

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN

ON THE ONE HAND,

**THE COMITÉ PATRONAL DE NÉGOCIATION
POUR LES CENTRES DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES FRANCOPHONES
(CPNCF)**

AND

ON THE OTHER HAND,

**THE CENTRALE DES SYNDICATS DU QUÉBEC (CSQ)
REPRESENTED BY ITS BARGAINING AGENT,
THE FÉDÉRATION DU PERSONNEL DE SOUTIEN SCOLAIRE (FPSS)**

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OF THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PARAPUBLIC SECTORS
(CQLR, chapter R-8.2)**

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CHAPTER 1-0.00 OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT, DEFINITIONS, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

1-1.00 OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT

1-1.01

The objective of the agreement shall be to establish smooth relations between the parties, to determine the employees' working conditions as well as to establish the appropriate procedures for resolving difficulties which may arise.

1-2.00 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, for the purposes of applying the agreement, the following words, terms and expressions have the meaning respectively attributed to them.

1-2.01 Seniority

Seniority as defined in article 8-1.00.

1-2.02 Fiscal Year

Period from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the following year.

1-2.03 Regular Work Year

Product of the regular workweek multiplied by fifty-two (52) weeks.

1-2.04 Bureau national de placement

Placement bureau composed of the Fédération and the Ministère.

1-2.05 Centrale

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ).

1-2.06 School Service Centre

The school service centre bound by the agreement. The expression "school service centre" shall replace the expression "board" as stipulated in the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3).

1-2.07 Class of Employment

Any of the classes of employment the titles of which appear in the salary scales in Appendix 1 of the agreement and those which could eventually be created in accordance with clause 6-1.13.

1-2.08 Classification

Assignment to an employee of a class of employment and, if any, a step in the salary scale applicable to him or her in accordance with the agreement.

1-2.09 Spouse

Spouses mean persons:

- a) who are married or joined in civil union and cohabiting;
- b) of the same or opposite sex who are living together in a conjugal relationship and are the father and mother of the same child;
- c) of the same or opposite sex who have been living together in a conjugal relationship for at least one year.

It being understood that the dissolution of the marriage by divorce or annulment, the dissolution of the civil union as provided for by law, and any de facto separation for more than three (3) months in the case of persons living together in a conjugal relationship shall mean the loss of spousal status.

1-2.10 Agreement

This collective agreement.

1-2.11 Fédération

The Fédération des centres de services scolaires du Québec (FCSSQ).

1-2.12 Grievance

Any disagreement regarding the interpretation or application of the agreement.

1-2.13 Disagreement

Any dissension between the parties other than a grievance defined in the agreement and other than a dispute defined in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

1-2.14 Ministère

The Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ).

1-2.15 Transfer

Movement of an employee to another position within the same class of employment or to another class of employment in which the maximum of the salary scale is identical or, in classes of employment remunerated according to a single salary rate in which the rate is identical.

1-2.16 Provincial Negotiating Parties**A) Employer group**

The Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF).

B) Union group

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ) represented by its bargaining agent, the Fédération du personnel de soutien scolaire (FPSS).

1-2.17 Probation Period¹

Period of employment which a newly hired employee, other than a temporary employee, must undergo in order to become a regular employee. The probation period shall be ninety (90) days actually worked. However, it shall be one hundred and twenty (120) days actually worked for employees who hold a position in the subcategory of technical support positions. The hours added under clauses 7-1.28 and 7-1.31 shall be taken into account when calculating the probation period.

Employees whose regular workweek is comprised of a lesser number of hours than what is prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, shall undergo a probation period equal in duration to that prescribed above, where applicable, or a probation period equal in duration to nine (9) consecutive months, whichever is the lesser.

Any absence during the probation period shall be added to the said period.

During his or her probation period, an employee may not apply for a position that would result in a promotion or a transfer if said position implies a change in the work shift or an increase of at least five (5) hours of work per week. In all cases, clause 7-1.16 shall not apply and the employee shall complete a new probation period.

This clause applies subject to subparagraph f) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01.

1-2.18 Employee

The term “employee”, singular or plural, signifies and includes the employees defined hereinafter and to whom one or more provisions of the agreement apply in accordance with article 2-1.00.

1-2.19 Probationary Employee

An employee who has not completed the probation period provided for in clause 1-2.17 in order to become a regular employee.

¹ The employee on probation who has not completed his or her probation period at the date of entry into force of the agreement remains subject to the provisions of clause 1-2.17 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

1-2.20 Tenured Employee

A regular employee who has completed two (2) years¹ in the same school service centre in a position considered for tenure. Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the duration of any leave during which salary has not been maintained and of any temporary or periodic layoff that takes place during this period shall be added.

Any disability leave covered by the salary insurance plan and any disability leave due to a work accident or employment injury, as long as the employee continues to receive benefits for the disabilities under the agreement, shall be considered in the calculation of this two (2) year period to acquire tenure.

As an exception to the rule for acquiring tenure, an employee who has acquired tenure under the preceding provisions or under a former collective agreement and who holds a position not considered for tenure, shall retain his or her permanent employee status provided that there has been no break in his or her employment ties since acquiring his or her permanent status.

1-2.21 Regular Employee

- A) An employee who has completed the probation period provided for in clause 1-2.17.
- B) An employee who, in the service of the school service centre or school boards (institutions) to which this school service centre or school board is the successor, had acquired the status of regular employee or the equivalent.

1-2.22 Substitute Employee

An employee who is hired as such to replace an absent employee for the duration of the absence.

1-2.23 Temporary Employee

- A) An employee who is hired as such to perform particular work in the event of a temporary increase in workload or an unforeseen event for a maximum period of four (4) months, unless there is a written agreement with the union to the contrary.
- B) A substitute employee defined in clause 1-2.22.
- C) An employee hired as such to occupy a permanently vacant or newly created position between the time the position is vacated and the time when it is filled permanently.
- D) A temporary employee hired as such to occupy a specific position.
- E) An employee hired as such to work additional hours as provided for in clause 7-1.29.

¹ Regardless of the number of hours set for the position considered for tenure held by the employee, subject to clause 7-1.06.

1-2.24 Classification Plan

The Classification Plan prepared by the Fédération and the Ministère after consultation with the provincial negotiating union group for the categories of technical and paratechnical support, administrative support and labour support positions, February 8, 2024 edition, including any change or new class which could be added during the term of the agreement.

1-2.25 Position

Specific assignment of an employee to perform duties assigned to him or her by the school service centre excluding an assignment to a specific position.

Subject to article 7-3.00, every employee who holds a position except for temporary employees who do not hold positions.

1-2.26 Position considered for tenure

Position for which the regular workweek is of twenty (20) hours or more for technical and paratechnical support positions as well as administrative support positions.

Position for which the regular workweek is of twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes or more for labour support positions.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a periodic position is a position considered for tenure only if the number of hours of active service worked in the position is equal to or greater than fifty-seven point fourteen percent (57.14%) of the number of hours of the regular work year.

1-2.27 Special Education Position

Position in one of the following classes of employment:

- special education technician;
- social work technician;
- interpreter-technician;
- attendant for handicapped students.

1-2.28 Position in a Day Care Service and School Setting

Position in the class of employment of day care service and school setting technician, school setting educator, principal class, or school setting educator.

1-2.29 Position not considered for tenure

Position for which the regular workweek is less than twenty (20) hours for technical and paratechnical support positions as well as administrative support positions.

Position for which the regular workweek is less than twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes for labour support positions.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a periodic position in which the number of hours of active service worked in the position is less than fifty-seven point fourteen percent (57.14%) of the regular work year is a position not considered for tenure.

The school service centre may not divide a position, other than a position not considered for tenure, into several positions not considered for tenure, unless there is a written agreement with the union.

1-2.30 Specific Position

Specific assignment of a regular or temporary employee to perform his or her duties in the context of a special project assigned to him or her by the school service centre.

This position cannot exceed thirty-six(36) months. If the position is renewed beyond the thirty-six(36) months, the school service centre shall transform it into a position within the meaning of clause 1-2.25 and the employee concerned becomes the incumbent of the newly created position with all the rights and benefits recognized under article 7-1.00 and clause 1-2.20 retroactively to the beginning of the 13th month of his or her assignment or hiring for the project unless he or she prefers to return to his or her original position if he or she is a regular employee.

For the purposes of applying this clause, two (2) similar positions in the same class of employment requiring the same qualifications and particular requirements relating to projects of the same nature and separated by less than one (1) year shall be deemed to be the same position.

