

# PROVINCIAL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029

## COMMON PROVINCIAL ARTICLES

### BETWEEN:

**B.C. Public School Employers' Association  
(BCPSEA)**

As bargaining agent for all school boards  
established under the *School Act*

### AND:

**British Columbia Teachers' Federation  
(BCTF)**

On behalf of all employees included in the  
bargaining unit established under the *Public  
Education Labour Relations Act (PELRA)*

### Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

Public education in British Columbia takes place on the traditional and ancestral territories of diverse First Nations. These Nations each have their own unique traditions, knowledge, history and connection to their territories.

### Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

The parties acknowledge the historic and ongoing harms of colonialism faced by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. We commit to taking concrete actions toward truth and reconciliation. Further, the provincial parties commit to building respectful, productive, and meaningful relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit groups and supporting the local parties in building relationships locally.

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## SECTION A THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RELATIONSHIP

### ARTICLE A.1 TERM, CONTINUATION AND RENEGOTIATION

In this Collective Agreement, "Previous Collective Agreement" means the Collective Agreement that was in effect between the two parties for the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, including any amendments agreed to by the parties during that period.

1. Except as otherwise specifically provided, this Collective Agreement is effective July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029. The parties agree that not less than four (4) months preceding the expiry of this Collective Agreement, they will commence collective bargaining in good faith with the object of renewal or revision of this Collective Agreement and the concluding of a Collective Agreement for the subsequent period.
2. In the event that a new Collective Agreement is not in place by June 30, 2029, the terms of this Collective Agreement are deemed to remain in effect until the date on which a new Collective Agreement is concluded.
3. All terms and conditions of the Previous Collective Agreement are included in the Collective Agreement, except where a term or condition has been amended or modified in accordance with this Collective Agreement.
4.
  - a. If employees are added to the bargaining unit established under section 5 of the *Public Education Labour Relations Act* during the term of this Collective Agreement, the parties shall negotiate terms and conditions that apply to those employees.
  - b. If the parties are unable to agree on terms and conditions applicable to those employees, either party may refer the issues in dispute to a mutually acceptable arbitrator who shall have jurisdiction to impose terms and conditions.
  - c. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, either party may request the Director of the Collective Agreement Arbitration Bureau to appoint an arbitrator.
5.
  - a. Changes in those local matters agreed to by a local and the employer will amend the Previous Collective Agreement provisions and form part of this Collective Agreement, subject to Article A.1.5.b below.
  - b. A local and the employer must agree to the manner and timing of implementation of a change in a local matter.
  - c.
    - i. This Collective Agreement continues previous agreements between the parties with respect to the designation of provincial and local matters (See Letter of Understanding No. 1).
    - ii. The parties may agree to another designation which is consistent with the *Public Education Labour Relations Act*.

## **ARTICLE A.2            RECOGNITION OF THE UNION**

1.     The BCPSEA recognizes the BCTF as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the negotiation and administration of all terms and conditions of employment of all employees within the bargaining unit for which the BCTF is established as the bargaining agent pursuant to *PELRA* and subject to the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
2.     Pursuant to *PELRA*, the employer in each district recognizes the local in that district as the teachers' union for the negotiation in that district of all terms and conditions of employment determined to be local matters, and for the administration of this Collective Agreement in that district subject to *PELRA* and the Provincial Matters Agreement.
3.     The BCTF recognizes BCPSEA as the accredited bargaining agent for every school board in British Columbia. BCPSEA has the exclusive authority to bargain collectively for the school boards and to bind the school boards by Collective Agreement in accordance with Section 2 of Schedule 2 of *PELRA*.

## **ARTICLE A.3            MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**

1.     All employees covered by this Collective Agreement shall, as a condition of employment, become and remain members of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and the local(s) in the district(s) in which they are employed, subject to Article A.3.2.
2.     Where provisions of the Previous Local Agreement or the Previous Letter of Understanding in a district exempted specified employees from the requirement of membership, those provisions shall continue unless and until there remain no exempted employees in that district. All terms and conditions of exemption contained in the Previous Local Agreement or the Previous Letter of Understanding shall continue to apply. An exempted employee whose employment is terminated for any reason and who is subsequently rehired, or who subsequently obtains membership, shall become and/or remain a member of the BCTF and the respective local in accordance with this Collective Agreement.

## **ARTICLE A.4            LOCAL AND BCTF DUES DEDUCTION**

1.     The employer agrees to deduct from the salary of each employee covered by this Collective Agreement an amount equal to the fees of the BCTF according to the scale established pursuant to its constitution and by-laws, inclusive of the fees of the local in the district, according to the scale established pursuant to its constitution and by-laws, and shall remit the same to the BCTF and the local respectively. The employer further agrees to deduct levies of the BCTF or of the local established in accordance with their constitutions and by-laws, and remit the same to the appropriate body. By June 1 of each year, any changes to fees of the BCTF shall be communicated to the employer.

2. At the time of hiring, the employer shall require all new employees to complete and sign the BCTF and Local application for membership and assignment of fees form. The BCTF agrees to supply the appropriate forms. Completed forms shall be forwarded to the BCTF and the local in a time and manner consistent with the Previous Local Agreement or the existing practice of the parties.
3. The employer will remit the BCTF fees and levies by direct electronic transfer from the district office where that is in place, or through inter-bank electronic transfer. The transfer of funds to the BCTF will be remitted by the 15th of the month following the deduction.
4. The form and timing of the remittance of local fees and levies shall remain as they are at present unless they are changed by mutual agreement between the local and the employer.
5. The employer shall provide to the BCTF and the local at the time of remittance an account of the fees and levies, including a list of employees and amounts paid. The employer will provide additional information including first and last name, district employee number, and local as applicable.
6. By February 28 of each year, the employer shall provide to the BCTF and the local a complete list of employees currently on leave from their district as of January 31 of each school year, with their first and last name, district employee number, leave start date, and anticipated leave end date (if known).

## **ARTICLE A.5 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

1. Local representatives on committees specifically established by this Collective Agreement shall be appointed by the local.
2. In addition, if the employer wishes to establish a committee which includes bargaining unit members, it shall notify the local about the mandate of the committee and the local shall appoint the representatives. The local will consider the mandate of the committee when appointing the representatives. If the employer wishes to discuss the appointment of a representative, the superintendent or designate, and the president or designate of the local may meet and discuss the matter.
3. Release time with pay shall be provided by the employer to any employee who is a representative on a committee referred to in Article A.5.1 and A.5.2 above, in order to attend meetings that occur during normal instructional hours. Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) costs shall be borne by the employer.
4. When a TTOC is appointed to a committee referred to in Article A.5.1 and A.5.2 above, and the committee meets during normal instructional hours, the TTOC shall be paid pursuant to the provisions in each district respecting TTOC Pay and Benefits. A TTOC attending a "half-day" meeting shall receive a half-day's pay. If the meeting extends past a "half-day," the TTOC shall receive a full-day's pay.

## **ARTICLE A.6            GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **1.        Preamble**

The parties agree that this article constitutes the method and procedure for a final and conclusive settlement of any dispute (hereinafter referred to as "the grievance") respecting the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of this Collective Agreement, including a question as to whether a matter is arbitrable.

### **Steps in Grievance Procedure**

### **2.        Step One**

- a.        The local or an employee alleging a grievance ("the grievor") shall request a meeting with the employer official directly responsible, and at such meeting they shall attempt to resolve the grievance summarily. Where the grievor is not the local, the grievor shall be accompanied at this meeting by a representative appointed by the local.
- b.        The grievance must be raised within thirty (30) working days of the alleged violation, or within thirty (30) working days of the party becoming reasonably aware of the alleged violation.

### **3.        Step Two**

- a.        If the grievance is not resolved at Step One of the grievance procedure within ten (10) working days of the date of the request made for a meeting referred to in Article A.6.2.a the grievance may be referred to Step Two of the grievance procedure by letter, through the president or designate of the local to the superintendent or designate. The superintendent or designate shall forthwith meet with the president or designate of the local, and attempt to resolve the grievance.
- b.        The grievance shall be presented in writing giving the general nature of the grievance.

### **4.        Step Three**

- a.        If the grievance is not resolved within ten (10) working days of the referral to Step Two in Article A.6.3.a the local may, within a further ten (10) working days, by letter to the superintendent or official designated by the district, refer the grievance to Step Three of the grievance procedure. Two representatives of the local and two representatives of the employer shall meet within ten (10) working days and attempt to resolve the grievance.

If both parties agree and the language of the previous Local Agreement stipulates:

- i.        the number of representatives of each party at Step Three shall be three; and/or

- ii. at least one of the employer representatives shall be a trustee.
- b. If the grievance involves a Provincial Matters issue, in every case a copy of the letter shall be sent to BCPSEA and the BCTF.

**5. Omitting Steps**

- a. Nothing in this Collective Agreement shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to refer a grievance to a higher step in the grievance procedure.
- b. Grievances of general application may be referred by the local, BCTF, the employer or BCPSEA directly to Step Three of the grievance procedure.

**6. Referral to Arbitration: Local Matters**

- a. If the grievance is not resolved at Step Three within ten (10) working days of the meeting referred to in Article A.6.4, the local or the employer where applicable may refer a Local Matters Grievance, as defined in Appendix 2 and Addenda, to arbitration within a further fifteen (15) working days.
- b. The referral to arbitration shall be in writing and should note that it is a Local Matters Grievance. The parties shall agree upon an arbitrator within ten (10) working days of such notice.

**7. Referral to Arbitration: Provincial Matters**

- a. If the grievance is not resolved at Step Three within ten (10) working days of the meeting referred to in Article A.6.4, the BCTF or BCPSEA where applicable may refer a Provincial Matters Grievance, as defined in Appendix 1 and Addenda, to arbitration within a further fifteen (15) working days.
- b. The referral to arbitration shall be in writing and should note that it is a Provincial Matters Grievance. The parties shall agree upon an arbitrator within ten (10) working days of such notice.
- c. Review Meeting:
  - i. Either the BCTF or BCPSEA may request in writing a meeting to review the issues in a Provincial Matters Grievance that has been referred to arbitration.
  - ii. Where the parties agree to hold such a meeting, it shall be held within ten (10) working days of the request, and prior to the commencement of the arbitration hearing. The scheduling of such a meeting shall not alter in any way the timelines set out in Article A.6.7.a and A.6.7.b of this article.
  - iii. Each party shall determine who shall attend the meeting on its behalf.

**8. Arbitration (Conduct of)**

- a. All grievances shall be heard by a single arbitrator unless the parties mutually agree to submit a grievance to a three-person arbitration board.
- b. The arbitrator shall determine the procedure in accordance with relevant legislation and shall give full opportunity to both parties to present evidence and make representations. The arbitrator shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall render a decision within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- c. All discussions and correspondence during the grievance procedure or arising from Article A.6.7.c shall be without prejudice and shall not be admissible at an arbitration hearing except for formal documents related to the grievance procedure, i.e., the grievance form, letters progressing the grievance, and grievance responses denying the grievance.
- d. Authority of the Arbitrator:
  - i. It is the intent of both parties to this Collective Agreement that no grievance shall be defeated merely because of a technical error in processing the grievance through the grievance procedure. To this end an arbitrator shall have the power to allow all necessary amendments to the grievance and the power to waive formal procedural irregularities in the processing of a grievance in order to determine the real matter in dispute and to render a decision according to equitable principles and the justice of the case.
  - ii. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction to alter or change the provisions of the Collective Agreement or to substitute new ones.
  - iii. The provisions of this article do not override the provisions of the *B.C. Labour Relations Code*.
- e. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.
- f. Each party shall pay one half of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

**9. General**

- a. After a grievance has been initiated, neither the employer's nor BCPSEA's representatives will enter into discussion or negotiations with respect to the grievance, with the grievor or any other member(s) of the bargaining unit without the consent of the local or the BCTF.
- b. The time limits in this grievance procedure may be altered by mutual written consent of the parties.
- c. If the local or the BCTF does not present a grievance to the next higher level, they shall not be deemed to have prejudiced their position on any future grievance.

- d. No employee shall suffer any form of discipline, discrimination or intimidation by the employer as a result of having filed a grievance or having taken part in any proceedings under this article.
- e.
  - i. Any employee whose attendance is required at any grievance meeting pursuant to this article, shall be released without loss of pay when such meeting is held during instructional hours. If a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) is required, such costs shall be borne by the employer;
  - ii. Any employee whose attendance is required at an arbitration hearing shall be released without loss of pay when attendance is required during instructional hours; and
  - iii. Unless the previous Local Agreement specifically provides otherwise, the party that requires an employee to attend an arbitration hearing shall bear the costs for any TTOC that may be required.

## **ARTICLE A.7          EXPEDITED ARBITRATION**

### **1.          Scope**

By mutual agreement, the parties may refer a grievance to the following expedited arbitration process.

### **2.          Process**

- a. The grievance shall be referred to one of the following arbitrators:
  - i. Mark Brown
  - ii. Chris Sullivan
  - iii. Elaine Doyle
  - iv. John Hall
  - v. Jacquie de Aguayo
  - vi. Brett Matthews
  - vii. Mike Fleming
- b. The parties may agree to an alternate arbitrator in a specific case and may add to or delete from the list of arbitrators by mutual agreement.
- c. Within three (3) days of the referral, the arbitrator shall convene a case management call to determine the process for resolving the dispute. The case management process shall include a time frame for the exchange of particulars and documents, a timeframe for written submissions if directed by the arbitrator, an agreed statement of facts, or any other process considered by the arbitrator to be effective in ensuring an expeditious resolution to the dispute. The parties will endeavour to exchange information as stipulated in the case management process within seven (7) days.
- d. If an oral hearing is scheduled by the arbitrator it shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the referral to the arbitrator. The hearing shall be concluded within one (1) day.

- e. The written submissions shall not exceed ten (10) pages in length.
- f. As the process is intended to be informal and non-legal, neither party will be represented by outside legal counsel.
- g. The parties will use a limited number of authorities.
- h. The arbitrator will issue a decision within five (5) days of the conclusion of the arbitration or submission process.
- i. Prior to rendering a decision, the arbitrator may assist the parties in mediating a resolution.
- j. All decisions of the arbitrator are final and binding and are to be limited in application to the particular grievance and are without prejudice. They shall be of no precedential value and shall not thereafter be referred to by the parties in respect of any other matter.
- k. Neither party shall appeal or seek to review a decision of the arbitrator.
- l. The arbitrator retains jurisdiction with respect to any issues arising from their decision.
- m. Except as set out herein, the arbitrator under this process shall have the powers and jurisdiction of an arbitrator prescribed in the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia.
- n. The parties shall equally share the costs of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.
- o. Representatives of BCPSEA and BCTF will meet yearly to review the expedited arbitration process.

## **ARTICLE A.8 LEAVE FOR PROVINCIAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

1. The employer shall grant a leave of absence without pay to an employee designated by the BCTF for the purpose of preparing for, participating in or conducting negotiations as a member of the provincial bargaining team of the BCTF.
2. To facilitate the administration of this clause, when leave without pay is granted, the employer shall maintain salary and benefits for the employee and the BCTF shall reimburse the employer for the salary costs.
3. Any other leaves of absence granted for provincial bargaining activities shall be granted on the basis that the salary and benefits of the employees continue and the BCTF shall reimburse the employer for the salary costs of any teacher employed to replace a teacher granted leave.
4. Any leaves of absence granted for local bargaining activities shall be granted in accordance with the Previous Local Agreement.

## **ARTICLE A.9           LEGISLATIVE CHANGE**

1. In this article, “legislation” means any new or amended statute, regulation, Minister’s Order, or Order in Council which arises during the term of the Collective Agreement or subsequent bridging period.
2.
  - a. Should legislation render any part of the Collective Agreement null and void, or substantially alter the operation or effect of any of its provisions, the remainder of the provisions of the Collective Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
  - b. In that event, the parties shall meet forthwith to negotiate in good faith modifications to the Collective Agreement which shall achieve, to the full extent legally possible, its original intent.
3. If, within thirty (30) days of either party's request for such meeting, the parties cannot agree on such modifications, or cannot agree that the Collective Agreement has been affected by legislation, either party may refer the matter(s) in dispute to arbitration pursuant to Article A.6 (Grievance Procedure).
4. The arbitrator's authority shall be limited to deciding whether this article applies and, if so, adding to, deleting from or otherwise amending, to the full extent legally possible, the article(s) directly affected by legislation.

## **ARTICLE A.10       LEAVE FOR TEACHERS’ PENSION PLAN AND REGULATORY BUSINESS**

1. Ministry of Education and Child Care:
  - a. Upon written request to the Superintendent or designate from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, an employee who is appointed or elected to the BC Teachers’ Council or appointed to the Disciplinary or Professional Conduct Board shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay and shall be deemed to be in the full employ of the board as defined in Article G.6.1.b.
  - b. Upon written request to the superintendent or designate from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) who is appointed or elected to the BC Teachers’ Council or appointed to the Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board shall be considered on leave and shall be deemed to be in the full employ of the Board as defined in Article A.10.1 above. TTOCs shall be paid in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
2. Teachers’ Pension Plan:
  - a. Upon written request to the Superintendent or designate, from the BC Teachers’ Federation, an employee who is a trustee to the Teachers’ Pension Plan shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay and shall be deemed to be in the full employ of the board as defined in Article G.6.1.b.

- b. Upon written request to the Superintendent or designate, from the BC Teachers' Federation, a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) who is a trustee to the Teachers' Pension Plan shall be considered on leave and shall be deemed to be in the full employ of the Board as defined in Article A.10.2.a above. TTOCs shall be paid in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
  - c. The BC Teachers' Federation shall reimburse the board for 100 per cent of such salary, benefits, pension contributions and all other contribution costs upon receipt of a monthly statement.
- 3. Leave pursuant to Article A.10.1 and A.10.2 above shall not count toward any limits on the number of days and/or teachers on leave in the provisions in Article G.6 and local union leave provisions.

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4. The following allowances shall not be adjusted by the percentage increases in B.1.1 above:
  - a. Pro D (unless formula-linked to the grid)
5. Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOCs) on the first step of the salary grid, who accept a contract will be paid at the second step of the salary grid for the term of the contract. Temporary/term contract and continuing employees will be placed on the second step of the grid or at a higher step in accordance with the local placement on the scale provisions.
6. Effective July 1, 2026, Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOCs) on the first or second step of the salary grid, who accept a contract will be paid at the third step of the salary grid for the term of the contract.
7. Effective July 1, 2026, temporary/term contract and continuing employees will be placed on the third step of the salary grid or at a higher step in accordance with the local placement on scale provisions.

