact that the unionized workers of the

Eastern School District, represented by Locals 1560 and 2033 and the Western School District, represented by Locals 2212 and 3148 of CUPE and the unionized employees represented by NAPE (Eastern School District, Locals 5850, 7854, and 9850; the Nova Central School District, Locals 3855, 3858, 3859, 4850, 4852, 4853, and 4854; the Western School District, Locals 1850, 1851, and 1852; and the Labrador School District, Locals 2850, 2851, and 2853);

**AND WHEREAS** the parties have agreed to certain arrangements governing the administration of multiple collective agreements affecting the unionized employees of the previous Boards currently represented by either NAPE or CUPE;

In consideration for the mutual terms and conditions agreed upon under this document, the parties agree as follows:

#### **BARGAINING UNIT STRUCTURE**

1. The existing collective bargaining rights and existing collective agreements will be recognized and administered by the Provincial School Board Transitional Committee through the Department of Education and the four (4) existing Boards until September 1, 2013 after which they will be administered by the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

The collective agreements currently in existence will continue to apply at the school level to the unionized employees currently employed at those schools, to those unionized employees employed at various board offices that remain and to those employees otherwise working in the districts of the Boards but not working at a school or board office.

As of September 1, 2013, the District shall be bound by the collective agreements as they apply to the previous Boards:

- (a) Eastern School District:
    - (i) Eastern Region represented by Local 1560 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees;
    - (ii) Western Region Locals 5850 and 7854 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (master agreement);
    - (iii) Vista Region Local 9850 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (master agreement);
    - (iv) Burin Region represented by Local 2033 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (master agreement);
  - (b) Nova Central School District Locals 3855, 3858, 3859, 4850, 4852, 4853, and 4854 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (master agreement);
  - (c) Western School District
    - (i) represented by Locals 2212 and 3148 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (master agreement);
    - (ii) Locals 1850, 1851, and 1852 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (master agreement);
  - (d) Labrador School District Locals 2850, 2851, and 2853 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (master agreement).
2. The District shall have the right to schedule holidays in a fashion that is more effective to the management of the province (i.e. common holiday schedule throughout the entire province). The parties agree that such a schedule will be arrived at through input and consultation in order to reach appropriate compromise on the existing articles of the three (3) collective agreements affected being the NAPE Master Article 10, the CUPE Master Article 20 and the CUPE Local 1560 Article 13 such that in scheduling holidays on a

consistent district wide basis the District will still be required to ensure that the benefit to individual employees is not unreasonably denied.

**3. SENIORITY**

All employees affected by this agreement, except the office and district-level staff of the previous Boards whose positions are impacted by the amalgamation, shall continue to accrue seniority and exercise seniority rights as per their respective collective agreements as if the district boundaries of the previous Boards remained in effect.

With respect to office and district level staff who are employed with the previous Boards and whose positions are affected by the amalgamation, their seniority standing, for the purpose of effecting the amalgamation, shall be determined on a merged seniority list which will be dovetailed effective August 12, 2013 with seniority determination based on actual date of hire. Should the amalgamation result in a new position for the employee, he/she shall become a member of the union that currently holds the bargaining rights for that position.

Employees on the merged seniority list shall continue to accrue seniority on the seniority list for their previous Employer in accordance with their respective collective agreement for the purpose of exercising their seniority rights within the boundaries of the former Boards in the event that they do not obtain or accept a position in the new District structure.

4. NAPE and CUPE shall determine the appropriate seniority ranking of their members on the new merged seniority list created in Section 3, above. Where a dispute arises between the Unions, NAPE and CUPE in determining the seniority ranking, the Unions, at no cost

to the Employer, will undertake to resolve this dispute within thirty (30) days by whatever means they deem fair and just. Failing this they will refer the matter to Third Party Dispute Resolution within a further ten (10) days.

Where reductions are required in the number of positions in any classification the Employer shall layoff the junior employee in the classification and work location where the reduction is required and the affected employee shall have the right to bump in accordance with the following procedure.

It is agreed that employees on the merged seniority list may bump in accordance with their respective collective agreements.