A project of the same nature which is repeated more than three (3) times must be discussed by the Labour Relations Committee defined in article 4-1.00.

1-2.31 Periodic Position

Position in which the annual work period is between six (6) and eleven (11) consecutive months. A periodic position is a position considered for tenure and or a position not considered for tenure. A position not considered for tenure must at least correspond to the equivalent of a position considered for tenure of four (4) months.

The workload and the vacation inherent to a periodic position must be included in its duration. Thus, the employee cannot occupy his or her position beyond the determined period. A temporary employee cannot be hired so as to extend the duration of this position.

The school service centre may not divide a position considered for tenure, other than a periodic position, into several periodic positions, unless there is a written agreement with the union.

1-2.32 Promotion

Movement of an employee to another position in another class of employment in which the maximum of the salary scale is higher than that of the class of employment he or she is leaving or in a class of employment remunerated according to a single salary rate in which the rate is higher than that of the class of employment he or she is leaving.

1-2.33 Region

One of the regions established by the Ministère and listed in Appendix 18.

1-2.34 Demotion

Movement of an employee to another position in another class of employment in which the maximum of the salary scale is less than that of the class of employment he or she is leaving or in a class of employment remunerated according to a single salary rate in which the rate is less than that of the class of employment he or she is leaving.

1-2.35 Education Sector

The school service centres and colleges defined in the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

1-2.36 Public and Parapublic Sectors

The school service centres, colleges, institutions and government agencies defined in the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2) as well as the ministries and agencies of the government referred to in the Public Service Act (CQLR, chapter F-3.1.1).

1-2.37 Active Service

Period of time during which an employee actually worked in the service of the school service centre or school boards (institutions) to which this school service centre or school board is the successor since his or her last hiring or during which his or her salary was maintained. An employee shall acquire one year of active service if his or her salary was maintained or if he or she actually worked for two hundred and sixty (260) days.

Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, active service shall be acquired proportionally to the workweek of the regular employee in relation to those prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

1-2.38 Union

The union bound by the agreement.

1-2.39 Salary

The amount paid to an employee in accordance with the provisions of articles 6-1.00, 6-2.00 and 6-3.00 excluding all lump sums except those provided for in clauses 6-2.13, 6-2.15, 6-2.16, 6-3.09, 7-3.11 and 7-3.28.

1-3.00 RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

1-4.00 SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

CHAPTER 2-0.00 FIELD OF APPLICATION, RECOGNITION AND PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

2-1.00 FIELD OF APPLICATION¹

2-1.01

The agreement applies to all the employees within the meaning of the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27) who are covered by the certificate of accreditation, subject to the following partial applications:

A) Probationary Employees

Subject to paragraph D), a probationary employee shall be covered by the clauses of the agreement except those concerning the right to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration in the event of dismissal or if his or her employment terminates; in these cases, the school service centre shall give the employee a notice of at least fourteen (14) days.

B) Temporary Employees

- a) A temporary employee shall only be entitled to the benefits of the agreement as regards the following clauses or articles:

1-1.00	Objective of the Agreement
1-2.00	The following definitions applicable to an employee's status:
	1-2.02, 1-2.05, 1-2.06, 1-2.07, 1-2.08, 1-2.09, 1-2.10, 1-2.11, 1-2.12, 1-2.13, 1-2.14, 1-2.16, 1-2.18, 1-2.22, 1-2.23, 1-2.24, 1-2.25, 1-2.27, 1-2.28, 1-2.30, 1-2.33, 1-2.35, 1-2.36, 1-2.38, 1-2.39
1-3.00	Respect for Human Rights and Freedoms
1-4.00	Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
2-2.00	Recognition
2-3.00	Priority of Employment for Temporary Employees
3-4.00	Posting and Distribution
3-5.00	Union Meetings and Use of School Service Centre Premises for Union Purposes
3-6.00	Union Dues
3-7.00	Union System
3-8.00	Documentation
4-1.00	Labour Relations Committee
4-2.00	Information

¹ Until June 30, 2024, article 2-1.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall apply.

5-7.00	Development of Human Resources, induction and supervision of trainees (according to the terms and conditions agreed to by the school service centre and the union, as provided for in clause 5-7.11 of the agreement)
5-8.00	Civil Responsibility
6-1.00	Classification Rules
6-2.00	Determination of Step
6-3.00	Salary
6-4.00	Premiums
6-5.00	Other Premiums
6-7.00	Travel Expenses
6-8.00	Verification of Furnaces
6-9.00	Regional Disparities:
	only clauses 6-9.01, 6-9.02, 6-9.03, 6-9.04 and 6-9.15 apply
6-10.00	Loan and Rental of Halls
6-11.00	Payment of Salary
7-1.03 G) and H)	Sequence to Follow when Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position
7-1.07	Return on the Priority of Employment List Following a Probation Period
7-1.10	Qualifications and Requirements
7-1.22	Sequence to Follow when Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position, an Increase in Workload or a Specific Position
7-1.25	Sequence to Follow when Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position, an Increase in Workload or a Specific Position
7-1.29 D)	Sequence to Follow when Adding Hours
7-3.06	Return on the Priority of Employment List Following the Abolition of a Position or a Displacement
7-3.22 B) d) f)	Sequence of Annual Assignment
8-2.00	Workweek and Working Hours
8-3.00	Overtime
8-5.00	Health and Safety
8-6.00	Clothing and Uniforms
10-2.00	Publication of the Agreement
10-3.00	Local Arrangements
10-4.00	Appendices
10-5.00	Interpretation of Texts
10-6.00	Coming into Force of the Agreement
Appendix 1	Hourly Salary Scales and Rates

The temporary employee shall have his or her salary increased by twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%) in lieu of the fringe benefits prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00.

The temporary employee shall have his or her salary rate increased in lieu of the vacation prescribed in article 5-6.00, which rate is established according to the length of the employment period on June 30 of the year of acquisition. In accordance with the scale indicated below, this rate shall be calculated and paid on each pay period.

Duration of employment on June 30 of the year of acquisition	Rate (%)
Less than 15 years:	8.77%
15 years:	9.25%
16 years:	9.73%
17 years:	10.22%
18 years:	10.71%
19 years of more:	11.21%

- b) A temporary employee who is hired for a predetermined period of six (6) months or more and whose regular workweek is of twenty (20) hours or more¹ shall, in addition², be entitled to the following clauses or articles:

3-3.00	Union Leaves: only clauses 3-3.03, 3-3.04, 3-3.05, 3-3.06, 3-3.07 and 3-3.08 apply
5-1.00	Special Leaves and Leaves for Family or Parental Reasons
5-2.00	Paid days off
5-3.00	Life, Health and Salary Insurance Plans with the exception of paragraph B) of clause 5-3.32
5-4.00	Parental Rights (according to the terms and conditions provided for in Appendix 14 of the agreement)
5-6.00	Vacation
7-4.00	Work Accidents and Occupational Diseases with the exception of paragraphs C) and D) of clause 7-4.03 and clauses 7-4.14 to 7-4.24 inclusively

¹ For the labour support personnel, it should read twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes or more.

² This employee shall not have a right to the salary increased provided for in the second (2nd) paragraph of subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01 in order to compensate for the fringe benefits included in clauses 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00, or to the salary increase provided for in the third (3rd) paragraph of subparagraph a) of paragraph B of clause 2-1.01 in order to compensate for vacation.

- c) A temporary employee whose period of employment exceeds the period determined in paragraph A) of clause 1-2.23 or, where applicable, exceeds the period agreed to with the union in the context of paragraph A) shall obtain regular employee status. The school service centre shall then create a position¹ that it determines and the employee shall be automatically considered as a candidate for the position which shall be filled as prescribed in article 7-1.00.
- d) The school service centre may hire a substitute employee to replace an absent employee for the duration of the absence; the substitute employee shall be dismissed upon the return of the employee whom he or she replaced or if the position becomes permanently vacant or is abolished.
- e) The fact that a temporary employee does not hold a position shall not exempt him or her from the application of paragraph C) of this clause.
- f) If a substitute employee obtains, within the framework of article 7-1.00, the position of the employee he or she replaced without any interruption between the time of the replacement and the time when the position became permanently vacant, the probation period to become a regular employee shall be reduced by half if the time worked during the replacement period in the position is equal to at least fifty percent (50%) of the probation period referred to in clause 1-2.17.
- g) A temporary employee shall also be entitled to the grievance and arbitration procedure, if he or she feels wronged with respect to the rights recognized under paragraph B).