## **ARTICLE B.2        TTOC PAY AND BENEFITS**

1. The employer will ensure compliance with vacation provisions under the *Employment Standards Act* in respect of the payment of vacation pay.
2. For the purposes of Employment Insurance, the employer shall report for a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC), the same number of hours worked as would be reported for a day worked by a teacher on a continuing contract.
3. A TTOC shall be entitled to the mileage/kilometre allowance, rate or other payment for transportation costs, as defined by the Collective Agreement, for which the employee they are replacing is entitled to claim.
4. TTOCs shall be eligible, subject to plan limitations, to participate in the benefit plans in the Collective Agreement, provided that they pay the full cost of benefit premiums.
5. TTOCs shall be paid an additional compensation of \$11 over daily rate in lieu of benefits. This benefit will be prorated for part days worked but in no case will be less than \$5.50. Any and all provisions in the Previous Collective Agreement that provided additional or superior provisions in respect of payment in lieu of benefits shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.
6. Rate of Pay:

An Employee who is employed as a TTOC shall be paid 1/189 of their category classification and experience, to a maximum of the rate at Category 5 Step 8, for each full day worked.

## **ARTICLE B.3            SALARY DETERMINATION FOR EMPLOYEES IN ADULT EDUCATION**

1. The following shall apply to employees providing instruction in adult education programs in these districts:

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) (former S.D. 3 Kimberley)

Employees instructing adult education academic credit courses.

School District No. 36 (Surrey)

Continuing Education employees in the Adult Education High School Completion Program (credit courses) and Adult Education Academic Upgrading Programs (Adult Basic Education, General Education Development, Pre-General Education Development, Literacy and Adult Education English Language Programs).

School District No. 37 (Delta)

Employees teaching Adult Education academic programs including: High School Completion Program, Pathfinder High School Completion Program, Academic Business Education Program, General Equivalency Diploma Program, Adult Basic Education Program, Adult English as a Second Language Program, and Adult Special Education Program, in the Continuing Education Division.

School District No. 41 (Burnaby) *added by Arbitrator J. Dorsey December 22, 2003*

Employees teaching Adult Education academic programs including High School Completion Program (General Education Development Program and Adult Graduation Diploma Program), Adult Basic Education Program, Adult English as a Second Language Program and Academic Transitional ESL Program in Adult and Continuing Education.

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge)

Employees instructing in High School Completion Credit Courses, Adult Basic Education, Adult Pathfinder Program and Adult English as a Second Language in the Continuing Education Department.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Employees teaching Adult Education Academic Programs including Adult Basic Education, ESL Academic Stream, High School Credit Courses and English as a Second Language.

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) (former S.D. 66 Lake Cowichan).

Employees instructing Adult Education (Adult Basic Education and High School Completion) programs.

2. a. These employees shall be paid in accordance with their placement on the salary scale as determined by the provisions of this Collective Agreement in their respective districts.

- b. Uncertificated employees shall be placed on the salary scale in accordance with the category and experience provisions of this Collective Agreement or, where such provisions are not found in this Collective Agreement, the practice in their respective districts as confirmed by the employer and the local.
- c. Notwithstanding Articles B.3.2.a and B.3.2.b, where an hourly rate of pay in respect of a district produces a higher rate of pay than provided in Articles B.3.2.a and B.3.2.b, employees in that district who would benefit shall continue to be paid the higher rate until such time as the rate on the scale established by Articles B.3.2.a and B.3.2.b is higher. These employees shall not be entitled to further increment payments until that time but shall receive experience increment credit.

#### **ARTICLE B.4       EI REBATE**

- 1. The employer shall remit monthly to the BCTF Salary Indemnity Fund the proportionate share of the employment insurance premium reduction set out in the Previous Local Agreement. Where the proportionate share is not expressed in the Previous Local Agreement, the employer shall remit monthly to the BCTF Salary Indemnity Fund an amount consistent with the past practice of the local parties. The amount remitted on behalf of any employee shall not be less than 5/12 of said reduction.
- 2. The employer shall calculate each employee's share of the savings which have been remitted pursuant to Article B.4.1 above and include that amount as part of the employee's taxable income on the yearly T4 slip.

#### **ARTICLE B.5       REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

- 1. In this Article:
  - a. "the BCTF Plan" means the Group RRSP entered into by the Federation and Royal Trust or a successor to that plan;
  - b. "alternative plan" means a group RRSP, including the BCTF Plan, which was entered into prior to the coming into force of this Article, and which is still in effect as of that date.
- 2. Where an alternative plan exists in a district pursuant to Article B.5.1.b that plan shall remain in effect.
- 3. The BCTF Plan shall be made available in all districts not included in Article B.5.2.
- 4. The employer shall deduct from the monthly salary of employees, as at the end of the month following enrollment, contributions in a fixed dollar amount specified by the employee on behalf of any employee who elects to participate in the BCTF Plan. The employer shall remit these amounts to the designated trustee no later than the 15th of the month following the month in which the deduction is made.

5. The employer shall make available, to present employees on request and to new employees at the time of hire, enrollment forms and other forms required for participation in the BCTF Plan. Completed forms shall be processed and forwarded to the designated trustee by the employer.
6. If in any month, an employee is not in receipt of sufficient net pay to cover the monthly payroll deduction amount for any reason, the contribution to the BCTF Plan for that employee shall not be made for that month. If the employee wishes to make up any missed contribution(s), the employee shall make arrangements for same directly with the designated trustee.
7. Employees shall have the opportunity to enroll or re-enroll in the BCTF Plan as follows:
  - a. between September 1 and September 30 or December 15 and January 15 in any school year;
  - b. no later than sixty (60) days following the commencement of employment.
8. An employee may withdraw from participation in the BCTF Plan where they have provided thirty (30) days' written notice to the employer.
9. There shall be no minimum monthly or yearly contribution required of any employee who participates in the BCTF Plan.
10. Participating employees may vary the amount of their individual contributions to the BCTF Plan on either or both of October 31 and January 31 in any school year, provided that written notice of such change has been provided to the employer no later than September 30 for changes to be effective October 31, and December 31 for changes to be effective January 31.
11. The BCTF Plan established in a district pursuant to Article B.5.3 shall be made available to employees on a continuing contract of employment and employees on term or temporary contracts of employment as defined in the Previous Local Agreement.

## **ARTICLE B.6        SALARY INDEMNITY PLAN ALLOWANCE**

1. The employer shall pay monthly to each employee eligible to participate in the BCTF Salary Indemnity Plan an allowance equal to 2.0% of salary earned in that month to assist in offsetting a portion of the costs of the BCTF Salary Indemnity Plan.
2. In paying this allowance, it is understood that the employer takes no responsibility or liability with respect to the BCTF Salary Indemnity Plan.
3. The BCTF agrees not to alter eligibility criteria under the Plan to include groups of employees not included as of July 1, 2006.

## **ARTICLE B.7 REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY LOSS**

### **1. Private Vehicle Damage**

Where an employee's vehicle is damaged by a student at a worksite or an approved school function, or as a direct result of the employee being employed by the employer, the employer shall reimburse the employee the lesser of actual vehicle damage repair costs, or the cost of any deductible portion of insurance coverage on that vehicle up to a maximum of \$600.

### **2. Personally Owned Professional Material**

The employer shall reimburse an employee to a maximum of \$150 for loss, damage or personal insurance deductible to personally owned professional material brought to the employee's workplace to assist in the execution of the employee's duties, provided that:

- a. The loss or damage is not the result of negligence on the part of the employee claiming compensation;
- b. The claim for loss or damage exceeds ten (10) dollars;
- c. If applicable, a copy of the claim approval from their insurance carrier shall be provided to the employer;
- d. The appropriate Principal or Vice-Principal reports that the loss was sustained while on assignment for the employer.

*Note: Any and all superior or additional provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.*

## **ARTICLE B.8 OPTIONAL TWELVE-MONTH PAY PLAN**

1. Where the Previous Collective Agreement does not contain a provision that allows an employee the option of receiving partial payment of annual salary in July and August, the following shall become and remain part of the Collective Agreement.
2. A continuing employee, or an employee hired to a temporary contract of employment no later than September 30 that extends to June 30, may elect to participate in an Optional Twelve-Month Pay Plan (the Plan) administered by the employer.
3. An employee electing to participate in the Plan in the subsequent year must inform the employer, in writing, on or before June 15. An employee hired after that date must inform the employer of their intention to participate in the Plan by September 30. It is understood, that an employee appointed after June 15 in the previous school year and up to September 30 of the subsequent school year, who elects to participate in the Plan, will have deductions from net monthly pay, in the same amount as other employees enrolled in the Plan, pursuant to Article B.8.5.
4. An employee electing to withdraw from the Plan must inform the employer, in writing, on or before June 15 of the preceding year.

5. Employees electing to participate in the Plan shall receive their annual salary over 10 (ten) months; September to June. The employer shall deduct, from the net monthly pay, in each twice-monthly pay period, an amount agreed to by the local and the employer. This amount will be paid into the Plan by the employer.
6. Interest to March 31 is calculated on the Plan and added to the individual employee's accumulation in the Plan.
7. An employee's accumulation in the Plan including their interest accumulation to March 31 shall be paid in equal installments on July 15 and August 15.
8. Interest earned by the Plan in the months of April through August shall be retained by the employer.
9. The employer shall inform employees of the Plan at the time of hire.
10. Nothing in this Article shall be taken to mean that an employee has any obligation to perform work beyond the regular school year.

## **ARTICLE B.9        PAY PERIODS**

1. Where the Previous Collective Agreement does not provide for twice-monthly payments of annual salary, the following shall become and remain part of the Collective Agreement.
2. Except where an employee elects to receive payments over twelve months pursuant to Article B.8, an employee shall be paid their annual salary in twenty (20) twice-monthly payments from September to June. A mid month payment of not less than 40% of monthly salary shall be paid to each employee.
3. Where there is an alternate payment procedure for the month of December, such alternate payment procedure may continue, subject to the agreement of the employer and the local.

## **ARTICLE B.10       REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE AND INSURANCE**

1. An employee who is required by their employer to use their private vehicle for school district related purposes shall receive reimbursement equivalent to the Canada Revenue Agency reasonable per kilometre allowance.
2. The mileage reimbursement rate established in Article B.10.1 shall be increased by \$0.05/kilometre for travel that is approved and required on unpaved roads.
3. The employer shall reimburse an employee who is required to use their personal vehicle for school district purposes, the difference in premium costs between ICBC rate Class 002 (Pleasure to/from Work) and ICBC rate Class 007 (Business Class) where the employee is required to purchase additional insurance in order to comply with ICBC regulations respecting the use of one's personal vehicle for business purposes.

4. Employees shall be reimbursed for travel costs as outlined below:

a. School District No. 45 (West Vancouver)

Employees on the staff of Bowen Island Community School commuting from West Vancouver to Bowen Island shall be reimbursed for their automobile and ferry expenses in accordance with travel and car-pooling arrangements agreed to by the staff and approved by the Principal and Assistant Superintendent.

b. School District. No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

Employees who are authorized to use their personal vehicles in the course of regularly assigned duties or other employer business shall be reimbursed ferry costs where applicable.

c. School District No. 68 (Nanaimo)

A non-resident employee of Gabriola Island assigned to teach on Gabriola Island shall be reimbursed an amount equal to their Gabriola ferry costs.

d. School District No. 71(Comox)

i. Employee lives on Vancouver Island, teaches on Denman Island: 190 days (19 books of 10 tickets) at the economy ticket price for the ferry trip between Buckley Bay and Denman Island

ii. Employee lives on Vancouver Island, teaches on Hornby Island: 190 days (19 books of 10 tickets) at the economy ticket price for the ferry trip between Buckley Bay and Denman Island, and Denman Island and Hornby Island

iii. Employee lives on Denman Island, teaches on Hornby Island: 190 days (19 books of 10 tickets) at the economy ticket price for the ferry trip between Denman Island and Hornby Island.

iv. Employee lives on Hornby Island, teaches on Denman Island: 190 days (19 books of 10 tickets) at the economy ticket price for the ferry trip between Hornby Island and Denman Island

v. For employees assigned less than full time, the allowance will be prorated on the basis of the number of ferry trips required to meet the assignment.

e. SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

Employees who are required to use ferry travel in the course of regularly assigned duties or other Board business shall be reimbursed for ferry fares at cost.

f. SD No. 69 (Qualicum)

Should teachers from Lasqueti Island be required to attend meetings called by the Superintendent of Schools, or designate, or other Board business as pre-approved by the Superintendent of Schools, or designate, they shall be reimbursed for travel costs related to ferry or necessary water taxi transportation.

g. School Districts No. 50, 72 and 85

The Board agrees to reimburse non-resident employees working in a community to which they are involuntarily transferred, or assigned as a result of the layoff/recall process. Reimbursement will be for the standard fares associated with ferry travel required due to such an involuntary transfer or assignment as described above. Reimbursement will be based upon production of receipts. Employees who worked in a community other than the one in which they resided prior to such assignment and/or transfer are not eligible for reimbursements.

h. School District No. 79

The Board agrees to reimburse non-resident employees working on Thetis Island for standard fares associated with ferry travel required by the Board. Reimbursement will be based upon production of receipts.

i. School Districts 70 and 84

During the term of the Collective Agreement, should the Board in School District No. 84 and/or School District No. 70 change their policies and/or practices with respect to ferry/water taxi travel such that additional costs would be borne by employees, the BCTF may refer the issue to Judi Korbin for consideration within the context of Article B.10.5.

*Note: Any and all superior or additional provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.*

## **ARTICLE B.11 BENEFITS**

1. The employer will provide the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan as set out in Appendix A to Letter of Understanding No. 9.
2. The employer shall provide the BCTF and each local with a copy of the group benefits contract in effect for the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan and shall provide the BCTF and each local with a copy of the financial/actuarial statements made available to the employer from the benefit provider.
3. Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOCs) shall have access to the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan. TTOCs accessing the Plan shall pay 100 percent (100%) of the premium costs.
4. The Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan shall allow for dual coverage and the co-ordination of benefits.

5. Effective July 1, 2026, the employer shall pay 85% of the premium costs of the Extended Health Benefit and Dental Plans for 1.0 FTE employees.

*Note: This language applies only where the local union has voted to adopt the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan.*

*Note: Any and all superior or additional provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.*

## **ARTICLE B.12 CATEGORY 5+**

### **1. Eligibility for Category 5+**

- a. An employee with a Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) Category 5 and an additional 30 semester credits, or equivalent, as accepted by TQS;
  - i. Credits must be equivalent to standards in British Columbia's public universities in the opinion of the TQS.
  - ii. Credits must be in no more than two (2) areas of study relevant to the British Columbia public school system.
  - iii. At least 24 semester credits of the total requirement of 30 semester credits, or equivalent, must be completed at the senior level.
- b. Post undergraduate diplomas agreed to by the TQS; or
- c. Other courses or training recognized by the TQS.

### **2. Criteria for Category 5+**

- a. The eligibility requirements pursuant to Article B.12.1 must not have been used to obtain Category 5.

### **3. Salary Rate Calculation**

- a. Category 5+ shall be seventy-four percent (74%) of the difference between Category 5 and Category 6 except where a superior salary rate calculation remained as at March 31, 2006 and/or during the term of the 2006-2011 Provincial Collective Agreement.

### **4. Application for Category 5+**

- a. BCPSEA and the BCTF agree that the TQS shall be responsible for the evaluation of eligibility and criteria for Category 5+ pursuant to Article B.12.1 and Article B.12.2 and the assignment of employees to Category 5+.
- b. BCPSEA and the BCTF agree that disputes with respect to the decisions of TQS made pursuant to Article B.12.1 and Article B.12.2 shall be adjudicated through the TQS Reviews and Appeals processes and are not grievable.

## **ARTICLE B.13      BOARD PAYMENT OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS' AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS' PROFESSIONAL FEES**

1. Each Board of Education shall pay, upon proof of receipt, fees required for annual Professional Certification required to be held for employment by School Psychologists and Speech Language Pathologists.

## **ARTICLE B.14      EXPERIENCE RECOGNITION**

1. Employees who have worked as a teacher (or in a BCTF bargaining unit equivalent position) in British Columbia while employed by:
  - a. a First Nation, as defined in section 1 of the *School Act*, that is operating a school;
  - b. a Community Education Authority, as established by one or more participating First Nations under the *First Nations Jurisdiction over Education in British Columbia Act* (Canada), that is operating a school; or
  - c. a treaty First Nation that is operating a school under the treaty First Nation's laws;shall receive credit for their work experience for the purposes of placement on the salary scale.

## **ARTICLE B.15      PSYCHOLOGIST ALLOWANCE**

1. The annual allowance for each Psychologist shall be as shown below, pro-rated to their full-time equivalency (FTE).

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Effective July 1, 2026 | \$8,000 |
| Effective July 1, 2027 | \$8,240 |
| Effective July 1, 2028 | \$8,487 |

2. The allowance will be paid as a monthly allowance.

*Note: Any and all superior provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.*

## **ARTICLE B.16      TEACHER OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE ALLOWANCE**

1. The annual allowance for each Teacher of Indigenous Language(s) shall be based on their total full-time equivalency (FTE) as follows:

|                        | Less than 0.5 FTE | 0.5 FTE or greater |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Effective July 1, 2026 | \$4,000           | \$8,000            |
| Effective July 1, 2027 | \$4,120           | \$8,240            |
| Effective July 1, 2028 | \$4,244           | \$8,487            |

2. The allowance will be paid as a monthly allowance

*Note: Any and all superior provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.*

## **SECTION C      EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS**

### **ARTICLE C.1      RESIGNATION**

1. An employee may resign from the employ of the employer on thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the employer or such shorter period as mutually agreed. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably denied.
2. The employer shall provide the local with a copy of any notice of resignation when it is received.

### **ARTICLE C.2      SENIORITY**

1. Except as provided in this article, "seniority" means an employee's aggregate length of service with the employer as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Previous Collective Agreement.
2. Porting Seniority
  - a. Despite Article C.2.1 above, an employee who achieves continuing contract status in another school district shall be credited with up to twenty (20) years of seniority accumulated in other school districts in B.C.
  - b. Seniority Verification Process
    - i. The new school district shall provide the employee with the necessary verification form at the time the employee achieves continuing contract status.
    - ii. The employee must initiate the seniority verification process and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district(s) within one hundred and twenty (120) days of receiving a continuing appointment in the new school district.
    - iii. The previous school district(s) shall make every reasonable effort to retrieve and verify the seniority credits which the employee seeks to port.
3. Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC)
  - a. A TTOC shall accumulate seniority for days of service which are paid pursuant to Article B.2.6.
  - b. For the purpose of calculating seniority credit:
    - i. Service as a TTOC shall be credited:

1. one half (1/2) day for up to one half (1/2) day worked;
  2. one (1) day for greater than one half (1/2) day worked up to one (1) day worked.
- ii. Nineteen (19) days worked shall be equivalent to one (1) month;
- iii. One hundred and eighty-nine (189) days shall be equivalent to one (1) year.
- c. Seniority accumulated pursuant to Article C.2.3.a and C.2.3.b, shall be included as aggregate service with the employer when a determination is made in accordance with Article C.2.1.
4. An employee on a temporary or term contract shall accumulate seniority for all days of service on a temporary or term contract.
5. No employee shall accumulate more than one (1) year of seniority credit in any school year.