#### **STATUS OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT/NON-MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

5. The parties agree that an employee whose position is outside the bargaining unit and whose position is negotiated into the bargaining unit by the parties or whose position is included in the bargaining unit by the Labour Relations Board shall be placed on the seniority list of the District equivalent to the employee's length of service with one of the predecessor Boards either inside or outside the bargaining unit but excluding any overtime worked while he or she remained in the same classification. Should the employee apply for another position within the bargaining unit, the seniority of that employee shall commence from the date that the employee was included in the bargaining unit while being considered as a candidate or if successful. Should the employee be subjected to layoff, he or she would only be entitled to rely on seniority from the date that he or she was included in the bargaining unit.

## **LAYOFF AND RECALL**

6. The parties agree that layoff and recall will be in accordance with each respective collective agreement within their previous district boundaries, with the following exceptions:
  - (a) For a period of twenty-four (24) months following the signing of this agreement, a permanent employee who moves from his or her original place of work or community as a result of the amalgamation, but remains in his or her classification, shall have the option to return to that site before vacancies in his or her classification are posted by the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District. Should more than one (1) employee be in this situation, preference will be given to the most senior employee.
  - (b) For a period of twenty-four (24) months following the signing of this agreement, a permanent employee who moves from his or her original place of work or community as a result of the amalgamation, upon layoff from their current position shall be given the option to either bump within their current Local and collective agreement or bump back within their previous Local and collective agreement.
7. Newly created positions within the District shall be posted in accordance with the applicable collective agreements. First consideration shall be given to employees of the appropriate Locals. If no employee with the appropriate Local is found to be qualified for the position, then consideration will be on a province wide basis.

Permanent employees who acquire a temporary or seasonal position in another area shall be placed on the relevant seniority list but shall revert to their former position, at the conclusion of such temporary or seasonal employment.

## **ASSIGNMENT OF WORK**

8. The parties recognize that the work assignment by the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District cannot be restricted to work exclusively within the previous boundaries of the Boards. Where the Newfoundland and Labrador English School

District deems it in the interest of District wide efficiency, an existing district-level employee capable of performing a function in any area of the new District should not be restricted to working in any area of the District.


#### **PRESERVATION OF EXISTING COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS**

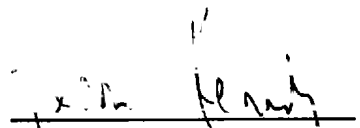
9. The provisions of the collective agreements applicable to the previous Boards shall be preserved until they are amended or modified by mutual agreement or replaced by a new collective agreement.
10. It is further understood that where the provisions of this transition agreement conflict with the terms and conditions of the existing collective agreements, this transition agreement shall apply.
11. The parties agree to have joint meetings to address other province wide issues arising from variances between the existing agreements. In the event that the parties are unable to reach agreement on any province wide issues arising from the variances in the collective agreements either party to this transition agreement may refer the matter to expedited arbitration as provided for in the existing applicable collective agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Transition Agreement the day and year first before written.

Signed on behalf of Treasury Board representing Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador, President of Treasury Board, in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:

**SIGNED THIS** 12<sup>th</sup> **day of August, 2013**

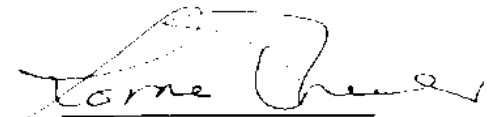
  
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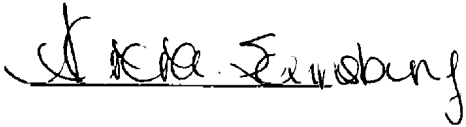
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**Signed by:**

  
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C.E.O/Director of Education

  
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Transition Chairperson


**in the presence of:**

  
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Signed on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public & Private Employees by its proper officers in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:

**Newfoundland & Labrador  
Association of Public and Private**

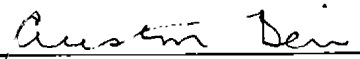
**Employees:**



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**Newfoundland & Labrador  
Association of Public and Private**

**Employees in the presence of:**



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Signed on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees by its proper officers in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:

**Canadian Union of Public  
Employees:**



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Employees in the presence of:**



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