C) Employees Whose Regular Workweek Is Comprised of a Number of Hours Less Than The One Prescribed in Clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-3.02, As The Case May Be

Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the applicable benefits shall be adjusted in proportion to the regular hours worked in relation to those set in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

D) Regular Employees Who Hold a Position Not Considered for Tenure

The regular employee who holds a position not considered for tenure shall be increased by twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%) in lieu of the fringe benefits prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00.

¹ The position thus created is a position considered for tenure if the regular workweek of the temporary employee is comprised of twenty (20) hours or more for the technical and paratechnical support personnel and the administrative support personnel, and of twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes for the labour support personnel. Otherwise, the position thus created is a position not considered for tenure.

The regular employee shall have his or her salary rate increased in lieu of the vacation prescribed in article 5-6.00, which rate is established according to his or her seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition. In accordance with the scale indicated below, this rate shall be calculated and paid on each pay period.

Seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition	Rate (%)
Less than 15 years:	8.77%
15 years:	9.25%
16 years:	9.73%
17 years:	10.22%
18 years:	10.71%
19 years of more:	11.21%

The first (1st) paragraph shall apply after he or she obtains a position as a result of the application of the security of employment procedure prescribed in article 7-3.00 until that of the following year. However, the regular employee shall no longer be covered by the first paragraph when, as a result of the application of clause 7-1.03, he or she obtains a new position considered for tenure. If this employee is on probation, the first paragraph shall apply until the end of the probation period as prescribed in clause 7-1.16.

2-1.02

Subject to the use of the services of a surplus employee or support staff member, a person who receives a salary from the school service centre and to whom the agreement does not apply shall not normally perform the work of an employee governed by the agreement.

2-1.03

The use of the services of a person who does not receive any salary from the school service centre cannot have the effect of reducing the number of hours or the abolition of a position held by a regular employee. Supervision of a trainee by an employee is on a voluntary basis. When applicable, the school service centre informs the union in writing.

2-2.00 RECOGNITION

2-2.01

The school service centre recognizes the union as the only representative and agent of the employees covered by the agreement regarding the application of matters relating to working conditions.

2-2.02

The school service centre and the union recognize the provincial negotiating parties' right to deal with questions relating to the application and the right to decide on the interpretation of the agreement. This decision shall apply only with the written consent of the school service centre and the union.

In the case where the same kind of grievance is filed in several school service centres, the provincial negotiating parties must, at the request of either party, meet in order to deal with it within sixty (60) days of the request.

The provincial negotiating parties shall not be entitled to the grievance or arbitration procedures, unless otherwise provided.

2-2.03

Any individual agreement concluded after the date of the coming into force of the agreement between an employee and the school service centre regarding working conditions different from the ones provided for in the agreement must receive the union's approval in writing in order to be valid.

2-2.04

The provincial negotiating parties agree to meet to discuss any issue concerning the working conditions of employees and to adopt the appropriate solutions. Any solution accepted in writing by the provincial negotiating parties may have the effect of subtracting from or modifying a provision of the agreement or of adding one or more provisions thereto. However, any solution thus accepted shall apply only with the written consent of the school service centre and the union. These provisions must not be interpreted as constituting a revision of the agreement which could lead to a dispute as defined in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

2-3.00 PRIORITY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

CHAPTER 3-0.00 UNION PREROGATIVES**3-1.00 UNION REPRESENTATION****Union Delegate****3-1.01**

The union may appoint one employee per building or department, when several departments are located in the same building, as union delegate whose duties consist in meeting with any employee of the said building or department who has a problem regarding his or her working conditions which may give rise to a grievance and accompany him or her to a meeting with his or her immediate superior as provided for in clause 9-1.01.

3-1.02

To this end, the school service centre shall authorize, for a valid reason, the employee and the union delegate to temporarily interrupt their work, without loss of salary including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement. The request must specify the probable duration of their absence.

3-1.03

However, in the case where, in a building, there are three (3) or fewer employees in a bargaining unit, the union may appoint one delegate for more than one building included in its jurisdiction, which must not exceed a 1.6-kilometre radius.

3-1.04

The union may appoint a substitute for each union delegate.

Union Representative**3-1.05**

The union may appoint, among and on behalf of all employees members of the union, a maximum of three (3) union representatives.

3-1.06

The duties of a union representative consist in assisting an employee, once a grievance has been formulated, to obtain, where applicable, the information necessary for the meeting provided for in paragraph A) of clause 9-1.03, to represent an employee at this meeting and to represent all employees at the Labour Relations Committee.

However, employees other than those appointed by virtue of clause 3-1.05 may act as union representatives on the Labour Relations Committee.

Except when attending meetings of the Labour Relations Committee or the meeting provided for in paragraph A) of clause 9-1.03, only one union representative at a time may, in the performance of his or her duties, temporarily interrupt his or her work for a limited time, without loss of salary including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement, after having obtained permission from his or her immediate superior. Permission cannot be refused without a valid reason.

3-1.07

Should the union delegate and his or her substitute be unable to act or in their absence, a union representative may, after having obtained permission from his or her immediate superior, be absent from work, indicating the probable duration of his or her absence, to meet an employee who has a problem regarding his or her work conditions which may give rise to a grievance and accompany said employee to the meeting as provided for in clause 9-1.01. Permission cannot be refused without a valid reason.

3-1.08

The union shall provide the school service centre with the name of each union delegate and representative within fifteen (15) days of their appointment and shall also inform it of any change.

3-1.09

Nothing in the agreement shall prevent the union representative, in his or her dealings with the school service centre or its representatives in the context of clause 3-1.06, from being accompanied by a union adviser. However, the school service centre or its representatives must be advised of the presence of the adviser before the meeting is held.

3-2.00 JOINT COMMITTEES

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

3-3.00 UNION LEAVES

3-3.01

At the union's written request, sent at least fifteen (15) days in advance, the school service centre shall release an employee for full-time union activities for an uninterrupted period varying between one (1) and twelve (12) months, renewable according to the same procedure.

At the union's written request, sent at least fifteen (15) days in advance, the school service centre shall release an employee for union activities on a part-time basis for an uninterrupted period from one (1) to twelve (12) months, subject to the terms and conditions to be agreed between the school service centre and the union.

In the case of absences granted under this clause, the employee's salary and fringe benefits shall be maintained, subject to reimbursement by the union of the employee's salary and cost of the fringe benefits to the school service centre.

3-3.02

The employee or the union must notify the school service centre at least fifteen (15) days before an employee's return to work. Upon the employee's return, he or she shall be reinstated in the position held on his or her departure, subject to the provisions of article 7-3.00.

If the position held by the released employee before his or her departure is affected by a movement of personnel, the provisions of article 7-3.00 apply to the released employee at the time when his or her position is affected.

3-3.03

At the union's written request, sent at least two (2) working days before the date of the beginning of the absence, the school service centre shall release an employee for internal union activities. However, if the employee has already been released for twenty (20) working days for the current fiscal year, the school service centre shall grant one day of absence per week or the equivalent if the needs of the department so permit.

3-3.04

At the union's written request, sent at least two (2) working days before the beginning of their absence, the school service centre shall release the official delegates designated by the union to attend various official meetings of their organizations.

The leaves granted under this clause shall not be deductible from the twenty (20) days provided for in clause 3-3.03.

3-3.05

In the case of absences granted under clauses 3-3.03 and 3-3.04, the employees' salary and fringe benefits shall be maintained. The union shall reimburse the school service centre the employee's salary and fifteen percent (15%) of that salary for the fringe benefits.

3-3.06

The reimbursement provided for in clauses 3-3.01 and 3-3.05 shall be made within thirty (30) days after the school service centre forwards to the union a quarterly statement indicating the names of the absent employees, the duration of their absence and the amounts owing.

3-3.07

The employee thus released shall maintain the rights and privileges conferred on him or her by the agreement.

3-3.08

Notwithstanding clauses 3-3.01 and 3-3.05, the union representative accompanied by the plaintiff shall be released from their work to attend arbitration sessions; as well, witnesses shall be released from their work for the time deemed necessary by the arbitrator. In the case of a collective grievance, only one plaintiff shall be released.

In these cases, the employees concerned shall be released without loss of salary or reimbursement.