### **ARTICLE C.3 EVALUATION**

1. The purposes of evaluation provisions include providing employees with feedback, and employers and employees with the opportunity and responsibility to address concerns. Where a grievance proceeds to arbitration, the arbitrator must consider these purposes, and may relieve on just and reasonable terms against breaches of time limits or other procedural requirements.

### **ARTICLE C.4 TTOC EMPLOYMENT**

1. Experience Credit
  - a. For the purpose of this article, a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) shall be credited with one (1) day of experience for each full-time equivalent day worked.
  - b. One hundred seventy (170) full-time equivalent days credited shall equal one (1) year of experience.
2. Increment Date for Salary Grid Placement

Upon achieving one (1) year of experience, an increment shall be awarded on the first of the month following the month in which the experience accumulation is earned.

## SECTION D WORKING CONDITIONS

### ARTICLE D.1 CLASS SIZE AND TEACHER WORKLOAD

*Note: This table is a summary of the K-3 class size limits and is provided for reference only. The parties must refer to the language in full when applying the Collective Agreement. In particular, parties should review Letter of Understanding No. 12 Re: Agreement Regarding Restoration of Class Size, Composition, Ratios and Ancillary Language ("LOU No. 12") Class Size provisions – paragraphs 6 – 9.*

| Grade        | Class Size Limits            | Source of Class Size |
|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Kindergarten | Shall not exceed 20 students | LOU No. 12           |
| Grade 1      | Shall not exceed 22 students | LOU No. 12           |
| Grade 2      | Shall not exceed 22 students | LOU No. 12           |
| Grade 3      | Shall not exceed 22 students | LOU No. 12           |

### ARTICLE D.2 CLASS COMPOSITION AND INCLUSION

No provincial language.

### ARTICLE D.3 NON-ENROLLING STAFFING RATIOS

*Note: This table is a summary of the provincial non-enrolling teacher staffing ratios and is provided for reference only. The parties must refer to Letter of Understanding No. 12 Re: Agreement Regarding Restoration of Class Size, Composition, Ratios and Ancillary Language ("LOU No. 12") in full when applying the ratios.*

*Where the ratio below is from a source other than LOU No. 12, it is a lower ratio and has replaced the ratio in LOU No. 12.*

| Position                                                                                       | Ratio                                                                | Source of ratio |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher Librarian                                                                              | 1:702 students                                                       | LOU No. 12      |
| Counsellors<br>Effective July 1, 2026<br>Effective July 1, 2027<br>Effective July 1, 2028      | 1:693 students<br>1:639 students<br>1:593 students<br>1:513 students | LOU No. 12      |
| Learning Assistance Teachers (LAT)<br>Effective July 1, 2026<br>Effective July 1, 2028         | 1:504 students<br>1:495 students<br>1:480 students                   | LOU No. 12      |
| Special Education Resource Teachers (SERT)<br>Effective July 1, 2026<br>Effective July 1, 2028 | 1:342 students<br>1:336 students<br>1:320 students                   | LOU No. 12      |
| English Language Learning (ELL)                                                                | 1:74 ELL students                                                    | LOU No. 12      |

#### **ARTICLE D.4            PREPARATION TIME**

1. Each full-time elementary teacher shall receive one hundred and twenty (120) minutes of preparation time per week scheduled in accordance with the Previous Collective Agreement.
2. Effective July 1, 2027, each full-time elementary teacher shall receive one hundred and thirty (130) minutes of preparation time per week scheduled in accordance with the Previous Collective Agreement.
3. The employer will make every reasonable effort to provide preparation time scheduled in blocks of not less than thirty (30) minutes, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the employer and the union.
4. Preparation time for part-time teachers shall be provided in accordance with the Previous Collective Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE D.5            MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

1. Where there are no negotiated provisions concerning the implementation or operation of a middle school program, this article shall govern the implementation or operation of a middle school program in a school district.
2. Should the employer seek to establish a middle school program in one or more schools in a district, the employer and the local shall meet, no later than ten (10) working days from a decision of the employer to implement a middle school program, in order to negotiate any alternate or additional provisions to the Collective Agreement which are necessary to accommodate the intended middle school program.
3. In the absence of any other agreement with respect to the instructional day and preparation time, the provisions of the Collective Agreement with regard to secondary schools shall apply to middle schools.
4. If the employer and the local are unable to agree on what, if any, alternate or additional provisions of the Collective Agreement are necessary to accommodate the intended middle school program(s), either party may refer the matter(s) in dispute to expedited arbitration for final and binding resolution pursuant to Article D.5.5 below.
5.
  - a. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall be limited to the determination of alternate or additional provisions necessary to accommodate the intended middle school program(s).
  - b. In the event the arbitration is not concluded prior to the implementation of the middle school program, the arbitrator will have remedial authority to make appropriate retroactive modifications and adjustments to the agreement.

- c. The arbitration shall convene within thirty (30) working days of referral to arbitration in accordance with the following:
  - i. Within ten (10) working days of the matter being referred to arbitration, the parties shall identify all issues in dispute;
  - ii. Within a further five (5) working days, there shall be a complete disclosure of particulars and documents;
  - iii. Within a further five (5) working days, the parties shall exchange initial written submissions;
  - iv. The hearing shall commence within a further ten (10) working days; and
  - v. The arbitrator shall render a final and binding decision within fifteen (15) working days of the arbitration concluding.
- 6. Where a middle school program has been established on or prior to ratification of the 2006-2011 Provincial Collective Agreement, the existing provisions shall be retained unless the parties mutually agree that they should be amended.

## **ARTICLE D.6          ALTERNATE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- 1. In this article, an alternative school calendar is a school calendar that differs from the standard school calendar as specified in Schedule 1 (Supplement) of the *School Calendar Regulation 114/02*.
- 2. When a school district intends to implement an alternate school calendar, written notification shall be provided to the local no later than forty (40) working days prior to its implementation. The employer and the local shall meet within five (5) working days following receipt of such notice to negotiate modifications to the provisions of the agreement that are directly or indirectly affected by the proposed change(s). The aforesaid modifications shall preserve, to the full legal extent possible, the original intent of the agreement.
- 3. The process outlined below in Article D.6.4 through Article D.6.7 applies only to modifications to the school calendar that include a four-day school week, a nine-day fortnight, or a year round calendar.
- 4. If the parties cannot agree on the modifications required, including whether or not a provision(s) is/are directly or indirectly affected by the proposed alternate school calendar, the matter(s) in dispute may be referred, by either party, to expedited arbitration pursuant to Article D.6.6 below for final and binding resolution.
- 5. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall be limited to the modifications of the agreement necessary to accommodate the alternate school calendar.
- 6. In the event the arbitration is not concluded prior to the implementation of the alternate school calendar, the arbitrator will have remedial authority to make retroactive modifications and adjustments to the agreement.

7. The arbitration shall convene within thirty (30) working days of referral to arbitration in accordance with the following:
  - a. Within ten (10) working days of the matter being referred to arbitration, the parties shall identify all issues in dispute;
  - b. Within a further five (5) working days, there shall be a complete disclosure of particulars and documents;
  - c. Within a further five (5) working days, the parties shall exchange initial written submissions;
  - d. The hearing shall commence within a further ten (10) working days; and
  - e. The arbitrator shall render a final and binding decision within a further fifteen (15) working days.
8. Where an alternate school calendar has been established prior to the ratification of the Collective Agreement, existing agreements that accommodate the alternate school calendar shall be retained unless the parties agree that they should be amended.

*Note: BCTF will provide a list of acceptable arbitrators from the current list of arbitrators available through the Collective Agreement Arbitration Bureau.*

## **SECTION E PERSONNEL PRACTICES**

### **ARTICLE E.1 NON-SEXIST ENVIRONMENT**

1. A non-sexist environment is defined as that in which there is no discrimination against employees based on sex, gender identity or expression, including by portraying them in gender stereotyped roles, refusing to acknowledge their identity, or by omitting their contributions.
2. The employer does not condone and will not tolerate any expression of sexism. In September of each school year the employer and the local shall jointly notify administrative officers and staff, in writing, of their commitment to a non-sexist environment. This joint communication shall be posted for all administrative officers and staff.
3. The employer and the local shall promote a non-sexist environment through the review, development, updating, distribution, integration and implementation of anti-sexist educational programs, activities, and learning resources for both staff and students.

### **ARTICLE E.2 HARASSMENT/SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

#### **General**

1. The employer recognizes the right of all employees to work, to conduct business and otherwise associate free from harassment or sexual harassment, including harassment based on the grounds in the *Human Rights Code* of BC.
2. The employer considers harassment in any form to be totally unacceptable and will not tolerate its occurrence. Proven harassers shall be subject to discipline and/or corrective actions. Such actions may include:
  - a. counselling;
  - b. courses that develop an understanding of harassment, including the protected grounds in the *Human Rights Code* of BC, if applicable;
  - c. verbal warning, written warning, transfer, suspension or dismissal.
3. No employee shall be subject to reprisal, threat of reprisal or discipline as the result of filing a complaint of harassment or sexual harassment which the complainant reasonably believes to be valid.
4. There will be no harassment and/or discrimination against any member of the local because they are participating in the activities of the local or carrying out duties as a representative of the local.
5. All parties involved in a complaint agree to deal with the complaint expeditiously and to respect confidentiality.

6. The complainant and/or the alleged offender, if a member(s) of the Local, may at the choice of the employee be accompanied by a representative(s) of the Local at all meetings in this procedure.

## **Definitions**

7. Harassment includes:
  - a. any improper behaviour that would be cruel and/or offensive to any reasonable person, is unwelcome, and which the initiator knows or ought reasonably to know would be unwelcome; or
  - b. objectionable conduct, comment, materials or display made on either a one-time or continuous basis that would demean, belittle, intimidate, or humiliate any reasonable person; or
  - c. the exercise of power or authority in a manner which serves no legitimate work purpose and which a person ought reasonably to know is inappropriate; or
  - d. misuses of power or authority such as exclusion, intimidation, threats, coercion and blackmail; or
  - e. sexual harassment.
8. Sexual harassment includes:
  - a. any comment, look, suggestion, physical contact, or real or implied action of a sexual nature which creates an uncomfortable working environment for the recipient, made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know such behaviour is unwelcome; or
  - b. any circulation or display of visual or written material of a sexual nature that has the effect of creating an uncomfortable working environment; or
  - c. an implied promise of reward for complying with a request of a sexual nature; or
  - d. a sexual advance made by a person in authority over the recipient that includes or implies a threat or an expressed or implied denial of an opportunity which would otherwise be granted or available and may include a reprisal or a threat of reprisal made after a sexual advance is rejected.

## **Resolution Procedure**

### **9. Step 1 – Informal Resolution Process**

Note: Step 1 (Informal Resolution Process) is not required in order to proceed to Step 2 (Formal Complaint Process).

- a. At any point in the Informal Resolution Process, should the administrator determine that a formal process is required, they will stop the informal process and inform the complainant and respondent in writing.

- b. The complainant may choose to speak to or correspond directly with the alleged harasser to express their feelings about the situation.
- c. Before proceeding to Step 2, the complainant may approach their administrative officer, staff representative or other contact person to discuss potential means of resolving the complaint and to request assistance in resolving the matter. The assistance may include the administrative officer meeting with the alleged harasser to communicate the concern and the request that the behaviour stop. If the matter is resolved to the complainant's satisfaction the matter is deemed to be resolved.
- d. If the matter is not resolved, the administrator may meet with the complainant and respondent separately, and may invite them to participate in a facilitated discussion. All parties involved must agree to respect confidentiality.
- e. In the circumstances where a respondent has acknowledged responsibility, the employer may advise the respondent in writing of the standard of conduct expected by the employer. Such a memo shall be non-disciplinary in nature and may be referred to only to establish that the respondent has been advised of the expected standard of conduct.

10. Step 2 – Formal Complaint Process

- a. If a complainant chooses not to meet with the alleged harasser, or no agreement for resolution of the complaint has been reached, or an agreement for resolution has been breached by the alleged harasser, a complaint may be filed with the superintendent or designate.
- b. The complaint should include a description of the specific incident(s) that form the basis of the complaint and the definitions of sexual harassment/harassment which may apply; however, the form of the complaint will in no way restrict the investigation or its conclusions.
- c. The complainant may request that the employer consider an alternative dispute resolution process (e.g. mediation, restorative justice) to attempt to resolve the complaint.
- d. The employer shall notify in writing the alleged harasser of the complaint and provide notice of complaint or investigation.
- e. In the event the superintendent is involved either as the complainant or alleged harasser, the complaint shall, at the complainant's discretion, be immediately referred to either BCPSEA or a third party who shall have been named by prior agreement of the employer and the local who shall proceed to investigate the complaint in accordance with Step 3 and report to the board.

11. Step 3 – Formal Resolution Process

- a. The employer shall review the particulars of the complaint as provided by the complainant pursuant to Article E.2.10.a. The employer may request further particulars from the complainant, including information about any requested alternative dispute resolution process. Upon the conclusion of such a review, the employer shall:
  - i. initiate an investigation of the complaint and appoint an investigator pursuant to Article E.2.11.c below, or;
  - ii. recommend mediation or other alternative dispute resolution processes to resolve the complaint.
- b. Should the complainant not agree with the process described in Article E.2.11.a.ii, the employer shall initiate an investigation. The employer shall provide notice of investigation.
- c. The investigation or other formal resolution process shall be conducted by a person who shall have training and/or experience in investigating complaints of harassment.
- d. The complainant may request an investigator, mediator or facilitator who:
  - i. is of the same gender as the complainant;
  - ii. is Indigenous, and/or has cultural knowledge and sensitivity if a complainant self-identifies as Indigenous;
  - iii. is a person of colour if the complainant is a person of colour.
  - iv. shares with the complainant a characteristic protected under the *Human Rights Code* of BC.

Where practicable the request(s) will not be denied.
- e. Where there is an investigation, the investigation shall be conducted as soon as is reasonably possible and shall be completed in twenty (20) working days unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.
- f. Participation in mediation or an alternative dispute resolution process (per Article E.2.11.a.ii) shall not preclude an employee from making a new complaint should the harassment continue or resume following this process.

## Remedies

12. Where the investigation determines harassment has taken place, the complainant shall, when appropriate, be entitled to but not limited to:
  - a. reinstatement of sick leave used as a result of the harassment;
  - b. any necessary counselling, and/or culturally appropriate supports for Indigenous employees, where EFAP services are fully utilised or where EFAP cannot provide the necessary services to deal with the negative effects of the harassment;
  - c. redress of any career advancement or success denied due to the negative effects of the harassment;
  - d. recovery of other losses and/or remedies which are directly related to the harassment.
13. Where the investigator has concluded that harassment or sexual harassment has occurred, and the harasser is a member of the bargaining unit, any disciplinary sanctions that are taken against the harasser shall be done in accordance with provisions in the agreement regarding discipline for misconduct.
14. The local and the complainant shall be informed in writing whether there was a finding of harassment. If there was a finding of harassment, the local and the complainant shall be informed in writing that the issue has been, or is being, addressed, and that the complainant has the right to work, to conduct business and otherwise associate free from harassment or sexual harassment.
15. If the harassment results in the transfer of an employee it shall be the harasser who is transferred, except where the complainant requests to be transferred.
16. If the employer fails to follow the provisions of the Collective Agreement, or the complainant is not satisfied with the remedy, the complainant may initiate a grievance at Step 3 of Article A.6 (Grievance Procedure). In the event the alleged harasser is the superintendent, the parties agree to refer the complaint directly to expedited arbitration.

## Training

17. The employer, in consultation with the local, shall be responsible for developing and implementing an ongoing harassment and sexual harassment awareness program for all employees.

Where a program currently exists and meets the criteria listed in this agreement, such a program shall be deemed to satisfy the provisions of this article. This awareness program shall be scheduled at least once annually for all new employees to attend.

18. The awareness program shall include but not be limited to:
  - a. the definitions of harassment and sexual harassment as outlined in this Agreement;

- b. understanding situations that are not harassment or sexual harassment, including the exercise of an employer's managerial and/or supervisory rights and responsibilities;
- c. developing an awareness of behaviour that is illegal and/or inappropriate;
- d. developing an awareness of how harassment can intersect with discrimination based on the protected grounds in the *Human Rights Code* of BC;
- e. outlining strategies to prevent harassment and sexual harassment;
- f. a review of the resolution procedures of Article E.2;
- g. understanding malicious complaints and the consequences of such;
- h. outlining any Board policy for dealing with harassment and sexual harassment;
- i. outlining laws dealing with harassment and sexual harassment which apply to employees in B.C.

### **ARTICLE E.3            VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN THE WORKPLACE**

- 1. The provincial parties will maintain a Violence Prevention Toolkit, to be shared annually and made available on an ongoing basis to boards of education and local teachers' unions.
- 2. Annually, the employer and the local union will provide and post a joint communication of their commitment to violence prevention in the workplace for all employees of the school district.
- 3. In September of each school year, the employer shall communicate to staff:
  - a. the location of violence prevention and response materials; and
  - b. the appropriate procedures and forms to complete in response to a violent incident or threat.
- 4. Prior to October 31 of each school year, a review of violence prevention and response resources will be included in the agenda of a regularly scheduled staff meeting.

## **SECTION F      PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS**

### **ARTICLE F.1      PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

1.      Effective July 1, 2024, the employer shall provide professional development funding not less than one fifth of one percent (0.20%) of the Category 6 maximum step, multiplied by the total teacher FTE in the District, as of September 30 of the previous year.
2.      This article replaces only local provisions regarding professional development funding that do not equal or exceed the minimum funding required in Article F.1.1.
3.      Upon ratification in each subsequent round of bargaining, where Article F.1.1 does not already apply, then Article F.1.2 will be implemented as part of the melding process.

### **ARTICLE F.2      EDUCATIONAL AND CURRICULAR CHANGE**

1.      Where the Ministry of Education and Child Care is introducing any required educational or curriculum change that substantially affects the duties, responsibilities, expectations, or terms of employment of employees, the provincial parties recognize the importance of providing support to employees and shall meet to discuss the change, as well as possible issues pertaining to its implementation.
2.      These discussions shall include consideration of the provision of appropriate resources and support for employees.
3.      Where the parties jointly identify that there are gaps with respect to resources and/or support, the parties may make joint recommendations to the Ministry.