3-3.09

In the case where the provincial negotiating parties meet within the framework of clauses 2-2.02, 2-2.04, 6-1.13 and 6-1.14, the employees designated by the provincial negotiating union group, the number of which shall be agreed upon between the provincial negotiating parties, shall be released without loss of salary or reimbursement to attend these meetings.

3-3.10

The provincial negotiating parties shall set up a committee six (6) months before the date prescribed by law for the beginning of negotiations. The role of the committee shall be to study and establish the terms and conditions for the leave of absence, salary and reimbursement, if need be, of the authorized union agents to prepare and negotiate the next collective agreement.

3-4.00 POSTING AND DISTRIBUTION

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

3-5.00 UNION MEETINGS AND USE OF SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRE PREMISES FOR UNION PURPOSES

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

3-6.00 UNION DUES**3-6.01**

An amount equal to the dues established by union regulation or resolution shall be deducted by the school service centre at each pay period. In the case of an employee hired after the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the school service centre shall deduct said dues as well as the membership fee as of the first pay period.

3-6.02

Any change in the union dues shall take effect no later than thirty (30) days after the school service centre receives a copy of a regulation or resolution to this effect. The change in the dues may occur twice in the same fiscal year. Any other change must first be agreed upon by the union and the school service centre.

3-6.03

The school service centre shall deduct from the employee's salary an amount equal to the special dues set by the union provided that it has received an advance notice of at least sixty (60) days. The terms and conditions for the deduction of these dues must first be agreed upon by the school service centre and the union.

3-6.04

Each month, the school service centre shall forward to the union or a representative designated by it, the dues collected during the preceding month as well as the list of the contributing employees' names and the amount paid by each. In the case where a school service centre provides the list of names in alphabetical order or forwards the dues more frequently, it shall continue to do so. The school service centre and the union may agree that the school service centre provide other information pertaining to the transfer of dues.

3-6.05

The union shall assume the case of the school service centre and shall indemnify it against any claim that could be made by an employee regarding the union dues deducted from his or her salary under this article.

3-7.00 UNION SYSTEM**3-7.01**

Employees who are members of the union on the date of the coming into force of the agreement and those who become members thereafter must so remain, subject to clause 3-7.03.

3-7.02

Any employee who is hired after the date of the coming into force of the agreement must become a member of the union, subject to clause 3-7.03.

3-7.03

The fact that an employee is refused, expelled or resigns from the union shall in no way affect his or her employment ties with the school service centre.

3-7.04

For the purpose of applying this article, the school service centre shall give to the employee who is hired after the date of the coming into force of the agreement an application form for membership in the union.

The school service centre shall provide the union with this form duly completed by the employee within ten (10) days of his or her hiring.

3-8.00 DOCUMENTATION

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

**CHAPTER 4-0.00 LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE, INFORMATION,
PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNING BOARD AND PARTICIPATION
IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
WITH HANDICAPS AND STUDENTS WITH SOCIAL
MALADJUSTMENTS OR LEARNING DISABILITIES**

4-1.00 LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

4-1.01

Within thirty (30) days of the written request of the school service centre or union, the parties shall form an advisory committee called the “Labour Relations Committee”.

4-1.02

The committee shall have equal representation and shall be composed of a maximum of three (3) union representatives and three (3) school service centre representatives. The fact that a party on the committee designates fewer than three (3) representatives shall not limit the number of representatives to which the other party is entitled by virtue of this clause, it being specified that each party shall have only one vote.

4-1.03

The committee shall establish its rules of procedure and shall determine the frequency of its meetings.

4-1.04

The committee shall study, at the request of either party, any question relating to the employees’ working conditions and any other matter specifically referred to it under the terms of the agreement.

The committee may submit recommendations to the school service centre on matters within its competence. A copy of every recommendation shall be forwarded to the union at the same time.

4-1.05

At a subsequent meeting of the Labour Relations Committee, the union representatives may ask the school service centre representatives to explain a decision of the school service centre regarding a subject which was previously discussed by the Labour Relations Committee and any other decision concerning or affecting the employees covered by the agreement.

Employee Assistance Program

4-1.06

A school service centre that decides to implement an employee assistance program shall consult the union on the program content within the framework of the Labour Relations Committee.

4-1.07

The employee assistance program shall contain provisions whereby the employee is free to participate therein. Confidentiality shall be ensured.

4-2.00 INFORMATION**4-2.01**

At least once every fiscal year, the school service centre shall convene its employees to an information meeting concerning the policies and major objectives which concern them; this meeting shall normally be organized by department, building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre during working hours at a time determined by the school service centre. If among the employees present at the meeting there is no union delegate or representative, the employee acting as a delegate for the department or building concerned in accordance with clause 3-1.01 or 3-1.03, as the case may be, may attend without loss of salary including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement; if the union delegate and his or her substitute are unable to act or are absent, a union representative may attend the meeting without loss of salary including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement.

4-3.00 PARTICIPATION IN THE GOVERNING BOARD**4-3.01**

During the month of September each year, the members of the support staff of a school shall meet to elect a representative to the governing board. The representative may be a day care service and school setting employee.

The members of the day care service and school setting staff shall meet before or after such a meeting as a subgroup to elect a representative to the governing board.

4-3.02

Every two (2) years, the members of the support staff of an adult education centre or a vocational training centre shall meet to elect a representative to the governing board.

4-3.03

The meeting must be held during a working day at a time when most of the support staff members are present at work.

4-3.04

The representatives elected in accordance with this article may be absent from work without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement to attend the meetings of the governing board.

4-4.00 PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH HANDICAPS AND STUDENTS WITH SOCIAL MALADJUSTMENTS OR LEARNING DISABILITIES**4-4.01**

The union shall appoint, from among the employees concerned, a representative to the advisory committee on services for students with handicaps and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities provided for in section 185 of the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3).

4-4.02

The employee concerned shall participate in the meetings of the ad hoc committee set up by the school principal in order to ensure that each case is studied or that the progress of a student with handicaps or social maladjustments or learning disabilities is followed.

4-4.03

In the cases provided for in the preceding clauses, the employee may be absent from work without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, or reimbursement in order to participate in committee meetings.

CHAPTER 5-0.00 SOCIAL SECURITY

5-1.00 SPECIAL LEAVES AND LEAVES FOR FAMILY OR PARENTAL REASONS

Special Leaves

5-1.01

The school service centre shall grant an employee a special leave without loss of salary on the following occasions:

- A) his or her marriage or civil union: seven (7) consecutive days, working days or not, including the day of the event;
- B) the marriage or civil union of his or her father, mother, brother, sister or child: the day of the event;
- C) the death of his or her spouse, child or spouse's child living with the employee: seven (7) consecutive days, working days or not, commencing on the date of death¹ or including the day of the commemorative service, at the option of the employee. If the employee takes his or her leave commencing on the date of death¹, he or she may keep only one (1) of these days to attend the commemorative service;
- D) the death of his or her father, mother, brother, sister: five (5) consecutive days, working days or not, commencing on the date of death¹ or including the commemorative service, at the option of the employee. If the employee takes his or her leave commencing on the date of death¹, he or she may keep only one (1) of these days to attend the commemorative service;
- E) the death of a spouse's minor child not living with the employee, his or her father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, granddaughter, grandson: three (3) consecutive days, working days or not, commencing on the date of death¹ or including the day of the commemorative service, at the option of the employee. If the employee takes his or her leave commencing on the date of death¹, he or she may keep only one (1) of these days to attend the commemorative service.

The employee can only be granted such leaves if, when the leave is requested, the relationship is still valid through marriage, civil union or common law union.

In the event of the death of his or her spouse's child not living under the same roof, the employee may be absent for a minimum of two (2) days without loss of salary, supplements or premiums for regional disparities as prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1);

¹ The obligation to take the leave commencing on the date of death does not apply to the employee who has ended his or her workday. In such a case, the leave commences on the day following the date of death.

- F) the change of domicile: the moving day; however, an employee shall not be entitled to more than one day off per year for this purpose;
- G) a maximum of three (3) working days per year to cover events considered as an act of God: disaster, fire or flood and other events considered as an act of God of the same nature which oblige an employee to be absent from work or any other reason which obliges the employee to be absent from work and for which the school service centre and the union agree to allow the employee to be absent without loss of salary.

In the case where a person referred to in paragraphs C), D) and E) of this clause is receiving end-of-life care and medical assistance in dying as defined in the Act respecting end-of-life care (CQLR, chapter S-32.0001), the employee who submits a request shall be entitled to a leave as of the day preceding the death. In this case, the employee shall so notify the board in writing as soon as possible.

5-1.02

The employee shall only be entitled to a special leave, without loss of salary, in the cases referred to in paragraphs C), D) and E) of clause 5-1.01 if he or she attends the commemorative service; if the commemorative service takes place at a distance of more than two hundred and forty (240) kilometres from the employee's domicile, the latter shall be entitled to one additional day or to two (2) additional days if the commemorative service takes place at a distance of more than four hundred and eighty (480) kilometres from his or her domicile.

Moreover, as regards the regions for which premiums for regional disparities prescribed in article 6-9.00 are payable and the territory included between Tadoussac and the Moisie River, if it is necessary to cross the river, the union and the school service centre may agree on an additional number of days.

5-1.03

In all cases, the employee must notify his or her immediate superior and produce, upon written request, the proof or the attestation of these facts, whenever possible.

5-1.04

The employee who is called to act as a juror or as a witness in a case where he or she is not a party shall benefit from a leave of absence without loss of salary. However, he or she must give the school service centre, when he or she receives it, the monetary compensation paid to him or her for services as a juror or a witness.

5-1.05

Furthermore, the school service centre shall, when requested, allow an employee to be absent without loss of salary during the time when:

- A) the employee sits for official entrance or achievement examinations in an educational institution recognized by the Ministère;

- B) the employee, by order of the public health department, is placed in quarantine in his or her dwelling as a result of a contagious disease affecting a person living in the same dwelling;
- C) the employee, at the specific request of the school service centre, undergoes a medical examination in addition to that required in accordance with the law.

5-1.06

The school service centre may also allow an employee to be absent without loss of salary for any other reason not provided for in this article and which it deems valid.

5-1.07

Within forty-five (45) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the school service centre shall establish, after consulting the union, a policy applicable to all categories of personnel concerning the closing of buildings during inclement weather.

In keeping with the preceding provisions, the school service centre must ensure that all groups of employees at the school service centre are treated in an equitable and comparable manner.

Such a policy must provide specific methods of compensation for the employee required to report to work when the group of employees to which he or she belongs is not required to do so.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the school service centre may renew the policy in force on the date of the coming into force of the agreement as long as it complies with this clause.

Leaves for Family or Parental Reasons**5-1.08**

The employee may be absent from work, without salary, for up to a maximum of ten (10) days each year to fulfill his or her obligations related to the care, health or education of his or her child, or of the child of his or her spouse, or due to the state of the health of a relative or any other person for whom the employee acts as a caregiver, as attested to by a professional working in the health and social services sector governed by the Professional Code (CQLR, chapter C-26).

For the purposes of applying this clause, the notion of relative is that defined in section 79.6.1 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1)¹.

These days of absence may be divided into half-days ($\frac{1}{2}$) with the school service centre's consent.

The employee must inform the school service centre of his or her absence as soon as possible and take reasonable means to limit the number and duration of the leave.

¹ Use the following link to view the relevant section of the Act as of the date of signature of the agreement: https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cs/n-1.1#se:79_6_1

The days so taken shall be deducted from the employee's annual bank of sick-leave days provided for in paragraph A) of clause 5-3.40, up to a maximum of six (6) days.

This clause cannot result in granting an employee a number of days of absence higher than ten (10) a year in accordance with section 79.7 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) and the agreement.

5-1.09

The employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence without salary for the reasons prescribed in sections 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) and in accordance with sections 79.13 to 79.16 of said Act. The employee must inform the school service centre of the reason for the leave as soon as possible and provide documents to justify a leave.

5-1.10

During the leave of absence without salary provided for under clause 5-1.09, the employee shall accumulate seniority, experience and shall continue to participate in the applicable basic health insurance plan by paying his or her share of the premiums. The employee may continue to participate in the other applicable complementary insurance plans by so requesting at the beginning of the leave and by paying the total amount of the premiums, plus tax, where applicable.

5-1.11

Upon the termination of the leave of absence without salary provided for under clause 5-1.09, the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position or, when applicable, in a position he or she would have obtained in accordance with the provisions of the agreement. If the position has been abolished, or in the event of a displacement, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits he or she would have received had he or she been at work.

Similarly, an employee who is returning from such leave and who does not have a position shall be reinstated in the position he or she occupied at the time of departure if the expected duration of this assignment exceeds the end of the leave. If the assignment has ended, the employee shall be entitled to any other assignment in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.

5-2.00 PAID LEGAL HOLIDAYS

5-2.01

The employees shall be entitled, without loss of salary, to thirteen (13) guaranteed paid legal holidays, during each fiscal year.

These paid legal holidays are listed hereinafter:

- New Year's Day
- January 2
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Monday preceding May 25
- Fête Nationale
- Canada Day
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Eve

5-2.02

However, before July 1 of every year, after agreement with the union or with the group of unions concerned representing support personnel, the list found in clause 5-2.01 may be modified to allow a shutdown between Christmas and New Year's Day. However, this change must take into account the school calendar and the categories of personnel involved.

5-2.03

In the case where the former collective agreement or a regulation or resolution of the school service centre in effect in 1975-1976 or in the case where a regulation or resolution of the school service centre in effect on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, if it is a first agreement, provided for a paid legal holiday plan, the application of which for any of the fiscal years of the agreement would have allowed a number of paid legal holidays greater than that provided for annually in clause 5-2.01, then the number of paid legal holidays provided for in clause 5-2.01 shall be increased for all the employees covered by this agreement and to whom clause 5-2.01 applies, for the year concerned, by taking the difference between the number of paid legal holidays obtained as a result of the application of the former plan for the year concerned and that provided for in clause 5-2.01.

This additional number of paid legal holidays shall be scheduled by the school service centre before July 1 of each year, after consulting the union. This schedule must take into account the restrictions imposed by the school calendar.

5-2.04

The employee whose weekly day off according to his or her regular workweek coincides with one of the paid legal holidays prescribed in this article shall receive as a replacement a leave of an equal duration taken at a time that is suitable to both the employee and the school service centre.

5-2.05

If a paid legal holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday shall be scheduled on the preceding or following working day, after consulting the union or all the unions concerned.

5-3.00 LIFE, HEALTH AND SALARY INSURANCE PLANS

General Provisions

5-3.01

The employee is eligible to participate in the life, health and salary insurance plans from the date of entry into force of the plans described hereinafter, if he or she is in service on that date, if not, as of his or her entry into service at the school service centre until the date of his or her retirement. The school service centre shall pay the contribution to the basic health insurance plan payable for any employee.

The employee who is temporarily assigned by the school service centre to a position not covered by the certificate of accreditation shall continue to benefit from this article for the duration of the assignment.

5-3.02

For the purpose of this article, the word “dependent” means the employee’s spouse or dependent child. Dependent child is defined as follows: a child of an employee, of his or her spouse or of both or a child living with the employee for whom adoption procedures have been undertaken, unmarried or not joined in civil union and living or domiciled in Canada, who depends on the employee for his or her financial support and who is under eighteen (18) years of age; every such child under twenty-five (25) years of age who is a duly registered student attending a recognized institution of learning on a full-time basis, or a child of any age, who became totally disabled before reaching his or her eighteenth (18th) birthday or before reaching his or her twenty-sixth (26th) birthday, if he or she was a duly registered student attending a recognized institution of learning on a full-time basis and has remained continuously disabled ever since.

5-3.03

The word “disability” means any state of incapacity resulting from an illness, including a surgical procedure directly related to family planning, an accident subject to article 7-4.00 or an absence provided for in clauses 5-4.20 and 5-4.21, which requires medical care and which renders the employee totally unable to perform the usual duties of his or her position or of any other similar position calling for comparable remuneration which may be offered to him or her by the school service centre.

5-3.04

“Period of disability” means any continuous period of disability or any series of successive periods of disability separated by fewer than thirty-two (32)¹ days of actual full-time work or availability for such full-time work, according to the regular workweek of the employee, unless the employee establishes in a satisfactory manner that a subsequent period of disability is due to an illness or accident in no way related to the cause of the preceding disability.

¹ Read “eight (8) days” instead of “thirty-two (32) days” if the continuous period of disability which precedes his or her return to work is equal to or less than three (3) calendar months.