*Note: This Article shall be in addition to language already in the previous Collective Agreement and does not replace any of those provisions.*

## **SECTION G      LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

### **ARTICLE G.1      PORTABILITY OF SICK LEAVE**

1. The employer will accept up to sixty (60) accumulated sick leave days from other school districts in British Columbia, for employees hired to or on exchange in the district.
2. An employee hired to or on exchange in the district shall accumulate and utilize sick leave credit according to the provisions of the Collective Agreement as it applies in that district.
3. Sick Leave Verification Process
  - a. The new school district shall provide the employee with the necessary verification form at the time the employee receives confirmation of employment in the school district.
  - b. An employee must initiate the sick leave verification process and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district(s) within one hundred and twenty (120) days of commencing employment with the new school district.
  - c. The previous school district(s) shall make every reasonable effort to retrieve and verify the sick leave credits which the employee seeks to port.

*(Note: Any provision that provides superior sick leave portability shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.)*

### **ARTICLE G.2      COMPASSIONATE CARE LEAVE**

1. For the purposes of this article “family member” means:
  - a. in relation to an employee:
    - i. a member of an employee's immediate family;
    - ii. an employee's aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, current or former foster parent, ward or guardian;
    - iii. the spouse of an employee's sibling or step-sibling, child or step-child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, current or former foster child or guardian;
  - b. in relation to an employee's spouse:
    - i. the spouse's parent or step-parent, sibling or step-sibling, child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, current or former foster parent, or a current or former ward; and

- c. anyone who is considered to be like a close relative regardless of whether or not they are related by blood, adoption, marriage or common law partnership.
- 2. Upon request, the employer shall grant an employee Compassionate Care Leave pursuant to Part 6 of the BC *Employment Standards Act* for a period up to twenty-seven (27) weeks or such other period as provided by the *Act*. Such leave shall be taken in units of one or more weeks.
- 3. Compassionate Care Leave supplemental employment insurance benefits:  
  
When an employee takes Compassionate Care Leave pursuant to the *Employment Standards Act*, and is eligible to receive employment insurance benefits, the employer shall pay the employee:
  - a. one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's current salary for the first week of the leave, and
  - b. for an additional eight (8) weeks, one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's current salary less any amount received as EI benefits.
  - c. Current salary shall be calculated as 1/40 of annual salary where payment is made over ten months or 1/52 of annual salary where payment is made over twelve months.
- 4. A medical certificate may be required to substantiate that the purpose of the leave is for providing care or support to a family member having a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death within 26 weeks.
- 5. The employee's benefit plans coverage will continue for the duration of the compassionate care leave on the same basis as if the employee were not on leave.
- 6. The employer shall pay, according to the Pension Plan regulations, the employer portion of the pension contribution where the employee elects to buy back or contribute to pensionable service for part or all of the duration of the compassionate care leave.
- 7. Seniority shall continue to accrue during the period of the compassionate care leave.
- 8. An employee who returns to work following a leave granted under this article shall be placed in the position the employee held prior to the leave or in a comparable position.

*(Note: The definition of "family member" in Article G.2.1 above, shall incorporate any expanded definition of "family member" that may occur through legislative enactment.)*

## **ARTICLE G.3      EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT LEAVES**

In accordance with the BC *Employment Standards Act* (the "Act"), the Employer will grant the following leaves:

- a. [Section 52    Family Responsibility Leave](#)
- b. [Section 52.11 Critical Illness or Injury Leave](#)

- c. [Section 52.5 Leave Respecting Domestic or Sexual Violence](#)

*Note: In the event that there are changes to the Employment Standards Act with respect to the Part 6 Leaves above, the legislated change provisions (A.9) will apply to make the necessary amendments to this provision.*

## **ARTICLE G.4        BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

1. Five (5) days of paid leave shall be granted in each case of death of a member of the employee's immediate family.

For the purposes of this article "immediate family" means:

- a. the spouse (including common-law and same-sex partners), child and step-child (including in-law), parent (including in-law), guardian, sibling and step-siblings (including in-law), current ward, grandchild or grandparent of an employee (including in-law), and
  - b. any person who lives with an employee as a member of the employee's family.
2. Two (2) additional days of paid leave may be granted for travel purposes outside of the local community to attend the funeral. Such requests shall not unreasonably be denied.
3. In addition to leave provided in Article G.4.1 and G.4.2, the superintendent may grant unpaid leave for a family member. Additional leave shall not be unreasonably denied. For the purpose of Article G.4.3 "family member" means:
- a. in relation to an employee:
    - i. a member of an employee's immediate family;
    - ii. an employee's aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, current or former foster parent, former ward or guardian or their spouses;
  - b. in relation to an employee's spouse or common-law partner or same-sex partner:
    - i. the spouse's parent or step-parent, sibling or step-sibling, child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, current or former foster parent, or a current or former ward; and
  - c. anyone who is considered to be like a close relative regardless of whether or not they are related by blood, adoption, marriage or common law partnership.
4. Any and all superior provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement.

## **ARTICLE G.5 UNPAID DISCRETIONARY LEAVE**

1. a. An employee shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) days of unpaid discretionary leave each year.  
b. The leave will be subject to the educational requirements of the district and the availability of a replacement. The leave must be approved by the superintendent or designate. The request shall not be unreasonably denied.
2. The leave will be in addition to any paid discretionary leave provided in local provisions.
3. The combination of this provision with any other same provision shall not exceed three (3) days.

### *Implementation:*

1. *Any and all superior provisions contained in the Previous Collective Agreement shall remain part of the Collective Agreement. The combination of this provision with any other same or superior provision shall not exceed three (3) days.*
2. *The provisions of this article establish a minimum level of entitlement for unpaid discretionary leaves for all employees. Where the minimum level of entitlement has already been met through any previous provisions relating to discretionary leaves, an employee shall receive no additional entitlement.*

## **ARTICLE G.6 LEAVE FOR UNION BUSINESS**

1. a. Any union member shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay as authorized by the local union or BCTF and shall be deemed to be in the full employ of the board.  
b. 'Full employ' means the employer will continue to pay the full salary, benefits, pensions contributions and all other contributions they would receive as if they were not on leave. In addition, the member shall continue to be entitled to all benefits and rights under the Collective Agreement, at the cost of the employer where such costs are identified by the Collective Agreement.
2. The local or BCTF shall reimburse the board for 100 per cent of such salary, benefits, pension contributions and all other contribution costs upon receipt of a monthly statement.
3. Where a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) replaces the member on union leave, the reimbursement costs paid by the local or the BCTF shall be the salary amount paid to the TTOC.
4. Where a non-certified replacement is used, the reimbursement costs paid by the local or the BCTF shall be the salary amount paid to the replacement.

5. Where teacher representatives are requested by the board to meet on union-management matters during instructional time, representative(s) shall be released from all duties with no loss of pay.

Short-term leave (leave of 10 consecutive school days or less)

6. Such leave will be granted subject to the availability of a qualified replacement. The request shall not be unreasonably denied.

Long-term leave (leave of more than 10 consecutive school days)

7. Such leave will be granted subject to the availability of a qualified replacement and educational needs of the school district. The request shall not be unreasonably denied.
8. Upon return from leave, the employee shall be assigned to the same position or, when the position is no longer available, a similar position.

Elected union officer release

9. Such leaves will be granted upon request.
10. Upon return from leave, the employee shall be assigned to the same position or, when the position is no longer available, a similar position.

## **ARTICLE G.7 TTOCs CONDUCTING UNION BUSINESS**

1. Where a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) is authorized by the local union or BCTF to conduct union business during the work week, the TTOC shall be paid by the employer according to the Collective Agreement.
2. Upon receipt, the union will reimburse the employer the salary and benefit costs associated with the time spent conducting union business.
3. Time spent conducting union business will not be considered a break in service with respect to payment on scale.
4. Time spent conducting union business will be recognized for the purpose of seniority and experience recognition up to a maximum of 40 days per school year.

## **ARTICLE G.8 TTOCs – CONDUCTING UNION BUSINESS NEGOTIATING TEAM**

Time spent conducting union business on a local or provincial negotiating team will be recognized for the purpose of seniority and experience recognition.

## **ARTICLE G.9            TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL / VICE-PRINCIPAL LEAVE**

1. A teacher shall be granted leave upon request to accept a position if the teacher is:
  - a. replacing a Principal or Vice-Principal in the school district who is on leave or has departed unexpectedly; and,
  - b. their appointment as Principal or Vice-Principal does not extend past a period of one (1) year (12 months).
2. Upon return from leave, the employee shall be assigned to the same position or, when the position is no longer available, a similar position.
3. The vacated teaching position will be posted as a temporary position during this period.
4. Where there are extenuating personal circumstances that extend the leave of the Principal or Vice-Principal, the vacated teaching position may be posted as temporary for an additional year (12 months).
5. Teachers granted leave in accordance with this Article who have a right to return to their former teaching position will not be assigned or assume the following duties:
  - a. Teacher Evaluation
  - b. Teacher Discipline
6. Should a leave described above extend beyond what is set out in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, the individual's former teaching position will no longer be held through a temporary posting and will be filled on a continuing basis, unless a mutually agreed to extension to the leave with a right of return to a specific position is provided for in the local Collective Agreement or otherwise agreed to between the parties.

## **ARTICLE G.10            TEACHERS RETURNING FROM PARENTING AND COMPASSIONATE LEAVES**

Teachers granted the following leaves in accordance with the Collective Agreement:

- a. Pregnancy Leave (Employment Standards Act [ESA])
- b. Parental Leave (Employment Standards Act [ESA])
- c. Extended Parental / Parenthood Leave (beyond entitlement under Employment Standards Act [ESA])
- d. Adoption Leave (beyond entitlement under Employment Standards Act [ESA])
- e. Compassionate Care Leave

will be able to return to their former teaching position in the school that they were assigned to for a maximum of one (1) year (twelve months) from the time the leave of absence commenced. The teacher's position will be posted as a temporary vacancy. Upon return from leave, the employee will be assigned to the same position or, if the position is no longer available, a similar position.

## **ARTICLE G.11      CULTURAL LEAVE FOR INDIGENOUS EMPLOYEES**

The Superintendent of Schools or their designate, may grant five (5) paid days per year leave with seven (7) days written notice from the employee to participate in Indigenous Cultural event(s). Such leave shall not be unreasonably denied.

## **ARTICLE G.12      MATERNITY/PREGNANCY LEAVE SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

1. When an employee takes maternity leave pursuant to Part 6 of the *Employment Standards Act*, the employer shall pay the employee:
  - a. One hundred percent (100%) of their current salary for the first week of the leave; and
  - b. When the employee is in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) maternity benefits, the difference between the amount of EI maternity benefits received by the teacher and one hundred percent (100%) of their current salary, for a further fifteen (15) weeks.

# LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 1

BETWEEN

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION

AND

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

### Re: Designation of Provincial and Local Matters

1. Pursuant to the Public Education Labour Relations Act (PELRA), the provincial and the local parties agree to the designation of provincial and local matters as follows:
  - a. Those matters contained within Appendix 1 shall be designated as provincial matters.
  - b. Those matters contained within Appendix 2 shall be designated as local matters.
2. Provincial parties' roles will be pursuant to PELRA.
3. Referral of impasse items to the provincial table will be pursuant to PELRA
4. Timing and conclusion of local matters negotiations:
  - a. Local negotiations will conclude at a time determined by mutual agreement of the provincial parties.
  - b. Outstanding local matters may not be referred to the provincial table subsequent to the exchange of proposals by the provincial parties at the provincial table.
  - c. Where no agreement is reached, local negotiations will conclude at the time a new Provincial Collective Agreement is ratified.
5. Local and provincial ratification processes:
  - a. Agreements on local matters shall be ratified by the local parties subject to verification by the provincial parties that the matters in question are local matters (Appendix 2).
  - b. Agreements on provincial matters shall be ratified by the provincial parties.
6. Effective date of local matters items:
  - a. Agreements ratified by the school district and local union shall be effective upon the ratification of the new Provincial Collective Agreement unless the timelines are altered by mutual agreement of the provincial parties.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

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| <b>Appendix 1</b><br><b>PROVINCIAL MATTERS</b> |
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  4. *Salary – Payment for Additional Days*
  5. *Not Regular School Days*
14. Payment of Teacher Regulation Branch and other professional fees
15. Benefits – general information and benefits management committee
16. Benefits – Coverage
17. Employment Insurance/all EI rebates
18. Continuation of Benefits
19. Retirement Benefits and Bonuses
20. Wellness Programs, Employee and Family Assistance Program
21. Personal Property loss, theft, vandalism and Insurance
22. Benefits – RRSP

### **Section C – Employment Rights**

1. Employment on Continuing Contract
  1. *Appointment on Continuing Contract*
  2. *Employment Rights – Temporary Teachers converting to continuing*
  3. *Probationary period*
2. Dismissal and Discipline for Misconduct
  1. *Conduct of a Teacher (Inside and Outside School)*
3. Dismissal Based on Performance
4. The Processes of Evaluation of Teachers' Teaching Performance
5. Part-Time Teachers' Employment Rights
  1. *Sick Leave and Benefits*
  2. *Long Services – Part Time Teaching Plan, Part Year Teachers*
6. Teacher Teaching on Call Hiring Practices
7. Seniority
8. Severance
9. Retraining, Board directed education upgrading

## **Section D – Working Conditions**

1. Teacher Workload
  1. *Class Size*
  2. *Class Composition*
2. Inclusion
  1. *Urgent Intervention Program or similar*
  2. *School Based Team*
3. Professional Teaching Staff Formulas including advisory committees
4. Hours of Work
  1. *Duration of School Day*
  2. *Instructional Time*
  3. *Extended Day; Alternate Calendars e.g. Four Day Week*
5. Preparation Time
6. Regular Work Year for Teachers, School Calendar, Year Round Schools, Staggered Part Day Entries
7. Closure of Schools for Health or Safety Reasons
8. Supervision Duties, Duty Free Lunch Hour, Noon Hour Supervision
9. Availability of Teacher on Call
10. Teacher on Call Working Conditions
11. Mentor/Beginning Teacher Program, Student Teachers, Beginning Teacher Orientation
12. Child Care for Work Beyond Regular Hours, Day Care
13. Home Education, Suspended Students, Hospital/Homebound Teachers
14. Non-traditional Worksites, e.g.
  1. *Distributed Learning*
  2. *Adult Education*
  3. *Storefront Schools*
  4. *Satellite School Programs*
15. Technological Change, Adjustment Plan – Board Introduced Change
16. Hearing and Medical Checks, Medical Examinations, Tests, Screening for TB
17. Teacher Reports on Students, Anecdotal Reports for Elementary Students, Parent Teacher Conference Days

## **Section E – Personnel Practices**

1. Definition of Teachers
2. Selection of Administrative Officers (Note: See Addendum B)
3. Non-sexist Environment
4. Harassment
5. Falsely Accused Employee
6. Violence Prevention
7. Criminal Record Checks
8. Resignation and Retirement

## **Section F – Professional Rights**

1. Educational/Curriculum Change including committees
2. Professional Development Funding (Note: see also Addendum C)
  1. Tuition Costs
  2. Professional Development Committee – as related to funding
3. Professional Days (Non-Instructional)
4. School Accreditation and Assessment
5. Professional Autonomy
6. Responsibilities – Duties of Teachers

## **Section G – Leaves of Absence**

1. Sick Leave, Sick Leave Portability, Preauthorized Travel for Medical Services Leave
2. Maternity and Parental Leave and Supplemental Employment Benefits Plan
3. Short Term Paternity Leave and Adoption Leave
4. Jury Duty and Appearances in Legal Proceedings
5. Educational Leave and Leave for Exams
6. Bereavement/Funeral Leave
7. Leave for Family Illness, Care of Dependent Child or Relative, Emergency or Long Term Chronic Leave, Compassionate Care Leave
8. Discretionary Leave, Short Term General Leave and Personal Leave
9. Leave for Elected Office and Leave for Community Services

10. Worker's Compensation Leave
11. Leave of Absence Incentive Plan
12. Religious Holidays
13. Leave to Attend Retirement Seminars
14. Leave for Communicable Disease
15. Leave for Conference Participation
16. Leave for Competitions
17. Leave for Teacher Exchange
18. Secondment and Leave for external employment
19. Leave for University Convocations, Leave for graduation, Exams
20. Leave for Special Circumstances including: Citizenship, Marriage, Weather Leaves
21. Leave for Blood, Tissue and Organ Donations, Leave for Bone Marrow, Cell Separation Program Participation
22. Miscellaneous Leaves with cost

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| <b>Appendix 2</b><br><b>LOCAL MATTERS</b> |
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## **Appendix 2 – Local Matters**

### **Housekeeping – Form Issues**

1. Glossary of Terms for local matters
2. Preamble, Introduction, Statement of Purpose

### **Section A – The Collective Bargaining Relationship**

1. Local Negotiation Procedures
2. Recognition of Union
3. Access to Worksite
4. Use of School Facilities
5. Bulletin Board
6. Internal Mail
7. Access to Information
8. Education Assistants, Aides, and Volunteers
9. Picket Line Protection, School Closures – Re: Picket Lines (Strikes)
10. Local Dues Deduction
11. Staff Representatives, Lead Delegates
12. Right to Representation, Due Process
13. Staff Orientation
14. Copy of Agreement

### **Section B – Salary and Economic Benefits**

1. Purchase Plans for Equipment e.g. computer purchase
2. Payroll, Deductions to Teachers Investment Account, Investment of Payroll – Choice of Bank Account
3. Employee Donations for Income Tax Purposes

## **Section C – Employment Rights**

1. Layoff-Recall, Re-Engagement
2. Part-Time Teachers' Employment Rights
  1. *Job Sharing*
  2. *Offer of Appointment to District*
  3. *Assignments*
  4. *Posting & Filling Vacant Positions*

## **Section D – Working Conditions**

1. Extra-curricular Activities
2. Staff Meetings
3. Health and Safety, including committees
4. Student Medication and Medical Procedures
5. Local Involvement in Board Budget Process,
  1. Committee – Finance Board Budget
  2. School Funds
6. Teacher Involvement in Planning New Schools
7. Space and Facilities
8. Services to Teachers e.g. translation
9. Inner City Schools, Use of Inner City Schools Funds

## **Section E – Personnel Practices**

1. Posting and Filling Vacant Position
  1. *Offer of Appointment to District*
  2. *Assignments*
  3. *Job Sharing*
  4. *Posting Procedures – Filling*
  5. *Posting & Filling Vacant Positions – School Reorganization*
  6. *Transfer: Board Initiated Transfers, Transfer related to Staff Reduction*
  7. *Creation of New Positions*
  8. *Job Description*
2. Definition of Positions and Assignments
3. Personnel Files
4. School Act Appeals
5. Input into Board Policy

6. No Discrimination
7. Multiculturalism
8. Gender Equity
9. Selection of Administrative Officers (Note: See Addendum B)
10. Parental Complaints, Public Complaints

## **Section F – Professional Rights**

1. Professional Development Committee as related to funding control (Note: see also Addendum C)
2. Committees
  1. *Professional Relations/Labour management*
  2. *Parent Advisory Council*
  3. *Joint Studies Committee*
  4. *Professional Development Committee (Note: see also Addendum C)*
  5. *Leave of Absence Committee*
3. First Nations Curriculum
4. Women's Studies
5. Fund Raising
6. Reimbursement of Classroom Expenses

## **Section G – Leaves of Absence**

1. Long Term Personal Leave
2. Extended Maternity/Parental Leave/Parenthood (or their equivalent)
3. Deferred Salary/Self Funded Leave Plans
4. Unpaid Leaves: unpaid leave not otherwise designated as a provincial matter in Appendix 1 (Provincial Matters) of the agreement, except for those elements of the clause that are provincial including: continuation of benefits, increment entitlement and matters related to pensions.

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**Addendum A To  
Letter of Understanding No. 1  
Appendix 1 and 2**

**Unpaid Leave In The Designation Of Provincial and Local Matters**

Unpaid leave shall be designated for local negotiations, except as it relates to those elements of the clause that are provincial including: continuation of benefits, increment entitlement, pension related matters, and posting and filling.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1995

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**Addendum B To  
Letter of Understanding No. 1  
Appendices 1 and 2**

**Concerning Selection of Administrative Officers**

“Selection of Administrative Officers” shall be designated as a local matter for negotiations in those districts where the Previous Local Matters Agreement contained language which dealt with this issue or its equivalent. For all other districts, “Selection of Administrative Officers” shall be deemed a provincial matter for negotiations.

The issue of Administrative Officers returning to the bargaining unit does not form part of this addendum to appendices 1 and 2.

For the purposes of paragraph one of this addendum, the parties acknowledge that language on the issue of “Selection of Administrative Officers” or its equivalent exists in the Previous Local Agreements for the following districts: Fernie, Nelson, Castlegar, Revelstoke, Vernon, Vancouver, Coquitlam, Nechako, Cowichan, Alberni and Stikine.

The parties further acknowledge that there may be language in other Previous Local Agreements on this same issue. Where that proves to be the case, “Selection of Administrative Officers” or its equivalent shall be deemed a local matter for negotiations.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1996.

**Addendum C To  
Letter of Understanding No. 1  
Appendices 1 and 2**

**Professional Development**

For the purposes of section 7 of part 3 of PELRA the parties agree as follows:

Education Assistants:

Education Assistants (formerly referred to as Teacher Assistants) language shall, for all purposes, remain as a local matter pursuant to the Letter of Understanding signed between the parties as at May 31, 1995 save and except that language which concerns the use of education assistants as alternatives for the reduction of class size and/or the pupil/teacher ratio shall be designated as a provincial matter.

Professional Development:

Language concerning the date that funds for professional development are to be made available in a district, reference to a “fund” for professional development purposes and the continued entitlement of an individual teacher to professional development funds and/or teacher-on-call time following a transfer shall be designated as local matters.

Signed this 23rd day of April 1997.

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**Addendum D To  
Letter of Understanding No. 1  
Appendices 1 and 2**

**Re: October 25, 1995 Letter of Understanding (“Unpaid Leave”) – Revised**

1. The parties agree that “unpaid leave” for the purposes of the Letter of Understanding signed between the parties on October 25, 1995 means an unpaid leave not otherwise designated as a provincial matter in Appendix 1 (Provincial Matters) of the agreement on designation of the split of issues.
2. Unpaid leave as described in (1) above shall be designated for local negotiations except for provincial considerations in the article including: continuation of benefits, increment entitlement and matters related to pensions and posting and filling.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1997.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 2**

**BETWEEN:**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**AND**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

**Re: Agreed Understanding of the Term Teacher Teaching on Call**

For the purposes of this Collective Agreement, the term Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) has the same meaning as Teacher on Call/Employee on Call (TOC/EOC) as found in the 2006-2011 Collective Agreement/Working Documents and is not intended to create any enhanced benefits.

The parties will set up a housekeeping committee to identify the terms in the Collective Agreement/working documents that will be replaced by Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC).

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

*Revised with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 3. a**

**Between**

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION  
(BCTF)  
And**

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### **Re: Section 4 of Bill 27 Education Services Collective Agreement Act**

**Transitional Issues—Amalgamated School Districts—SD.5 (Southeast Kootenay), SD.6 (Rocky Mountain), SD.8 (Kootenay Lake), SD.53 (Okanagan-Similkameen), SD.58 (Nicola-Similkameen), SD.79 (Cowichan Valley), SD.82 (Coast Mountains), SD.83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap), SD.91 (Nechako Lakes).**

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Section 4 of Bill 27 indicates that, “Effective July 1, 2002, the provisions of an agreement referred to in Column A of the following table, which provisions form part of the Collective Agreement constituted under section 2(1) of this Act, are deemed to apply for the purposes of all teachers employed by the school board in the school district referred to in the same row in Column B, and the agreements referred to in Column C are void and cease to have any effect.”

The Federation remains of the view that total compensation should be preserved for employees who are presently covered by terms and conditions that are found in local agreements identified in Column C Bill 27 Section (4) “Column C Agreements”. Total compensation includes all allowances and bonuses, including funding for professional development, currently paid to said employees. As well, the Federation maintains the view that superior benefit coverage and/or premium sharing should be preserved. Still further, it is the position of the Federation that increment values are to be preserved from Column C agreements where those increment values are greater than those found in agreements identified in Column A Bill 27 Section (4) “Column A agreements”. Lastly, a superior daily rate, both short and long term, for TTOC in the Column C agreements should continue through the term of the agreement and any bridging period. The above-cited positions of the Federation are founded, in part, on the Federation’s view that the “No Cut” provisions set out in the Column A Agreements properly apply to employees presently covered by the terms and conditions of the Column C Agreement.

Notwithstanding the Federation’s view on these matters, on a without prejudice and precedent basis to the Federation’s overall position in respect of Bill 27 “Education Services Collective Agreement Act” and Bill 28 “Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act”, including any legal or other challenges, and to any future amalgamation of school districts or local agreements consolidated as a result of amalgamation, the parties agree to the following transitional issues with respect to the implementation of Section 4 of Bill 27.

## 1.0 RATE OF PAY MAINTENANCE

Continuing and term/temporary employees now covered by Column C agreements, including employees who are laid off effective June 30, 2002, will be placed on the salary grid of the Column A agreements as of July 1, 2002 according to paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 below.

### 1.1 Continuing Employees

1.1.1 All continuing employees presently at maximum salary or who would qualify for maximum salary as at June 30, 2002 pursuant to the Column C agreement will be placed at the maximum salary in the Column A agreement effective July 1, 2002 notwithstanding that the Column A agreement may have a greater number of increment steps to maximum.

1.1.2 All other continuing employees from the Column C agreement will be placed in the Category and Experience level of the Column A agreement according to the Category and Experience earned under the Column C agreement as at June 30, 2002.

*Example:*

Fernie Grid — Category 5 step (6) as at June 30, 2002 to be placed on the Cranbrook grid at Category 5 step (7) effective July 1, 2002 provided that the employee would have qualified for an increment under the terms and conditions of the Fernie agreement.

1.1.3 Continuing employees shall be notified, in writing, of their intended grid placement under the Column A agreement for the 2002-2003 school year within one month of the signing of this Letter of Understanding.

- a. Appeals against the intended grid placement shall be heard by a committee consisting of an employee covered by the Column C agreement and an employee covered by the Column A agreement, as designated by the respective locals prior to June 30, 2002, and a person designated by the Board.
- b. Appeals must be referred to the Board and the Union by October 15, 2002.
- c. Appeals not resolved by November 15, 2002, shall be referred to step 3 of the grievance procedure, Article A.6.

1.1.4 Any continuing employee covered by a Column C agreement whose salary at June 30, 2002 (x) 1.025 is greater than that they would receive according to their salary in the Column A agreement at July 1, 2002, shall receive the difference in equal monthly instalments during the 2002-2003 school year. Such employees shall have their names and salary as at June 30, 2002 included on a "Rate of Pay Maintenance Schedule" attached to the Collective Agreement.

### Sample Rate of Pay Maintenance Schedule:

| Name  |      | Annual Salary<br>Effective June<br>30, 2002 | Monthly<br>Installment |                 |
|-------|------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|       |      |                                             | July 1,<br>2002        | July 1,<br>2003 |
| First | Last | \$39,365                                    | \$202                  | \$ 13           |
| First | Last | \$42,564                                    | \$215                  | \$ 0            |
| First | Last | \$62,752                                    | \$180                  | \$184           |

The local parties shall compile and forward the “Rate of Pay Maintenance” Schedule(s) to the provincial parties.

- 1.1.5 A continuing employee identified in 1.1.4 above whose salary at June 30, 2002 (x) 1.025 (x) 1.025 remains greater than what they would receive according to their salary in the Column A agreement at July 1, 2003, shall continue to receive the difference in equal monthly installments until June 30, 2004 and any bridging period pursuant to Article A. 1.2.
- 1.1.6 A continuing employee who, except for their involuntary layoff, would have been covered by paragraphs 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 above shall, upon recall or assignment to a term/temporary or continuing contract of employment, receive any salary differential in equal monthly installments for any time they are employed.
- 1.1.7 A continuing employee who, except for their involuntary layoff, would have been covered by paragraphs 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 above, shall, if subsequently employed as a TTOC, be placed on the “TTOC Schedule” at the daily rate they would have received under the Column C agreement effective June 30, 2002 if such daily rate is greater than the daily rate stipulated in the Column A agreement. The employee shall have their daily rate maintained until June 30, 2004 and any bridging period pursuant to Article A. 1.2 of the Collective Agreement.
- 1.1.8 The following describes the calculation for 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 above:

| Year  | Column A Agreement                                                                      | Column C Agreement                       |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 02-03 | Placement on grid according to Category and experience earned at June 30, 2002<br>= A.1 | Salary at June 30, 2002 x<br>1.025 = B.1 |
|       | ▪ (B.1 – A.1 = Difference/10= Monthly Installment)                                      |                                          |
| 03-04 | Placement on grid according to Category and experience earned at June 30, 2003<br>= A.2 | B.1 x 1.025 = B.2                        |
|       | ▪ (B.2 – A.2 = Difference/10= Monthly Installment)                                      |                                          |

- Notes: 1. For 12-month pay schedules, the divisors will be 12.
2. The above calculation presumes that increments are applied on September 1. When an increment is applied on a date other than September 1, the monthly instalment will be adjusted to reflect the salary and increment value of the Column A agreement.
3. Please refer to Appendix "A" for examples.

## 1.2 Term/Temporary Employees

- 1.2.1 A term/temporary employee covered by a Column C agreement who has worked in term/temporary assignment(s) which, in the aggregate, equal(s) a minimum of .5 FTE during the 2001-2002 school year shall have their name added to the Rate of Pay Maintenance Schedule as appropriate.
- 1.2.2 A term/temporary employee identified in paragraph 1.2.1 above, who is appointed to a term/temporary or continuing contract of employment, shall receive the monthly installment outlined in paragraphs 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 above for any time they are employed between July 1, 2002 and July 30, 2004 and any bridging period pursuant to Article A. 1.2.
- 1.2.3 A term/temporary employee covered by paragraph 1.2.1 above, shall, if subsequently employed as a TTOC, be placed on the "TTOC Schedule" at the daily rate they would have received under the Column C agreement effective June 30, 2002 if such daily rate is greater than the daily rate stipulated in the Column A agreement. The employee shall have their daily rate maintained until June 30, 2004 and any bridging period pursuant to Article A. 1.2 of the Collective Agreement.

## 1.3 TTOCs

- 1.3.1 Any TTOC on the TTOC List pursuant to a Column C agreement at June 30, 2002 whose daily rate of pay effective June 30, 2002 is greater than the daily rate stipulated in the Column A agreement effective July 1, 2002 shall have their daily rate maintained until June 30, 2004 and any bridging period pursuant to Article A. 1.2 of the Collective Agreement.
- 1.3.2 A "TTOC Schedule" shall be appended to the Collective Agreement that identifies each eligible TTOC and their daily rate at June 30, 2002.

### Sample TTOC Schedule:

| Name  |      | Daily Rate Effective June 30, 2002 |
|-------|------|------------------------------------|
| First | Last | \$159.64                           |
| First | Last | \$166.70                           |

NOTE: In some districts the daily rate for TTOCs will be the same for all TTOCs on the Schedule.

1.3.3 The daily rate of pay for non-certificated teacher replacements in School Districts #08 (Kootenay Lake) and #82 (Coast Mountains) shall continue according to the terms and conditions of the Column C agreement unless varied pursuant to 9.3.2 of this Letter of Understanding.

1.3.4 The local parties shall compile and forward these "TTOC Schedules" to the provincial parties.

#### **1.4 Employees Hired After June 30, 2002**

1.4.1 Continuing and term/temporary employees, hired after June 30, 2002, who are not covered by 1.1 and 1.2 above, shall be placed on the salary grid according to the provisions of the Column A agreement.

1.4.2 TTOC placed on the TTOC list after July 1, 2002, who are not covered by 1.3 above, shall be paid a daily rate according to the provisions of the Column A agreement.

#### **2.0 SICK LEAVE CREDITS**

Effective July 1, 2002, the accumulated sick leave credits of employees covered by a Column C agreement shall be continued. The application and subsequent accumulation of sick leave credits shall be in accordance with the Column A agreement.

#### **3.0 SENIORITY LISTS - DISTRICT-WIDE**

Seniority lists shall be established on a district-wide basis. The local parties shall compile and forward the district-wide seniority list to the provincial parties. For administrative purposes, the local parties may establish administrative lists from the district-wide seniority list which set out the relative seniority of employees by geographic region.

#### **4.0 STAFFING PROVISIONS - TRANSITIONAL EFFECTIVE DATE**

In accordance to Section 4 of Bill 27, the staffing provisions of the Column C agreement becomes void on July 1, 2002 and the staffing provisions of the Column A agreement will apply to all teachers throughout the district. In recognition that this effective date (July 1, 2002) is in the midst of the yearly staffing process (May — October), subject to the local parties agreement and the approval of the provincial parties, the following options pertaining to staffing provisions are available:

- i. The Column A staffing provisions would take effect prior to July 1, 2002 (implement staffing provisions from the Column A agreement early).
- ii. The staffing provisions of the Column A agreement would take effect after July 1, 2002 but no later than October 31, 2002 (delayed implementation of the staffing provisions from the Column A agreement).

It is understood that the above are only options to consider and failing agreement of all parties, the staffing provisions of the Column A agreement will take effect for all employees in the district on July 1, 2002.

Should the local parties agree to one of the alternatives available, this agreement will be forwarded to the provincial parties for approval.

## **5.0 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES - STAFFING PROVISIONS**

In the event that the local parties wish to incorporate geographical boundaries/factors into the Column A agreement's staffing provisions, the mid contract modification process would apply, i.e., these amendments to the Column A agreement would be agreed upon at the local level and submitted to the provincial parties for approval.

## **6.0 LEAVES COMMENCING PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2002**

If a leave was approved and commenced under the Column C agreement prior to July 1, 2002 and is to continue past July 1, 2002, the terms and conditions of this leave, including the method of returning from leave of the Column C agreement would continue to apply for the duration of that leave. The Column A agreement would apply to all leaves that commence after June 30, 2002.

## **7.0 SALARY PLANS**

### **7.1 Deferred Salary Plan**

Employees who have commenced a deferred salary plan under the Column C agreement shall be eligible to continue this plan until its completion under the terms and conditions contained in the Column C agreement, including any provisions related to return from leave.

### **7.2 12 Month Payroll Savings Plan/ 12-Month Pay Plan**

Employees currently on a 12-month payroll savings plan or a 12-month pay plan under the Column C agreement shall continue with that plan until August 31, 2002 under the terms and conditions contained in the Column C agreement.

## **8.0 BENEFIT PLANS - TURNOVER DATE**

- 8.1 In SD.83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) premiums for benefits are paid in advance and calculated for deduction over the course of the year. As a result, the turnover date for benefits in SD.83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) will be delayed until October 1, 2002, i.e., the benefit plans under the Column C agreement would continue to apply until September 30, 2002 and the benefit plans under the Column A agreement would then start to apply on October 1, 2002.
- 8.2 Effective September 1, 2002, employees under the Column A agreement in SD.53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) will be covered by a new benefit provider. As a result, the turnover date for benefits in SD.53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) will be delayed until September 1, 2002, i.e., the benefit plans under the Column C agreement would continue to apply until August 31, 2002 and the benefit plans under the Column A agreement would start to apply on September 1, 2002.

## **9.0 INCLUSIONS**

### **9.1 List**

The following list sets out membership in the teachers' bargaining unit, as defined by PELRA, currently included in the Column C agreement, by variation of the LRB, but not included for purposes of the Column A agreement.

- i SD.6 (Rocky Mountain) — Employees instructing adult education academic credit courses.
- ii SD.82 (Coast Mountains) — Speech Language Pathologists and uncertified substitute teachers.
- iii SD.83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) — Persons employed to teach the Family Life curriculum in the Family Life Education program and Speech Language Pathologists
- iv SD.91 (Nechako Lakes) — Associated professionals including Speech Language Pathologists, Native Educational Counsellors, Native Language and Culture Instructors.

### **9.2 School District No.8 (Kootenay Lake)**

Non-certificated teacher replacements are currently included in the Column C agreement and are members of the teachers' bargaining unit but are not included in the Column A agreement.

### **9.3 Application**

- 9.3.1 After June 30, 2002, in the geographical area of the former Column C agreement, all employees listed in 9.1 and 9.2 above shall remain, or, in the case of new employees, shall become, members of the teachers' bargaining unit and the BCTF.
- 9.3.2 BCPSEA and the BCTF shall determine the terms and conditions of employment for the employees identified in 9.1 and 9.2 above. Should the parties be unable to reach agreement, the terms of Article A. 1.4 of the Collective Agreement shall apply.
- 9.3.3 In the geographical area of the former Column A agreement, employees listed in the above classifications shall not become members of the bargaining unit except through the processes provided in the Labour Code.