5-3.05

A period of disability resulting from self-inflicted illness or injury, alcoholism or drug addiction, active participation in any riot, insurrection or criminal act or service in the armed forces shall not be recognized as a period of disability for the purpose of this article.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of alcoholism or drug addiction, for purposes of this article, the period of disability during which the employee receives medical treatment or care in view of his or her rehabilitation shall be considered as a period of disability.

5-3.06

The provisions of the life insurance plan and the salary insurance plan prescribed in the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall remain in force under the conditions prescribed therein until the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

The provisions of the health insurance plan prescribed in the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be renewed in this agreement and shall continue to apply until the date prescribed by the Insurance Committee of the Centrale.

5-3.07

The life insurance plan prescribed in this agreement shall come into force on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

Subject to paragraph A) of clause 5-3.44, the salary insurance plan prescribed in this agreement shall apply as of the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

The new health insurance plan shall come into force on the date set by the Insurance Committee of the Centrale.

5-3.08

As a counterpart to the school service centre's contribution to the insurance benefits provided for hereinafter, the full amount of the rebate allowed by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) in the case of a registered plan shall be the exclusive property of the school service centre.

Insurance Committee of the Centrale**5-3.09**

The Insurance Committee of the Centrale must prepare a schedule of conditions, if necessary, and obtain, for all the participants in the plans, a group insurance policy for the basic health insurance plan and one or more group insurance policies for the other plans.

5-3.10

The Insurance Committee of the Centrale may maintain from year to year for retired employees, with appropriate amendments, the basic plan coverage without any contribution on the part of the school service centre provided that:

- A) the employees' contribution to the plan and the school service centre's corresponding contribution be determined while excluding any cost resulting from the extension of coverage applying to retired employees;
- B) all disbursements, contributions and rebates pertaining to retired employees be computed separately and any additional contribution which may be payable by the employees by virtue of the extension to retired employees be clearly identified as such.

5-3.11

The insurer selected for all plans, including the general group insurance plans (FAMR)¹ provided for in paragraph D) of clause 5-3.21, must have its head office in Québec and must be a single insurer or a group of insurers acting as a single insurer. For the purpose of selecting an insurer, the Insurance Committee of the Centrale, or the Centrale in the case of the general group insurance plans (FAMR)¹, may request bids or proceed according to any other method that it determines.

5-3.12

The Insurance Committee of the Centrale must carry out a comparative analysis of all bids received, where applicable, and after making its choice, provide the Fédération and the Ministère with a report on such analysis and a statement giving reasons for its choice.

5-3.13

Each plan shall have only one premium calculation method, whether it be a predetermined amount or an invariable percentage of salary.

5-3.14

Any change in premiums resulting from a modification to the plan may only take effect on January 1 following a written notice to the school service centre sent at least sixty (60) days in advance.

5-3.15

The benefit of exemption from a plan must be the same for all plans as regards its starting date and it must be total. Moreover, it cannot begin prior to the first complete pay period following the fifty-second (52nd) consecutive week of total disability.

¹ (FAMR): Fire, Accident and Miscellaneous Risk.

5-3.16

There can be no more than one update campaign per three (3) years for all plans; this campaign shall be carried out by the insurer directly with the participants in a manner to be determined and the modifications shall come into force on January 1 following at least a sixty (60)-day advance written notice sent to the school service centre.

5-3.17

Dividends or rebates to be paid as a result of favourable experience with the plans shall constitute funds entrusted to the management of the Insurance Committee of the Centrale. Fees, salaries, expenses or disbursements incurred for the implementation and application of the plans shall constitute liens on these funds.

The balance of funds shall be used by the committee to meet the increases in the premium rates, to improve existing plans, or to be repaid directly to the participants by the insurer according to the formula determined by the committee or to grant a waiver of premiums. In this latter case, the waiver must be for at least four (4) months and it must be effective as of January 1 or end on December 31. The waiver must be preceded by at least a sixty (60)-day advance notice sent to the school service centre.

For the purpose of this clause, the basic plan must be handled separately from the complementary plans.

5-3.18

The Insurance Committee of the Centrale shall provide the Ministère and the Fédération with a copy of the schedule of conditions, the group policy and a detailed statement of the operations carried out under the policy as well as a statement of the payments received as dividends or rebates and how they were used.

The committee shall also provide, at a reasonable cost, any and all additional useful and relevant statements or statistics which may be requested by the Fédération or the Ministère concerning the basic health insurance plan.

Intervention of the School Service Centre**5-3.19**

- A) The school service centre shall facilitate the implementation and application of the personal group insurance plans, in particular by:
 - a) forwarding information to new employees;
 - b) registering new employees;
 - c) forwarding to the insurer the application forms and the pertinent information required by the insurer to maintain the participant's file up-to-date;

- d) forwarding the deducted premiums to the insurer;
 - e) providing employees with the forms required for participation in the plan, claims and benefits or other forms supplied by the insurer;
 - f) transmitting information normally required of the employer by the insurer for settling certain compensations;
 - g) forwarding to the insurer the names of employees who have indicated to the school service centre that they intend to retire.
- B) In the case of the general group insurance (FAMR)¹ provided for in paragraph D) of clause 5-3.21, the school service centre shall merely forward the deducted premiums to the insurer.

5-3.20

On the one hand, the Ministère and the Fédération, and, on the other hand, the Centrale, agree to set up a committee to assess the administrative problems raised by the application of insurance plans. Moreover, any modification concerning the administration of the plans must be the subject of an agreement by the committee before it comes into effect. If such modification obliges the school service centre to hire supernumerary employees or requires overtime, the costs shall be assumed by the union.

Complementary Insurance Plans to Which the School Service Centre Does Not Contribute

5-3.21

- A) The Insurance Committee of the Centrale shall determine the provisions of no more than three (3) complementary personal insurance plans. The cost of these plans shall be borne entirely by the participants.
- B) Every policy must include, among others, the following stipulations:
- 1) the provisions of paragraphs B) to K) of clause 5-3.31;
 - 2) the participation of a new employee eligible in a complementary plan shall take effect within thirty (30) days of the request if it is made within thirty (30) days of the entry into service of the employee;
 - 3) if the request is made thirty (30) days after his or her entry into service, the participation of a new employee who is eligible for a complementary plan shall take effect on the first day of the full pay period following the date on which the school service centre receives the notice of acceptance sent by the insurer.

¹ (FAMR): Fire, Accident and Miscellaneous Risk.

- C) In the case of school service centres which have, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, optional complementary personal insurance plans other than those established by the Centrale, the following provisions shall apply:
- 1) the personal insurance policies and the resulting administrative measures for school service centres are maintained;
 - 2) any modification to one of the plans or policies must be made in accordance with the provisions concerning the provincial complementary plans and by adapting them accordingly;
 - 3) the union may choose to replace all the existing local plans by the provincial complementary plans. In this case, a notice of modification must be forwarded to the school service centre at least sixty (60) days before it comes into force.
- D) General Group Insurance (FAMR)¹

The Centrale may also determine the provisions of the general insurance plans (FAMR). The cost of these plans shall be borne entirely by the participants.

The employees referred to in clause 5-3.01 may benefit from payroll deduction of the insurance premiums for these plans.

Only paragraph K) of clause 5-3.31 shall apply to these general group insurance plans (FAMR).

Life Insurance Plan

5-3.22

Each employee shall benefit, without contribution on his or her part, from an amount of life insurance equal to six thousand four hundred dollars (\$6 400).

5-3.23

This amount shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for the employees whose regular workweek is comprised of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

5-3.24

The provisions of clause .26 of Appendix C of the 1971-1975 agreement shall continue to apply for the duration of the agreement to the employees who benefited from such provisions on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

¹ (FAMR): Fire, Accident and Miscellaneous Risk.

Basic Health Insurance Plan

5-3.25

The plan shall cover, as per the terms set down by the Insurance Committee of the Centrale, all drugs sold by a licensed pharmacist or by a duly authorized physician, as prescribed by a physician or a dentist.

Moreover, if the committee deems it appropriate, the plan may cover all other expenses related to the treatment of the illness.