### **9.4 School District No.79 (Cowichan Valley)**

Employees instructing Adult Education (Adult Basic Education and High School Completion) programs in the former School District No.65 (Cowichan) and former School District No.66 (Lake Cowichan) are included in the bargaining unit and are covered by the terms and conditions of employment in the Column A agreement.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002

*Revised with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

# Appendix "A" to LOU Re: Section 4 of Bill 27

## School District No. 5

### Collective Agreement Effective July 1, 2002 (former S.D. 2)

| TOS | Exp. | June 30/01 | July 1/01 | July 1/02 | July 1/03 |
|-----|------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 4   | 0    | \$33,744   | \$34,588  | \$35,452  | \$36,338  |
| 4   | 1    | \$35,547   | \$36,436  | \$37,347  | \$38,280  |
| 4   | 2    | \$37,350   | \$38,284  | \$39,241  | \$40,222  |
| 4   | 3    | \$39,153   | \$40,132  | \$41,135  | \$42,163  |
| 4   | 4    | \$40,956   | \$41,980  | \$43,029  | \$44,105  |
| 4   | 5    | \$42,759   | \$43,828  | \$44,924  | \$46,047  |
| 4   | 6    | \$44,562   | \$45,676  | \$46,818  | \$47,988  |
| 4   | 7    | \$46,365   | \$47,524  | \$48,712  | \$49,930  |
| 4   | 8    | \$48,168   | \$49,372  | \$50,607  | \$51,872  |
| 4   | 9    | \$49,971   | \$51,220  | \$52,501  | \$53,813  |
| 4   | 10   | \$51,774   | \$53,068  | \$54,395  | \$55,755  |

Example #1 Teacher hired under old PLA S.D. 1 - Cat. 4, Step 0 = \$38,405 on June 30, 2002

|                     | Compare with | Annual Difference | Monthly Installment* |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Placed on new scale | 1-Jul-02     | \$37,347          | \$202                |
|                     | 1-Jul-03     | \$40,222          | \$13                 |

Example #2 Teacher hired under old PLA S.D. 1 - Cat. 4, Step 10 = \$52,880 on June 30, 2002

|                     | Compare with | Annual Difference | Monthly Installment* |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Placed on new scale | 1-Jul-02     | \$54,395          | \$0                  |
|                     | 1-Jul-03     | \$55,755          | \$0                  |

\* Monthly installment assumes annual salary paid over 10 months

School District No. 5

Collective Agreement Effective July 1, 2002 (former S.D. 2)

| TQS | Exp. | June 30/01 | July 1/01 | July 1/02 | July 1/03 |
|-----|------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 5   | 0    | \$38,378   | \$39,337  | \$40,321  | \$41,329  |
| 5   | 1    | \$40,513   | \$41,526  | \$42,564  | \$43,628  |
| 5   | 2    | \$42,648   | \$43,714  | \$44,807  | \$45,927  |
| 5   | 3    | \$44,783   | \$45,903  | \$47,050  | \$48,226  |
| 5   | 4    | \$46,918   | \$48,091  | \$49,293  | \$50,626  |
| 5   | 5    | \$49,053   | \$50,279  | \$51,536  | \$52,825  |
| 5   | 6    | \$51,188   | \$52,468  | \$53,779  | \$55,124  |
| 5   | 7    | \$53,323   | \$54,656  | \$56,022  | \$57,423  |
| 5   | 8    | \$55,458   | \$56,844  | \$58,266  | \$59,722  |
| 5   | 9    | \$57,593   | \$59,033  | \$60,509  | \$62,021  |
| 5   | 10   | \$59,728   | \$61,221  | \$62,752  | \$64,321  |

Example # 3 Teacher hired under old PLA S.D. 1 - Cat. 5, Step 0 = \$43,626 on June 30, 2002

|  | Placed on new scale | 1-Jul-02 | 5.1 | \$42,564 | Compare with<br>\$43,626 +2.5% | \$44,717 | Annual<br>Difference | \$2,153 | Monthly<br>Installment* | \$215 |
|--|---------------------|----------|-----|----------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|  |                     | 1-Jul-03 | 5.2 | \$45,927 |                                | \$45,835 |                      | \$0     |                         | \$0   |

Example #4 Teacher hired under old PLA S.D. 1 - Cat. 5+, Step 10 = \$62,976 on June 30, 2002

Salary grid does not contain Category 5+, therefore placed on Category 5

|  | Placed on new scale | 1-Jul-02 | 5.10 | \$62,752 | Compare with<br>\$62,976 +2.5% | \$64,550 | Annual<br>Difference | \$1,798 | Monthly<br>Installment* | \$180 |
|--|---------------------|----------|------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|  |                     | 1-Jul-03 | 5.10 | \$64,321 |                                | \$66,154 |                      | \$1,843 |                         | \$184 |

\* Monthly Installment assumes annual salary paid over 10 months

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 3.b**

**BETWEEN:**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**AND**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

**Re: Section 27.4 Education Services Collective Agreement Act**

The parties agree that the amounts paid to employees at June 30, 2013, pursuant to the "Rate of Pay Maintenance" provisions of the Letter of Understanding (June 25, 2002) shall continue. Those same amounts shall be increased by the same percentage increases as are applied to the Column A salary grids in the applicable district.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 4

### BETWEEN:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### AND

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

### **Re: Employment Equity – Indigenous Peoples**

The parties recognize that Indigenous Peoples are underrepresented in the public education system. The parties are committed to redressing the under-representation of Indigenous Peoples in the workforce.

The parties therefore agree that:

1. They will encourage and assist boards of education, with the support of the local teachers' unions, to develop and implement employment equity initiatives that would serve to recruit and retain Indigenous employees, including where appropriate, to make application to the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner under section 42 of the *Human Rights Code* to obtain approval for a "special program".
2. They will encourage and assist boards of education and local teachers' unions, including by providing support for local negotiations when requested by their respective local parties, to provide:
  - a. priority hiring rights to Indigenous applicants; and
  - b. priority in the post and fill process, layoff protections, and recall rights for Indigenous employees.
3. The parties' support for employment equity initiatives is not limited to positions funded by targeted Indigenous Education Funding.
4. The provincial parties will jointly:
  - a. develop communications which will support the implementation of employment equity initiatives in districts; and
  - b. maintain an Implementation Guide and online training for boards of education and local teachers' unions, to be made available on an ongoing basis, and shared annually if requested by either party.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

*Revised this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026*

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 5

### BETWEEN:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### AND

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

### **Re: Teacher Supply and Demand Initiatives**

The BC Teachers' Federation and the BC Public School Employer's Association agree to support the recruitment and retention of a qualified teaching force in British Columbia.

#### **1. Remote Recruitment & Retention Allowance:**

- a. Each full-time equivalent employee in the schools or school districts identified in Schedule A is to receive an annual recruitment allowance as shown below upon commencing employment. Each part-time equivalent employee is to receive a recruitment allowance pro-rated to their full-time equivalent position.

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Effective July 1, 2025 | \$3,126 |
| Effective July 1, 2026 | \$3,500 |
| Effective July 1, 2027 | \$4,000 |
| Effective July 1, 2028 | \$5,000 |

- b. All employees identified will receive the annual recruitment allowance in 1.a as a retention allowance each continuous year thereafter. Each part-time employee is to receive a retention allowance pro-rated to their full-time equivalent position.
- c. The allowance will be paid as a monthly allowance.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

*Revised this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026*

**Schedule A to Provincial Letter of Understanding No. 5 Re: Teacher Supply and Demand Initiatives**

**Schedule A - List of Approved School Districts or Schools**

| <b>School Name</b>                                                     | <b>Town/Community</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>05 - Southeast Kootenay (<i>only part of district approved</i>)</b> |                       |
| Jaffray Elementary/Jr Secondary                                        | Jaffray               |
| Grasmere                                                               | Grasmere              |
| Elkford Secondary                                                      | Elkford               |
| Rocky Mountain Elementary                                              | Elkford               |
| District Learning Centre - Elkford                                     | Elkford               |
| Sparwood Secondary                                                     | Sparwood              |
| Frank J Mitchell Elementary                                            | Sparwood              |
| Mountain View Elementary                                               |                       |
| Fernie Secondary                                                       | Fernie                |
| Isabella Dickens                                                       | Fernie                |
| District Learning Centre                                               | Fernie                |
| District Learning Centre                                               | Sparwood              |
| <b>06 - Rocky Mountain (<i>entire district approved</i>)</b>           |                       |
| <b>08 - Kootenay Lake (<i>entire district approved</i>)</b>            |                       |
| <b>10- Arrow Lake (<i>entire district approved</i>)</b>                |                       |
| <b>20 - Kootenay Columbia (<i>entire district approved</i>)</b>        |                       |
| <b>27 - Cariboo Chilcotin (<i>only part of district approved</i>)</b>  |                       |
| Anahim Lake                                                            | Anahim Lake           |
| Tatla Lake Elementary and Jr Secondary                                 | Tatla Lake            |
| Forest Grove Elementary                                                |                       |
| Alexis Creek                                                           | Alexis Creek          |
| Likely Elementary                                                      | Likely                |
| Naghtaneqed Elementary                                                 | Nemiah                |
| Dog Creek Elementary Jr Secondary                                      | Dog Creek             |
| Big Lake Elementary                                                    | Big Lake              |
| Bridge Lake Elementary                                                 | Bridge Lake           |
| Horsefly Elementary                                                    | Horsefly              |
| Buffalo Creek Elem                                                     | Buffalo Creek         |
| <b>28 - Quesnel (<i>only part of district approved</i>)</b>            |                       |
| Narcosli Elementary                                                    | Narcosli              |
| Red Bluff Elementary                                                   |                       |
| Nazko Valley Elementary                                                | Nazko                 |
| Wells Elementary                                                       | Wells                 |
| Kersley Elementary                                                     | Kersley               |

|                                                            |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Lakeview Elementary                                        | Lakeview      |
| Barlow Creek Elementary                                    | Barlow Creek  |
| Parkland Elementary                                        | Moose Heights |
| Bouchie Lake                                               | Bouchie Lake  |
| <b>47 - Powell River (only part of district approved)</b>  |               |
| Texada Elementary                                          | Texada Island |
| Kelly Creek Elementary                                     |               |
| <b>49 - Central Coast (Entire District)</b>                |               |
| <b>50 - Haida Gwaii (Entire District)</b>                  |               |
| <b>51 - Boundary (only part of district approved)</b>      |               |
| Beaverdell Elementary                                      | Beaverdell    |
| Big White Elementary                                       | Big White     |
| Christina Lake Elementary                                  |               |
| Dr. DA Perley Elementary                                   |               |
| Grand Forks Secondary                                      | Grand Forks   |
| Greenwood Elem                                             | Greenwood     |
| John A Hutton Elementary                                   |               |
| Midway Elementary                                          | Midway        |
| Boundary Central Secondary                                 | Midway        |
| West Boundary Elementary                                   | Rock Creek    |
| <b>52 - Prince Rupert (Entire District)</b>                |               |
| <b>54 - Bulkley Valley (entire district approved)</b>      |               |
| <b>57 - Prince George (only part of district approved)</b> |               |
| Dunster Elementary                                         | Dunster       |
| Mackenzie Elementary                                       | Mackenzie     |
| Mackenzie Secondary                                        | Mackenzie     |
| Morfee Elementary                                          | Mackenzie     |
| McBride Secondary                                          | McBride       |
| McBride Elementary                                         | McBride       |
| Hixon Elementary                                           | Hixon         |
| Giscome Elementary                                         | Giscome       |
| Valemount Secondary                                        | Valemount     |
| Valemount Elementary                                       | Valemount     |
| <b>59 - Peace River South (Entire District)</b>            |               |
| <b>60 - Peace River North (Entire District)</b>            |               |
| <b>64 - Gulf Islands (only part of district approved)</b>  |               |
| Saturna Elementary                                         | Saturna       |
| <b>69 - Qualicum (only part of district approved)</b>      |               |
| False Bay                                                  | Lasqueti      |
| <b>70 - Alberni (only part of district approved)</b>       |               |
| Bamfield                                                   | Bamfield      |
| Wickanninish                                               | Tofino        |
| Ucluelet Elementary                                        | Ucluelet      |

|                                                                           |                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Ucluelet Secondary                                                        | Ucluelet                                        |
| <b>72 - Campbell River (only part of district approved)</b>               |                                                 |
| Surge narrows                                                             | Read Island                                     |
| Sayward Elem                                                              | Village of Sayward                              |
| Cortes Island                                                             | Cortes island                                   |
| <b>73 - Kamloops/Thompson (only part of district approved)</b>            |                                                 |
| Blue River Elementary                                                     | Blue River                                      |
| Vavenby Elementary                                                        | Vavenby                                         |
| Brennan Creek                                                             | Brennan Creek                                   |
| <b>74 - Gold Trail (only part of district approved)</b>                   |                                                 |
| Gold Bridge Community                                                     | Gold Bridge/ Bralorne                           |
| Sk'il' Mountain Community                                                 | Seton Portage/South Shalalth/Shalalth           |
| Lytton Elementary                                                         |                                                 |
| Kumsheen Secondary                                                        |                                                 |
| Venables Valley Community                                                 | Venables Valley                                 |
| Cayoosh Elementary                                                        | Lillooet/Pavilion/ Fountain/Band Communities    |
| George M. Murray Elementary                                               | Lillooet/ Pavilion / Fountain/Band communities  |
| Lillooet Secondary                                                        | Lillooet / Pavilion / Fountain/Band communities |
| <b>81 - Fort Nelson (Entire District)</b>                                 |                                                 |
| <b>82 - Coast Mountain (Entire District)</b>                              |                                                 |
| <b>84 - Vancouver Island West (entire district approved)</b>              |                                                 |
| <b>85 - Vancouver Island North (Entire District)</b>                      |                                                 |
| <b>87 - Stikine (Entire District)</b>                                     |                                                 |
| <b>91 - Nechako Lakes (Entire District)</b>                               |                                                 |
| <b>92 - Nisga'a (Entire District)</b>                                     |                                                 |
| <b>93 - Conseil Scolaire Francophone (only part of district approved)</b> |                                                 |
| École des Cinq Saumons                                                    | Terrace                                         |
| École Sophie-Morigeau                                                     | Fernie                                          |
| École des Sept-sommets                                                    | Rossland                                        |
| École des Sentiers-alpins                                                 | Nelson                                          |
| École secondaire de Nelson                                                | Nelson                                          |
| École La Confluence                                                       | Golden                                          |
| École La Grande-ourse                                                     | Smithers                                        |
| École Mélèzes-Dorés                                                       | Kimberley                                       |

*Note: Where a school was previously included in Schedule A and subsequently closed, and the school re-opens or a new public school opens in the same location, that school shall be considered to be included in the list.*

*Note: The following schools will receive the allowance under this Letter of Understanding effective July 1, 2026:*

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| École Sophie-Morigeau     | Fernie   |
| École des Sept-sommets    | Rossland |
| École des Sentiers-alpins | Nelson   |

*École secondaire de Nelson*  
*École La Confluence*  
*École La Grande-ourse*  
*École Mélèzes-Dorés*

*Nelson*  
*Golden*  
*Smithers*  
*Kimberley*

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 6

### BETWEEN

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### AND

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

#### **Re: Article C.2. – Porting of Seniority – Separate Seniority Lists**

This agreement was necessitated by the fact that some districts have a separate seniority list for adult education teachers, i.e., 1 seniority list for K – 12 and a second separate seniority list for adult education seniority. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this agreement is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decisions with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed and considered at labour management. There are 4 possible situations and applications:

1. Teacher in a district with 1 list ports to a district with 1 list (1 to 1)
  - Both K – 12 and adult education seniority are contained on a single list in both districts.
  - Normal rules of porting apply.
  - No more than 1 year of seniority can be credited and ported for any single school year.
  - Maximum of 20 years can be ported.
2. Teacher in a district with 2 separate lists ports to a district with 2 separate lists (2 to 2)
  - Both K – 12 and adult education seniority are contained on 2 separate lists in both districts.
  - Both lists remain separate when porting.
  - Up to 20 years of K – 12 and up to 20 years of adult education can be ported to the corresponding lists.
  - Although the seniority is ported from both areas, the seniority is only activated and can be used in the area in which the teacher attained the continuing appointment. The seniority remains dormant and cannot be used in the other area unless/until the employee subsequently attains a continuing appointment in that area.
  - For example, teacher A in District A currently has 8 years of K – 12 seniority and 6 years of adult education seniority. Teacher A secures a K – 12 continuing appointment in District B. Teacher A can port 8 years of K – 12 seniority and 6 years of adult education seniority to District B. However, only the 8 years of K – 12 seniority will be activated while the 6 years of adult education seniority will remain dormant. Should teacher A achieve a continuing appointment in adult

education in District B in the future, the 6 years of adult education seniority shall be activated at that time.

3. Teacher in a district with 2 separate lists ports to a district with 1 seniority list (2 to 1)
  - A combined total of up to 20 years of seniority can be ported.
  - No more than 1 year of seniority can be credited for any single school year.
4. Teacher in a district with 1 single seniority list ports to a district with 2 separate seniority lists (1 to 2)
  - Up to 20 years of seniority could be ported to the seniority list to which the continuing appointment was received.
  - No seniority could be ported to the other seniority list.
  - For example, teacher A in District A currently has 24 years of seniority and attains a K – 12 position in District B which has 2 separate seniority lists. Teacher A could port 20 years of seniority to the K – 12 seniority list in District B and 0 seniority to the adult education seniority list in District B.

The porting of seniority only applies to seniority accrued within the provincial BCTF bargaining unit. The porting of seniority is not applicable to adult education seniority accrued in a separate bargaining unit or in a separate BCTF bargaining unit.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 7**

### **BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **AND**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

#### **Re: Article C.2 – Porting of Seniority & Article G.1 Portability of Sick Leave – Simultaneously Holding Part-Time Appointments in Two Different Districts**

The following letter of understanding is meant to clarify the application of Article C.2.2 and G.1 of the provincial Collective Agreement with respect to the situation where a teacher simultaneously holds part-time continuing appointments in two (2) separate school districts, i.e., currently holds a part-time continuing appointment in one (1) district and then subsequently obtains a second part-time continuing appointment in a second district. Should this specific situation occur, the following application of Article C.2.2 and G.1 shall apply:

1. The ability to port sick leave and seniority cannot occur until the employee either resigns/terminates their employment from the porting district or receives a full leave of absence from the porting district.
2. The requirement for the teacher to initiate the sick leave verification process (90 days\* from the initial date of hire) and the seniority verification process (within 90 days\* of a teacher's appointment to a continuing contract) and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district shall be held in abeyance pending either the date of the employee's resignation/termination of employment from the porting district or the employee receiving a full leave of absence from the porting district.

[\* Note: effective November 30, 2022, initiation of sick leave and seniority verification process was increased from 90 days to 120 days.]

3. Should a teacher port seniority under this Letter of Understanding, there will be a period of time when the employee will be accruing seniority in both districts. For this period of time (the period of time that the teacher simultaneously holds part-time continuing appointments in both districts up until the time the teacher ports), for the purpose of porting, the teacher will be limited to a maximum of 1 years seniority for each year.
4. Should a teacher receive a full-time leave and port seniority and/or sick leave under this letter of understanding, the rules and application described in the Irene Holden award of June 7, 2007 concerning porting while on full-time leave shall then apply.

5. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this agreement is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decision with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed and considered at labour management.

The following examples are intended to provide further clarification:

#### Example 1

Part-time employee in district A has 5 years of seniority. On September 1, 2007 they also obtain a part-time assignment in district B. On June 30, 2008, the employee resigns from district A. The employee will have 90 days from June 30, 2008 to initiate the seniority and/or sick leave verification processes and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district for the porting of seniority and/or sick leave. No seniority and/or sick leave can be ported to district B until the employee has resigned or terminated their employment in district A. Once ported, the teacher's seniority in district B cannot exceed a total of 1 year for the September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 school year.

#### Example 2

Part-time employee in district A has 5 years of seniority. On September 1, 2007 they also obtain a part-time assignment in district B. On September 1, 2008, the employee receives a leave of absence from district A for their full assignment in district A. The employee will have 90 days from September 1, 2008 to initiate the seniority and/or sick leave verification process and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district for the porting of seniority. The Irene Holden award dated June 7, 2007 will then apply. No seniority can be ported to district B until the employee's leave of absence is effective. Once ported, the teacher's seniority in district B cannot exceed a total of 1 year for the September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 school year.

The porting of seniority and sick leave only applies to seniority and sick leave accrued with the provincial BCTF bargaining unit. The porting of seniority and sick leave is not applicable to seniority accrued in a separate bargaining unit or in a separate BCTF bargaining unit.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

*Revised with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

\* Note: effective November 30, 2022, initiation of sick leave and seniority verification process was increased from 90 days to 120 days.

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 8**

### **BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **AND**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

#### **Re: Article C.2 – Porting of Seniority – Laid off Teachers who are Currently on the Recall List**

The following letter of understanding is meant to clarify the application of Article C.2.2 of the provincial Collective Agreement with respect to the situation where a laid off teacher on recall in district A obtains a continuing appointment in district B, i.e., while holding recall rights in one (1) district obtains a continuing appointment in a second district. Should this specific situation occur, the following application of Article C.2.2 shall apply:

1. Laid off teacher holding recall rights in one school district may port up to twenty (20) years of seniority to a second school district when they secure a continuing appointment in that second school district.
2. Such ported seniority must be deducted from the accumulation in the previous school district for all purposes except recall; for recall purposes only, the teacher retains the use of the ported seniority in their previous district.
3. If the recall rights expire or are lost, the ported seniority that was deducted from the accumulation in the previous school district will become final for all purposes and would be treated the same way as if the teacher had ported their seniority under normal circumstances. No additional seniority from the previous school district may be ported.
4. If the teacher accepts recall to a continuing appointment in the previous district, only the ported amount of seniority originally ported can be ported back, i.e., no additional seniority accumulated in the second school district can be ported to the previous school district.
5. The ability to port while on layoff/recall is limited to a transaction between two districts and any subsequent porting to a third district can only occur if the teacher terminates all employment, including recall rights with the previous school district.

6. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this letter of understanding is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decision with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed between the parties.
7. This letter of understanding in no way over-rides any previous local provisions currently in effect which do not permit a teacher maintaining recall rights in one district while holding a continuing position in another school district.

The following examples are intended to provide further clarification:

Example 1

A Teacher has 3 years of seniority in district "A" has been laid off with recall rights. While still holding recall rights in district "A", the teacher secures a continuing appointment in district "B". Once ported, this teacher would have 3 years seniority in district "B", 3 years of seniority in district "A" for recall purposes only and 0 years of seniority in district "A" for any other purposes. This teacher after working 1 year in district "B" accepts recall to a continuing appointment in district "A". Only 3 years of seniority would be ported back to district "A" and for record keeping purposes, the teacher's seniority record in district "B" would be reduced from 4 years down to 1 year.

Example 2

A Teacher has 3 years of seniority in district "A" has been laid off with recall rights. While still holding recall rights in district "A", the teacher secures a continuing appointment in district "B". Once ported, this teacher would have 3 years seniority in district "B", 3 years of seniority in district "A" for recall purposes only and 0 years of seniority in district "A" for any other purposes. After working 2 years in school district "B" this teacher's recall rights in school district "A" are lost. No further seniority can be ported from district "A" to district "B" and for record keeping purposes, the teacher's seniority record in district "A" would be zero for all purposes.

Original signed March 26, 2020

*Revised with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 9**

### **BETWEEN:**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **AND**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

### **Re: Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan**

1. The Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan as provided for under Article B.11.1 is as set out in Appendix A to this Letter of Understanding.
2. The Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan may only be amended or altered by agreement of BCPSEA and the BCTF.
3. The carrier/insurer for the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan may only be changed with prior consultation between BCPSEA and the BCTF.

The consultation process will be consistent with the 2012 process. In the event of a dispute in the selection/change of the carrier/insurer, the matter shall be referred to Mark Brown, or an agreed-upon alternative, to be dealt with on an expedited basis.

This provision covers any district or local that is part of the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan.

4. Any efficiencies or cost reductions achieved as a direct result of the establishment of the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan will be used to further enhance the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan.
5. The Provincial Extended Health Benefit plan does not include a medical referral travel plan (a "MRTP"). However, any school district that elects to participate in the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan and currently has a MRTP will continue to provide a MRTP.
6. Where the local union elects not to participate in the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan, the school district will continue to provide the existing extended health benefit plan between the parties.

7. As of September 1, 2022, local unions representing all members in the following school districts have voted against joining the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan:
  - a. Vancouver Teachers' Federation [VSTA, VEAES]<sup>1</sup> / SD No. 39 (Vancouver)
  - b. Coquitlam Teachers' Association / SD No. 43 (Coquitlam)
8. The local unions representing all members in the school districts in paragraphs 7.a and 7.b may elect to join the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan at any time during the term of the Collective Agreement.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012

*Revised this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026*

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<sup>1</sup> The references to VSTA and VEAES represent internal union organization. The reference to the Vancouver Teachers' Federation is for Collective Agreement matters.

## Appendix A to Letter of Understanding No. 9

| <b>Benefit Provision</b>                                                                                          | <b>Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan</b>                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reimbursement                                                                                                     | 80% until \$1,000 paid per person, then 100%                                              |
| Annual Deductible                                                                                                 | \$50 per policy                                                                           |
| Lifetime Maximum                                                                                                  | Unlimited                                                                                 |
| Coverage Termination                                                                                              | June 30 <sup>th</sup> following an employee attaining age 75, or upon earlier retirement. |
| <b>Prescription Drugs</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                           |
| Drug Formulary                                                                                                    | Blue Rx                                                                                   |
| Pay-Direct Drug Card                                                                                              | Yes                                                                                       |
| Per Prescription Deductible                                                                                       | \$0                                                                                       |
| Sexual Dysfunction                                                                                                | Covered                                                                                   |
| Oral Contraceptives                                                                                               | Covered                                                                                   |
| Fertility                                                                                                         | \$20,000 Lifetime Maximum                                                                 |
| Vaccines                                                                                                          | HPV Vaccine; Shingles Vaccines                                                            |
| <b>Medical Services and Supplies</b>                                                                              |                                                                                           |
| Medi-Assist                                                                                                       | Included                                                                                  |
| Out-of-province emergency medical                                                                                 | Covered                                                                                   |
| Ambulance                                                                                                         | Covered                                                                                   |
| Hospital                                                                                                          | Private/Semi-Private                                                                      |
| Private Duty Nursing (including In-home)                                                                          | \$20,000 per year                                                                         |
| Miscellaneous Services and Supplies (subject to reasonable and customary limits as defined by Pacific Blue Cross) | Covered<br>Note: Coverage includes Dexcom Continuous Glucose Monitor                      |

| <b>Medical Services and Supplies continued</b>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gender Affirming Care                                                                                     | Effective July 1, 2026: Equivalent benefits to those included in the PBC Core + enhanced coverage<br>\$30,000 Lifetime Maximum<br>Effective July 1, 2028: Equivalent benefits to those included in the PBC Core + enhanced coverage<br>\$50,000 Lifetime Maximum |
| Hearing aids                                                                                              | \$3,500 per 48 months<br>Effective July 1, 2026: \$4000 per 48 months                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Orthopedic shoes                                                                                          | \$500 per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Orthotics                                                                                                 | \$500 per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Vision Care</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Maximum                                                                                                   | \$650 per 24 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Eye exams per 24 months                                                                                   | 1 per 24 months*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Prescription Sunglasses                                                                                   | Included in Vision Maximum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Paramedical Services</b>                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Naturopath                                                                                                | \$1,000 per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Chiropractor                                                                                              | \$1,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Massage therapist                                                                                         | \$1,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Physiotherapist                                                                                           | \$1,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Counselling Services, including psychologist, registered clinical counsellor and registered social worker | \$1,500<br>Effective July 1, 2028: \$1,750                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Speech therapist/Audiologist<br>Audiologist added effective July 1, 2026                                  | \$800 per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Acupuncturist                                                                                             | \$1,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Podiatrist/Chiropodist                                                                                    | \$800 per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

\* Eye exams are subject to Pacific Blue Cross *Reasonable and Customary* limits.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 10**

**BETWEEN:**

**BOUNDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

**AND**

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

**AND**

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.51 (BOUNDARY)**

**AND**

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**Re: Recruitment and Retention for Teachers at Beaverdell and Big White Elementary Schools**

For the period of July 1, 2013 to the expiry of the Provincial Collective Agreement which commences on July 1, 2013 – the Board of Education School District No. 51 (Boundary) shall pay the Recruitment and Retention Allowance as per Letter of Understanding No. 5, including the additional percentage increase to salary grid as applied in this Letter of Understanding, to eligible teachers at Big White Elementary School and Beaverdell Elementary School, such that they receive the same benefits under this LoU as other teachers in SD No. 51 (Boundary).

The Boundary Teachers' Association agrees that the provisions of Article B.26.b (Posts of Special Responsibility – Allowances – French/Russian Language Program) and Article G.37 (Early Retirement Incentive Plan) will be suspended for the period of July 1, 2013 to the expiry of the Provincial Collective Agreement which commences on July 1, 2013.

This Letter of Understanding is without precedent and prejudice to any other school district.

This Letter of Understanding will expire upon the expiry of the Provincial Collective Agreement which commences on July 1, 2013.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

*Renewed with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 11**

### **BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### **AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

#### **Re: Article C.4 TTOC Employment – TTOC Experience Credit Transfer within a District**

The purpose of this letter of understanding is to address situations within a single district where a temporary/continuing teacher is also currently a Teacher Teaching on Call (TTOC) or in the past has been a TTOC.

Teachers described above accrue experience for the purpose of increment advances under two (2) separate Collective Agreement provisions (silos), i.e., within a district, the employee triggers increments under Article C.4 for TTOC experience accrued and may also trigger increments under the applicable previous local agreement increment language for temporary/continuing experience accrued.

In order to allow a TTOC the opportunity to transfer, within a district, their TTOC experience earned under Article C.4 (new provision effective September 19, 2014) towards that of the applicable previous local Collective Agreement increment language for continuing and/or temporary employees, the parties agree to the following:

1. This option can only be exercised where in a single district a temporary/continuing teacher is also currently a TTOC or in the past has been a TTOC in the same district.
2. This agreement only applies to TTOC experience earned under Article C.4 since September 19, 2014 in that district.
3. This agreement only applies to a transfer within a district. This agreement is in no way applicable to a transfer of experience or recognition of experience between districts.
4. The transfer of experience credit can only be transferred one way; from that of TTOC experience earned under Article C.4 to that of the temporary/continuing previous local agreement increment provision, i.e., it cannot be transferred for any reason from that of temporary/continuing to that of a TTOC.
5. Transfers can only be made in whole months.
6. For the purpose of transfer, 17 FTE days of TTOC experience credit will equal/be converted to one month of experience credit.

7. Should the teacher choose the option to transfer, transfers must be for the entire amount of TTOC experience in their Article C.4 bank on the deadline date for notice, i.e., with the exception of any leftover days remaining (1 – 16 days) after the whole month conversion calculation is made, no partial transfer of TTOC experience are permitted. (See example below).
8. Once transferred, the previous local Collective Agreement increment provisions for temporary/continuing employees (including effective date of increment) will apply to the TTOC experience transferred.
9. Transfers can only occur and take effect twice a year (August 31 and December 31).
10. For a transfer to occur effective August 31<sup>st</sup>, written notice from the employee to transfer must be received by the district no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding school year (see attached form A). This transfer would only include the TTOC experience accrued up until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding school year. Once written notice is received from the teacher to transfer the TTOC experience that decision is final and under no circumstances will the experience be transferred back to C.4.
11. For a transfer to occur effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, written notice from the employee to transfer must be received by the district no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year (see attached form B). This transfer would only include the TTOC experience accrued up until November 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year. Once written notice is received from the teacher to transfer the TTOC experience that decision is final and under no circumstances will the experience be transferred back to C.4. (See attached form B)
12. This agreement takes effect on the signatory date signed below.

Example:

1. On June 1, 2015, Teacher A provides written notice to the district that they would like to transfer their Article C.4 TTOC experience that they will have accrued up until June 30, 2015 (in terms of closest equivalent month) to their temporary/continuing previous local agreement increment experience bank.
2. On June 30, 2015, Teacher A has 70 TTOC days of experience accrued under Article C.4.
3. On August 31, 2015, 4 months of experience would be transferred to their experience bank under the applicable previous local Collective Agreement increment language for continuing and/or temporary employees and 2 days of TTOC experience would remain in their TTOC bank under Article C.4. (70 divided by 17 = 4 whole months, with 2 days remaining)
4. Effective August 31, 2015, the previous local Collective Agreement increment language for temporary/continuing employees would then apply to the 4 months of experience that was transferred.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015

*Revised with housekeeping 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022*

**TEACHER NOTICE: LOU 11 – TTOC EXPERIENCE TRANSFER REQUEST – FORM A**

**Re: August 31<sup>st</sup> transfers for TTOC experience accrued up to and including June 30<sup>th</sup>**

This constitutes my written notice under LOU No. 11 of the Collective Agreement that I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to transfer my eligible TTOC experience credits earned under Article C.4 (up to and including June 30, \_\_\_\_\_) to that of the applicable previous local Collective Agreement increment language for continuing and/or temporary employees. Transfer of these experience credits shall take place and be effective August 31, \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that once I submit this application to the employer, this decision to transfer is final and cannot be reversed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Receipt Confirmed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Receipt

Please Note: This written notice must be provided by the teacher and received by the district no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of the preceding school year for a transfer for TTOC experience credits earned up to and including June 30<sup>th</sup> to take effect on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following school year.

**TEACHER NOTICE: LOU 11 - TTOC EXPERIENCE TRANSFER REQUEST - FORM B**

**Re: December 31<sup>st</sup> transfers for TTOC experience accrued up to and including November 15<sup>th</sup>**

This constitutes my written notice under LOU No. 11 of the Collective Agreement that I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to transfer my eligible TTOC experience credits earned under Article C.4 (up to and including November 15, \_\_\_\_\_) to that of the applicable previous local Collective Agreement increment language for continuing and/or temporary employees. Transfer of these experience credits shall take place and be effective December 31, \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that once I submit this application to the employer, this decision to transfer is final and cannot be reversed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Receipt Confirmed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Receipt

Please Note: This written notice must be provided by the teacher and received by the district no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year for a transfer for TTOC experience credits earned up to and including November 15<sup>th</sup> to take effect on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same school year.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 12**

**BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

**AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

**Re: Agreement Regarding Restoration of Class Size, Composition, Ratios and Ancillary Language**

**WHEREAS** the Parties acknowledge that, as a result of the majority of the Supreme Court of Canada, adopting Justice Donald's conclusion that the *Education Improvement Act* was unconstitutional and of no force or effect, that the BCPSEA – BCTF Collective Agreement provisions that were deleted by the *Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act* in 2002 and again in 2012 by the *Education Improvement Act* are restored.

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties further acknowledge that the Supreme Court of Canada's decision triggered Letter of Understanding No. 17 to the 2013 – 2019 BCPSEA – BCTF Provincial Collective Agreement which required the Parties to re-open Collective Agreement negotiations regarding the Collective Agreement provisions that were restored by the Supreme Court of Canada.

**AND WHEREAS** the Parties further acknowledge that Letter of Understanding No. 17 required an agreement "regarding implementation and/or changes to the restored language".

**AND WHEREAS** this Letter of Understanding has been negotiated pursuant to the Letter of Understanding No. 17 fully and finally resolves all matters related to the implementation of the Supreme Court of Canada's Decision. As such, the Parties acknowledge that the re-opener process set out in Letter of Understanding No. 17 has been completed.

**THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE THAT:**

**I. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

### Shared Commitment to Equitable Access to Learning

1. All students are entitled to equitable access to learning, achievement and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of their education. The Parties are committed to providing all students with special needs with an inclusive learning environment which provides an opportunity for meaningful participation and the promotion of interaction with others. The implementation of this Letter of Understanding shall not result in any student being denied access to a school educational program, course, or inclusive learning environment unless the decision is based on an assessment of the student's individual needs and abilities.

### Schedule "A" of All Restored Collective Agreement Provisions

2. The Parties have developed a Schedule of BCPSEA-BCTF Collective Agreement provisions that were deleted by the *Public Education Flexibility and Choice Act* in 2002 and again in 2012 by the *Education Improvement Act* ("the restored Collective Agreement provisions") that will be implemented pursuant to this Letter of Understanding. This Schedule is attached to this Letter of Understanding as Schedule "A".

### Agreement to be Implemented

3. School staffing will be subject to the terms and this Letter of Understanding, and comply with the restored Collective Agreement provisions that are set out in Schedule "A".

## **II. NON-ENROLLING TEACHER STAFFING RATIOS**

4. All language pertaining to learning specialists shall be implemented as follows:

- A. The minimum district ratios of learning specialists to students shall be as follows (except as provided for in paragraph 4(B) below):
  - i. Teacher librarians shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one teacher librarian to seven hundred and two (702) students;
  - ii. Counsellors shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one counsellor to six hundred and ninety-three (693) students;

Effective July 1, 2026, Counsellors shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one counsellor to six hundred and thirty-nine (639) students;

Effective July 1, 2027, Counsellors shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one counsellor to five hundred and ninety-three (593) students;

Effective July 1, 2028, Counsellors shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one counsellor to five hundred and thirteen (513) students;

- iii. Learning assistance teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one learning assistance teacher to five hundred and four (504) students;

Effective July 1, 2026, Learning assistance teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one learning assistance teacher to four hundred and ninety-five (495) students;

Effective July 1, 2028, Learning assistance teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one learning assistance teacher to four hundred and eighty (480) students;

- iv. Special education resource teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one special education resource teacher to three hundred and forty-two (342) students;

Effective July 1, 2026, special education resource teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one special education resource teacher to three hundred and thirty-six (336) students;

Effective July 1, 2028, special education resource teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one special education resource teacher to three hundred and twenty (320) students;

- v. English language learner (ELL) teachers shall be provided on a minimum pro-rated basis of at least one ELL teacher per seventy-four (74) students.