5-3.26

The school service centre's contribution to the health insurance plan on behalf of each employee cannot exceed the least of the following amounts:

- A) in the case of a participant insured for himself or herself and his or her dependents:
 - as of April 1, 2023: three hundred sixty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$363.80) per year and applicable taxes, if any;
 - as of April 1, 2024: eight hundred forty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$845.70) per year and applicable taxes, if any;
- B) in the case of an individually insured participant:
 - as of April 1, 2023: one hundred forty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$145.60) per year and applicable taxes, if any;
 - as of April 1, 2024: three hundred sixty-eight dollars and forty cents (\$368.40) per year and applicable taxes, if any;
- C) the maximum amount for the basic health insurance plan of the insured participant;
- D) The school service centre's contribution to the health insurance plan shall be forwarded to the insurer each year in two (2) installments:
 - a) the first (1st) installment shall cover the period from January 1 to June 30 and shall be established by the insurer for all employees concerned by the pay period which includes April 1 and for whom this contribution must be made; this installment represents fifty percent (50%) of the school service centre's contribution;
 - b) the second (2nd) installment shall cover the period from July 1 to December 31 and shall be established by the insurer for all employees concerned by the pay period which includes November 1 and for whom this contribution must be made; this installment represents fifty percent (50%) of the school service centre's contribution.

5-3.27

In the event that the Québec Health Insurance Plan is extended to cover drugs, the amounts provided for in clause 5-3.26 shall be reduced by two thirds (2/3) of the yearly costs of the drug benefits included in this plan.

5-3.28

The health insurance benefits shall be reduced by the benefits payable under any other public or private, individual or group plan.

5-3.29

Participation in the health insurance plan shall be compulsory, but an employee may, by giving prior written notice to his or her school service centre stating the name of the insurer and the policy number, refuse or cease to participate in the health insurance plan provided that he or she establish that he or she and his or her dependents are insured under a group insurance plan affording similar benefits.

Notwithstanding clause 5-3.01, the employee on leave without salary for twenty-eight (28) days or less shall remain covered by the plan. The insurer shall, upon the employee's return to work, adjust his or her premiums to take into account the total amount of the required premiums due during his or her leave, including the school service centre's share.

Notwithstanding clause 5-3.01, the employee on leave without salary for more than twenty-eight (28) days shall remain covered by the plan. The insurer shall claim directly from the employee the total amount of the premiums due, including the school service centre's share.

5-3.30

An employee who has refused or ceased to be a participant in the plan may again become eligible thereto provided that:

he or she must establish to the satisfaction of the insurer that it is no longer possible for him or her to continue to be covered as a dependent under the current group insurance plan or of any other plan offering similar coverage.

When an employee submits his or her request to the insurer within thirty (30) days of the date on which his or her insurance coverage is terminated, having obtained an exemption, the insurance plan shall take effect on the date on which his or her coverage is terminated. If the request is submitted more than thirty (30) days after the coverage is terminated, the insurance plan shall take effect on the first day of the pay period following the date the request was received by the insurer.

In the case of a person who, prior to applying for health insurance, was not insured under the current health insurance plan, the insurer is not responsible for any payment of benefits which might be payable by a previous insurer by virtue of an extension or conversion clause or for any other reason.

5-3.31

Every policy must include, among others, the following stipulations:

- A) a specific provision with regard to the premium reduction which shall be allowed in the event that drugs prescribed by a physician are no longer considered admissible expenses under the health insurance plan;
- B) a guarantee to the effect that neither the factors of the retention formula nor the rates according to which the premiums are calculated may be increased prior to January 1 following the end of the first full policy year, nor more often than every January 1 thereafter;
- C) the excess of premiums over benefits or reimbursements paid to the insured persons must be reimbursed by the insurer as dividends or rebates, after deduction of the agreed amount according to the predetermined retention formula;
- D) the premium for a pay period shall be computed on the basis of the rate applicable to the participant on the first day of this period;
- E) no premium shall be payable for a pay period on the first day of which the employee is not a participant; also, the premium shall be payable in full for a pay period during which the employee's participation terminates;
- F) the insurer must also forward at the same time to the Ministère and the Fédération a copy of every communication of a general nature sent to the school service centres or the insured;
- G) the insurer shall be responsible for the keeping of files, analyses and claim settlements;
- H) the insurer shall provide the Insurance Committee of the Centrale with a detailed statement of all operations carried out under the policy as well as the reports, various statistics and any and all information which may be required to test the accuracy of the retention calculation;
- I) any modification to the coverage and the resulting deduction at source for an employee already in the employ of the school service centre, following the birth or adoption of a first child or a change in status, shall come into force on the date of the event if the request is made to the insurer within thirty (30) days of the event. Should the modification to the basic health insurance coverage be made more than thirty (30) days after the event, the modification shall take effect on the first day of the pay period following the date the request was received by the insurer;
- J) if it is accepted by the insurer, any other modification concerning the coverage and the resulting deduction at source for an employee already in the employ of the school service centre shall take effect on the first day of the full pay period following the date on which the school service centre receives the notice of acceptance sent by the insurer;
- K) the insurer shall determine the total amount of the employee's premiums for each pay period and shall transmit it to the school service centre by computerized listing so that the school service centre can make the deduction.

Salary Insurance Plan

5-3.32

- A) Subject to the provisions of this article and subject to article 7-4.00, every employee shall be entitled, for every period of disability during which he or she is absent from work, to:
- a) up to the lesser of the number of sick-leave days accumulated to his or her credit or of five (5) working days: the payment of a benefit equal to the salary he or she would have received had he or she been at work;
 - b) upon termination of the payment of the benefit provided for in paragraph a), where applicable, but in no event before the expiry of a waiting period of five (5) working days from the beginning of the period of disability and for a period of up to fifty-two (52) weeks from the beginning of the period of disability: the payment of a benefit equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the salary he or she would have received had he or she been at work;
 - c) upon the expiry of the above-mentioned period of fifty-two (52) weeks and for a further period of up to fifty-two (52) weeks: the payment of a benefit equal to sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the salary he or she would have received had he or she been at work.

For the purpose of calculating benefits, an employee's salary is the salary rate he or she would receive if he or she were at work. For the purpose of applying this clause, the salary includes premiums for regional disparities in accordance with article 6-9.00, as well as the premiums prescribed in article 6-4.00 and the lump sums payable for other absences prescribed in the collective agreement, except for inconvenience premiums. These premiums and lump sums must be of an annual or regular nature or be payable for work performed principally and customarily.

During a temporary layoff done pursuant to article 7-2.00, the disability period and the salary insurance benefits shall be suspended. This suspension does not decrease the maximum period of one hundred and four (104) weeks of benefits.

For an employee who occupies or holds a position and whose workweek is comprised of a lesser number of hours than what is prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, the waiting period shall be calculated only on the basis of his or her working days without extending the maximum period of one hundred and four (104) weeks of benefits.

- B) During a disability period, the school service centre and a regular employee who has been absent for at least twelve (12) weeks may agree to a return to work on a gradual basis. In this case:
- a) the school service centre and the employee, accompanied by his or her union delegate or representative, if he or she so desires, shall establish the period during which the employee will return to work on a gradual basis, which shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks and shall determine the time during which the employee must work;

- b) during this period, the employee is still considered on a disability leave, even if he or she is working;
- c) while at work, the employee must be able to perform all of his or her usual duties and functions according to the proportion agreed to;
- d) the employee must provide a medical certificate from his or her attending physician attesting that he or she may return to work on a gradual basis;
- e) the period of gradual return to work must be immediately followed by the employee's return to work for the duration of his or her regular workweek;
- f) the preceding provisions shall not have the effect of extending the maximum period of one hundred and four (104) weeks of benefits.

In exceptional cases, the school service centre and the employee may agree on a gradual return to work before the thirteenth (13th) week.

During the period of gradual return to work, the employee shall be entitled to his or her salary for the proportion of time worked and to the benefit payable to him or her for the proportion of time not worked. These proportions shall be calculated on the basis of the employee's regular workweek or, in the case of a day care service employee, on the basis of his or her weekly working hours.

Upon the expiry of the period initially set for the gradual return, if the employee is unable to return to work for the duration of his or her regular workweek, the school service centre and the employee may agree on another period of gradual return while complying with the other conditions provided for in this clause; failing agreement, the employee shall definitely resume his or her work for the duration of his or her regular workweek or shall continue his or her disability period.

- C) In order to promote reintegration into the workplace, and upon the attending physician's written recommendation stating the functional limitations of the employee, the school service centre and the employee may agree on the assignment of tasks compatible with the employee's qualifications and experience.

The union shall be consulted regarding the implementation of this temporary assignment.

The tasks assigned to the employee by the school service centre according to the previous paragraph are tasks that he or she is able to execute according to his or her capabilities.

During the period in which the employee is assigned temporary tasks, he or she shall receive his or her usual salary and is deemed to be continuing his or her disability period.