- B. For the purpose of posting and /or filling FTE, the Employer may combine the non-enrolling teacher categories set out in paragraph 4 (A) (iii) - (v) into a single category. The Employer will have been deemed to have fulfilled its obligations under paragraphs 4 (A) (iii) – (v) where the non-enrolling teacher FTE of this single category is equivalent to the sum of the teachers required from categories 4 (A) (iii)-(v).

- C. Where a local Collective Agreement provided for services, caseload limits, or ratios additional or superior to the ratios provided for in paragraph 4 (A) above – the services, caseload limits or ratios from the local Collective Agreement shall apply. (Provisions to be identified in Schedule “A” to this Letter of Understanding).
- D. The aforementioned employee staffing ratios shall be based on the funded FTE student enrolment numbers as reported by the Ministry of Education.
- E. Where a non-enrolling teacher position remains unfilled following the completion of the applicable local post and fill processes, the local parties will meet to discuss alternatives for utilizing the FTE in another way. Following these discussions the Superintendent will make a final decision regarding how the FTE will be deployed. This provision is time limited and will remain in effect until the renewal of the 2025-2029 BCPSEA – BCTF provincial Collective Agreement. Following the expiration of this provision, neither the language of this provision nor the practice that it establishes regarding alternatives for utilizing unfilled non-enrolling teacher positions will be referred to in any future arbitration or proceeding.

### **III. PROCESS AND ANCILLARY LANGUAGE**

- 5. Where the local parties agree they prefer to follow a process that is different than what is set out in the applicable local Collective Agreement process and ancillary provisions, they may request that the Parties enter into discussions to amend those provisions. Upon agreement of the Parties, the amended provisions would replace the process and ancillary provisions for the respective School District and local union.  
(Provisions to be identified in Schedule “A” to the Letter of Understanding).

### **IV. CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION**

#### **PART I – CLASS SIZE PROVISIONS**

- 6. The BCPSEA – BCTF Collective Agreement provisions regarding class size that were deleted by the *Public Education and Flexibility and Choice Act* in 2002 and again in 2012 by the *Education Improvement Act* will be implemented as set out below:

#### **Class Size Provisions: K - 3**

The size of primary classes shall be limited as follows:

- A. Kindergarten classes shall not exceed 20 students;

- B. Grade 1 classes shall not exceed 22 students;
  - C. Grade 2 classes shall not exceed 22 students;
  - D. Grade 3 classes shall not exceed 22 students.
- 7. Where there is more than one primary grade in any class with primary students, the class size maximum for the lower grade shall apply.
  - 8. Where there is a combined primary/intermediate class, an average of the maximum class size of the lowest involved primary grade and the maximum class size of the lowest involved intermediate grade will apply.

#### K-3 Superior Provisions to Apply

- 9. For primary and combined primary/intermediate classes where the restored Collective Agreement provisions provide for superior class size provisions beyond those listed in paragraphs 6 through 8 above, the superior provisions shall apply. [Provisions to be identified in Schedule “A” to this Letter of Understanding].

#### Class Size Language: 4-12

- 10. The BCPSEA-BCTF Collective Agreement provisions regarding Grade 4–12 class size that were deleted by the *Public Education and Flexibility and Choice Act* in 2002 and again in 2012 by the *Education Improvement Act* will be implemented.

### **PART II – CLASS COMPOSITION PROVISIONS**

#### Implementation of Class Composition Language

- 11. The BCPSEA-BCTF Collective Agreement provisions regarding class composition that were deleted by the *Public Education and Flexibility and Choice Act* in 2002 and again in 2012 by the *Education Improvement Act* will be implemented. The Parties agree that the implementation of this language shall not result in a student being denied access to a school, educational program, course, or inclusive learning environment unless this decision is based on an assessment of the student’s individual needs and abilities.

12. The parties agree that the August 28, 2019 Jackson Arbitration on *Special Education Designations* is binding on the parties and that Arbitrator Jackson maintains jurisdiction on the implementation of the award.

### **PART III – CLASS SIZE AND COMPOSITION COMPLIANCE AND REMEDIES**

#### **Efforts to Achieve Compliance: Provincial Approach**

13. The Parties agree that paragraphs 14-16 of this agreement establish a provincial approach regarding the efforts that must be made to comply with the class size and composition provisions set out in Schedule “A” to this agreement and the remedies that are available where non-compliance occurs. This provincial approach applies to all School Districts and replaces all restored Collective Agreement provisions related to compliance and remedies for class size and composition. For clarity, the restored Collective Agreement compliance and remedy provisions that are replaced by this provincial approach are identified in Schedule “A” to this Letter of Understanding.

#### **Best Efforts to Be Made to Achieve Compliance**

14. School Districts will make best efforts to achieve full compliance with the Collective Agreement provisions regarding class size and composition. Best efforts shall include:
- A. Re-examining existing school boundaries;
  - B. Re-examining the utilization of existing space within a school or across schools that are proximate to one another;
  - C. Utilizing temporary classrooms;
  - D. Reorganizing the existing classes within the school to meet any class composition language, where doing so will not result in a reduction in a maximum class size by more than:
    - five students in grades K-3;
    - four students for secondary shop or lab classes where the local class size limits are below 30, and;
    - six students in all other grades.

These class size reductions shall not preclude a Superintendent from approving a smaller class.

Note: For the following School Districts, class sizes for K-1 split classes will not be reduced below 14 students:

- School District 10 (Arrow Lakes)
  - School District 35 (Langley)
  - School District 49 (Central Coast)
  - School District 67 (Okanagan-Skaha)
  - School District 74 (Gold Trail)
  - School District 82 (Coast Mountain)
  - School District 85 (Vancouver Island North)
- E. Renegotiating the terms of existing lease or rental contracts that restrict the School District's ability to fully comply with the restored Collective Agreement provisions regarding class size and composition;
- F. Completing the post-and-fill process for all vacant positions.

#### Non-Compliance

15. Notwithstanding paragraph 14, the Parties recognize that non-compliance with class size and composition language may occur. Possible reasons for non-compliance include, but are not limited to:

- compelling family issues;
- sibling attendance at the same school;
- the age of the affected student(s);
- distance to be travelled and/or available transportation;
- safety of the student(s);
- the needs and abilities of individual student(s);
- accessibility to special programs and services;
- anticipated student attrition;
- time of year;
- physical space limitations;
- teacher recruitment challenges.

#### Remedies for Non-Compliance

16. Where a School District has, as per paragraph 14 above, made best efforts to achieve full compliance with the restored Collective Agreement provisions regarding class size and composition, but has not been able to do so:

- A. For classes that start in September, the District will not be required to make further changes to the composition of classes or the organization of the

school after September 30 of the applicable school year. It is recognized that existing “flex factor” language that is set out in the restored Collective Agreement provisions will continue to apply for the duration of the class.

For classes that start after September, the District will not be required to make further changes to the composition of classes or the organization of schools after 21 calendar days from the start of the class. It is recognized that existing “flex factor” language that is set out in the restored Collective Agreement provisions will continue to apply for the duration of the class.

- B. Teachers of classes that do not comply with the restored class size and composition provisions will become eligible to receive a monthly remedy for non-compliance effective October 1<sup>st</sup> (or 22 calendar days from the start of the class) as follows:

$$(V) = (180 \text{ minutes}) \times (P) \times (S1 + S2)$$

V = the value of the additional compensation;

P = the percentage of a full-time instructional month that the teacher teaches the class;

S1 = the highest number of students enrolled in the class during the month for which the calculation is made minus the maximum class size for that class;

S2 = the number of students by which the class exceeds the class composition limits of the Collective Agreement during the month for which the calculation is made;

**Note:** If there is non-compliance for any portion of a calendar month the remedy will be provided for the entire month. It is recognized that adjustments to remedies may be triggered at any point during the school year if there is a change in S1 or S2.

- C. Once the value of the remedy has been calculated, the teacher will determine which of the following remedies will be awarded:
- i) Additional preparation time for the affected teacher;
  - ii) Additional non-enrolling staffing added to the school specifically to work with the affected teacher’s class;
  - iii) Additional enrolling staffing to co-teach with the affected teacher;
  - iv) Other remedies that the local parties agree would be appropriate.

In the event that it is not practicable to provide the affected teacher with any of these remedies during the school year, the local parties will meet to determine what alternative remedy the teacher will receive.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

*Revised this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026*

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 13**

**BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

**AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

**Re: Grades 4 to 12 Class Sizes**

1. In the event the Government of British Columbia removes or raises the class size maximums for grades 4 to 12 included in the *School Act*, the parties will meet and amend the Provincial Collective Agreement to include the provincial class size maximums referenced in the *School Act* as of January 2026, as a provincial minimum standard. Local provisions that provide for smaller class sizes will be maintained.
2. These meetings will occur as soon as practicable following any such legislative change, and the parties will conclude the work within three (3) months of the first meeting date, or another period as mutually agreed. During this period, grades 4 to 12 class size maximums will continue to be implemented as though the *School Act* provisions of January 2026 remain in effect.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 14**

**BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

**AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

**Re: Cultural Leave for Aboriginal Employees**

Employees in School Districts No. 61 (Greater Victoria), No. 64 (Gulf Islands), No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), No. 92 (Nisga'a), and No. 93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique) who have leaves in excess of those provided for in G.11 *Cultural Leave of Aboriginal Employees* shall maintain those leaves.

For clarification, the new leave provisions of Article G.11 are not in addition to the current provisions contained in local Collective Agreements.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 15**

**BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

**AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

**Re: Review of Local Bargaining Trial Procedure**

The parties agree to review the 2025 Local Bargaining Procedure within six (6) months of the completion of the 2025 round of provincial collective bargaining, or another period as mutually agreed to by the provincial parties.

The parties may make determinations about an extension of the Procedure without prejudice to either party's ability to raise Letter of Understanding No. 1 *Re: Designation of Provincial and Local Matters* in provincial collective bargaining.

A committee of not more than three (3) BCPSEA and three (3) BCTF representatives will complete the review. The committee will conclude its work within two (2) months of the first meeting date, or another period as mutually agreed.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

*Revised this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025*

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 16

### BETWEEN

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### AND THE

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

#### **Re: First Nations Leave for External Employment**

1. Upon request to the school district, and after at least two (2) years of continuous employment with a school district, a First Nations employee with a continuing contract shall be granted an unpaid leave of one (1) full school year to be able to work in British Columbia on their own traditional territories at:
  - a. a public school;
  - b. a school operated by a First Nation; or
  - c. a school operated by a Community Education Authority, as established by one or more participating First Nations under the *First Nations Jurisdiction over Education in British Columbia Act* (Canada).
2. Leave Request Process
  - a. Leave requests shall be for the commencement of the following school year and requests shall be provided to the employer by April 30.
  - b. A shorter or longer leave, and/or a leave with start and end dates other than the start and end of the school year, may be granted upon mutual agreement of the employee and the employer.
  - c. At the end of this leave, the employee shall be entitled to return to their original assignment.
3. Extension of Initial Leave
  - a. The employee on leave may request a contiguous extension to the leave of up to an additional one (1) year. Such leave requests shall be provided at least two (2) months prior to the leave end date.
  - b. This leave request shall not be unreasonably denied.
  - c. At the end of the extension to the leave, the employee shall be entitled to return to a comparable position.

4. Subsequent Leave Request

Upon return from the leave, and after three (3) or more years of continuous employment with the school district, an employee shall be eligible for a subsequent leave under this Article.

5. Seniority shall continue to accrue during the leave.

6. This LOU shall expire June 30, 2029, except that employees on leaves approved under this LOU at that time shall continue to have access to the return from leave and seniority provisions in 2.c, 3.c, and 5 above.

7. This LOU shall be reviewed by the provincial parties during the 2028-2029 school year, and may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 17

### BETWEEN

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### AND THE

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

#### **Re: Employment Equity – Groups That Face Disadvantage**

The parties support building a public education system workforce which reflects community diversity.

The parties recognize that Boards of Education may identify within their workforce the need to support groups who face disadvantage as recognized by the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (e.g. racialized people, people with disabilities/disabled people, 2LGBTQIA+ people, etc.).

The parties therefore agree that:

1. They will encourage and assist boards of education, with the support of the local teachers' unions, to develop and implement employment equity initiatives that would serve to recruit and retain employees from groups who face disadvantage, including where appropriate, to make application to the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (under section 42 of the *Human Rights Code*) to obtain approval for a "special program".
2. They will encourage boards of education to consult with the local teachers' unions to identify the group(s) the employment equity initiative(s) is intended to recruit and retain.
3. They will encourage boards of education to consult with the local teachers' unions to identify the position(s) to which the employment equity initiative(s) should apply. The parties recognize that an employment equity initiative(s) may be in relation to a specific position or program, or an overall hiring objective.
4. They will encourage and assist boards of education and local teachers' unions, including by providing support for local negotiations when requested by the parties, to provide:
  - a. priority hiring rights to applicants from groups who face disadvantage; and
  - b. priority in the post and fill process, layoff protections, and recall rights for employees from groups who face disadvantage.

5. In conjunction with LOU No. 4, the provincial parties will jointly:
- a. develop communications which will support the implementation of employment equity initiatives in districts; and
  - b. maintain an Implementation Guide and online training for boards of education and local teachers' unions, to be made available on an ongoing basis, and shared annually if requested by either party.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022

*Revised this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026*

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 18

### BETWEEN

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### AND THE

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

#### **Re: Secondary Preparation Time Joint Committee**

Recognizing the complexities inherent with secondary preparation time and the possible impacts on both school calendars and *School Act* regulations, a joint committee with representation from the Provincial Parties and the Ministry of Education and Child Care shall be formed to discuss and bring forward recommendations to government on changes to secondary preparation time to support the next round of bargaining.

The Provincial Parties agree as follows:

1. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, all dialogue undertaken under this LOU will be without prejudice or precedent. The Provincial Parties will not be bound by any communication, comment, suggestion, discussion, or agreement or non-agreement made by members of the Committee.
2. The meetings will commence within nine (9) months of the ratification of the 2025-2029 Provincial Collective Agreement, or at a mutually agreeable time, and conclude no later than December 31, 2027.
3. Meeting attendees will consist of up to three (3) representatives from each of the BCTF, BCPSEA, and the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The parties and/or the Ministry may bring additional resource people to the discussion as appropriate, scheduled with mutual agreement.
4. Meetings will be scheduled by agreement of the Provincial Parties and may be held at either the BCTF offices or the BCPSEA offices, both in person and virtually.
5. By December 31, 2027, or at a different date by mutual agreement of the Provincial Parties, the Committee will provide any mutually agreed to recommendations to their respective parties and/or the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 19**

### **BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### **AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

#### **Re: Adult Education**

Recognizing the complexities inherent in the implementation of Adult Education in school districts the Provincial Parties will agree as follows:

1. The parties will meet commencing September 2026, or another period as mutually agreed to by the parties, to discuss the Collective Agreement provisions as they relate to Adult Education.
2. BCPSEA and BCTF will be represented in these discussions by not more than three (3) representatives each.
3. The parties will identify and compare the terms and conditions of employment for Adult Educators in relation to secondary teachers in the same school district on the following topics:
  - a. accrual of seniority,
  - b. conversion to continuing contract,
  - c. pay on scale,
  - d. access to full-time employment,
  - e. preparation time, and
  - f. access to professional development.
4. Any agreed-to changes to collective agreement language on any item in number 3 above, will be made as mid-contract modifications, and the changes will be implemented at a mutually agreed-to time, but at a time no later than July 1, 2028.
5. For the purposes of the above the committee will have available \$0.3 million effective July 1, 2028.
6. Should the parties be unable to reach agreement on mid-contract modifications to fully allocate the funds per paragraphs 4 and 5, the parties will determine how to allocate any remaining funds by mutual agreement.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

## **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 20**

### **BETWEEN**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
(BCPSEA)**

### **AND THE**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION (BCTF)**

**Re: Joint Committee on LOU No. 12 (Re: Agreement Regarding Restoration of Class Size, Composition, Ratios and Ancillary Language)**

Recognizing the complexities inherent in the implementation of LOU No. 12 (Re: Agreement Regarding Restoration of Class Size, Composition, Ratios and Ancillary Language), the BCTF and BCPSEA (the 'Provincial Parties') agree as follows:

1. The Provincial Parties will engage in a Joint Committee regarding class size, composition, ratios, ancillary language, compliance and remedy (the 'Committee').
2. The purpose of the Committee is to engage in dialogue regarding the above, to share perspectives regarding workload and operational challenges, and to consider potential recommendations.
3. Committee meeting attendees will consist of up to four (4) representatives from each of the BCTF and BCPSEA, and up to two (2) representatives from the Ministry of Education and Child Care (the 'Committee Parties').
4. The Committee Parties will engage the assistance of a neutral third party to facilitate the Committee as follows:
  - a. Within six (6) months of the ratification of the 2025-2029 Provincial Collective Agreement, the Committee Parties will mutually agree upon, and appoint, a Facilitator.
  - b. The Facilitator will provide assistance, support, guidance and encouragement, as appropriate, to the Committee Parties as they engage in dialogue under this LOU.
  - c. The Facilitator will work with the Committee Parties to determine and coordinate the logistical arrangements necessary for the effective conduct of the meetings.
  - d. The Facilitator may meet with each of the Committee Parties separately, or with the Committee jointly.

- e. The Facilitator will not make any finding of fact or law or issue any decision, including with respect to the interpretation, application, or implementation of LOU No. 12, class size, composition, ratios, ancillary language, or compliance and remedy.
  - f. By mutual agreement, the Committee Parties may request that the Facilitator issue a report to the Committee containing recommendations, observations, and/or suggestions for next steps. Any report by the Facilitator will be non-binding, non-precedential, and without prejudice to any of the Committee Parties.
- 5. Meetings will be scheduled by agreement of the Committee Parties and may be held at either the BCTF offices or the BCPSEA offices, either in person or virtually.
  - 6. Committee Parties may invite guest speakers or topic experts to Committee meetings. The scope of participation and scheduling of these guest speakers or topic experts will be by mutual agreement of the Committee Parties.
  - 7. Unless mutually agreed otherwise, all dialogue undertaken under this LOU will be without prejudice or precedent. None of the Committee Parties will be bound by any communication, comment, suggestion, discussion, or agreement or non-agreement made by members of the Committee, or by guest speakers or topic experts.
  - 8. Committee meetings will commence January 2027, or at a different date by mutual agreement of the Committee Parties.
  - 9. By January 31, 2028, or at a different date by mutual agreement, the Committee will provide any mutually agreed-to recommendations to their respective parties and/or the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

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