5-3.33

As long as benefits remain payable, including the waiting period, if any, the disabled employee shall continue to participate in the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP) or, where applicable, the Teachers Pension Plan (TPP) or the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (CSSP) and to avail himself or herself of the insurance plans. However, he or she must pay the required contributions, except that, upon termination of the payment of the benefit provided for in subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.32, he or she shall benefit from a waiver of his or her contributions to the pension plan without losing his or her rights. The provisions relating to the waiver of contributions are an integral part of the pension plan provisions and the resulting cost shall be shared in the same manner as that of any other benefit.

The school service centre may not dismiss an employee for the sole reason of his or her physical or mental impairment as long as the latter can receive benefits as a result of the application of clause 5-3.32 or of article 7-4.00. However, the fact that an employee does not avail himself or herself of clause 5-3.45 cannot prevent the school service centre from dismissing such an employee.

5-3.34

The benefits paid under clause 5-3.32 are reduced by the initial amount of any basic disability benefit paid to an employee under a federal or provincial law, except those paid under the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), regardless of subsequent increases in basic benefits arising from indexation.

When a disability benefit is paid by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), the employee's gross taxable income is established as follows: the school service centre shall deduct the equivalent of all amounts required by law from the basic salary insurance benefit; the net benefit thus obtained shall be reduced by the amount of benefit received from the SAAQ and the difference is brought to the employee's gross taxable income from which the school service centre shall deduct all the amounts, contributions and dues required by law and the agreement.

The school service centre shall deduct one tenth (1/10) of a day from the bank of sick-leave days per day used under subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.32 in the case of the employee who receives benefits from the SAAQ.

As of the sixty-first (61st) day from the beginning of a disability, the employee who is presumed to be entitled to disability benefits under a federal or provincial law, with the exception of the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23) must, upon written request by the school service centre, accompanied by the appropriate forms, request such benefits from the organization concerned and meet all the obligations ensuing from such a request. However, the reduction of benefits provided for in clause 5-3.32 is made only from the moment when the employee is recognized as eligible and effectively begins to receive such benefits as provided for under the law. In the case where a benefit provided for under a law is granted retroactively to the first day of the disability, the employee shall undertake to reimburse the school service centre, where applicable, for the portion of the benefit provided for under clause 5-3.32 as a result of the application of the first paragraph of this clause.

Every employee who receives a disability benefit paid under a federal or provincial law, with the exception of the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), must, in order to be entitled to his or her salary insurance benefits under clause 5-3.32, notify the school service centre of the amount of the weekly disability benefits paid to him or her. Furthermore, he or she must give his or her written authorization to the school service centre so that the latter may obtain all the necessary information from organizations, such as the SAAQ or Retraite Québec, which administer a disability insurance plan from which he or she receives benefits.

5-3.35

The payment of this benefit shall terminate at the latest on the date the employee begins his or her retirement.

5-3.36

No benefit shall be paid during a strike or lockout except for a period of disability that began before and for which the employee has provided the school service centre with a medical certificate. If the disability began during a strike or lockout and still exists at the end of the strike or lockout, the period of disability provided for in clause 5-3.32 begins on the date of the employee's return to work.

5-3.37

The payment of benefits payable as sick-leave days or under the salary insurance plan shall be made directly by the school service centre provided that the employee submit the supporting documents as required in clause 5-3.38.

5-3.38

The school service centre may require that the employee who is absent because of disability provide a written certificate for absences of fewer than four (4) days or a medical certificate attesting to the nature and duration of the disability. However, the cost of such a certificate shall be borne by the school service centre if the employee is absent for fewer than four (4) days. The school service centre may also require an examination of the employee concerned in connection with any absence. The cost of the examination as well as the employee's transportation costs when the examination requires him or her to travel more than forty-five (45) kilometres from his or her usual place of work as defined in clause 7-3.32 shall be borne by the school service centre.

Should the school service centre refuse to pay salary insurance benefits, by reason of presumed nonexistence or termination of said disability, the parties may, within thirty (30) days of the school service centre's decision, agree in writing that a third physician shall settle the dispute. If applicable, the school service centre and the union, within thirty (30) days of the school service centre's decision, shall agree on the choice of a third physician. If no agreement is reached, the school service centre's physician and the employee's physician shall agree on the choice of a third physician within a reasonable time limit. The cost of the examination shall be borne in equal parts by the union and the school service centre as well as the employee's transportation costs when the examination requires him or her to travel more than forty-five (45) kilometres from his or her usual place of work as defined in clause 7-3.32.

Upon the employee's return to work, the school service centre may require him or her to submit to a medical examination in order to establish whether he or she is sufficiently recovered to resume his or her work. The cost of the examination as well as the employee's transportation costs when the examination requires him or her to travel more than forty-five (45) kilometres from his or her usual place of work as defined in clause 7-3.32 shall be borne by the school service centre. If, in this case, the opinion of the physician chosen by the school service centre differs from the employee's physician, the school service centre and the union may, within thirty (30) days, agree on the choice of a third physician. If no agreement is reached within the said time limit, the school service centre's physician and the employee's physician shall agree on the choice of a third physician within a reasonable time limit.

The third physician, without restricting the scope of his or her mandate and complying with the code of ethics, shall take into account the opinions of the two (2) physicians and his or her decision cannot be appealed.

The school service centre or its designated authority must treat the medical certificates and medical examination results in a confidential manner.

5-3.39

Except in the event that a third physician has settled the dispute in accordance with the provisions of clause 5-3.38, when payment of benefits is refused by reason of presumed nonexistence or termination of any disability, the employee may appeal the decision according to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration provided for in Chapter 9-0.00.

5-3.40

- A) On July 1 of every year, the school service centre shall credit each employee covered by this article with seven (7) days of sick leave. The seven (7) days thus granted shall be noncumulative but, when not used during the year, shall be redeemable on June 30 of each year under the provisions of this article at the rate in effect on that date per day or per fraction of a day not used.
- B) Moreover, in the case of a first year of service of an employee who is not reassigned in accordance with the provisions of article 7-3.00, the school service centre shall add a credit of six (6) nonredeemable sick-leave days.

The employee hired during a fiscal year who was granted fewer than six (6) nonredeemable sick-leave days shall be entitled, on July 1 of the following fiscal year, if he or she remains in the service of the same school service centre, to the difference between six (6) days and the number of nonredeemable sick-leave days granted to him or her on the effective date of his or her hiring.

- C) The employee who has thirteen (13) or fewer days of sick leave accumulated to his or her credit on June 1 may, upon a written notice to the school service centre prior to that date, choose not to redeem on June 30 the balance of the seven (7) days granted under paragraph A) of this clause and not used under this article. The employee, having made this choice, shall add on June 30 the balance of these seven (7) days, which are now nonredeemable, to the nonredeemable sick-leave days already accumulated. The employee may also choose, by informing the school service centre in writing before June 1, to add the balance left on June 30 to his or her annual vacations.

5-3.41

If an employee becomes covered by this article in the course of a fiscal year or if he or she leaves his or her employment during the year, the number of days credited for the year in question shall be reduced in proportion to the number of complete months of service, it being specified that “complete month of service” means a month of service during which the employee is in service for half or more of the working days contained in that month.

Nevertheless, if an employee has used, in accordance with this agreement, some or all of the sick-leave days that the school service centre credited to him or her on July 1 of one year, no claim shall be made as a result of the application of this clause.

5-3.42 (Repealed)

5-3.43

Subject to paragraph A) of clause 5-3.44, disabilities for which payment is being made on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall remain covered under the plan provided for in this article.

The effective date of the beginning of the disability period shall not be modified by the coming into force of a new plan, unless the employee meets the requirements of clause 5-3.04.

The disabled employee who is not entitled to any benefits on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall be covered by the new plan upon his or her return to work when he or she commences a new disability period.

5-3.44

- A) The employee who, on June 30, 2023, is governed by the provisions of paragraph .36 b) of Appendix C of the 1971-1975 collective agreement, shall so remain. However, when the employee withdraws from the plan, he or she shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a regulation of the school service centre having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 2023.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 2023, and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 2023. These provisions shall not, however, have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days, the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- B) The employee who, on June 30, 2020, is governed by the provisions of paragraph .36 b) of Appendix C of the 1971-1975 collective agreement shall so remain. However, when the employee withdraws from the plan, he or she shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a regulation of the school service centre having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 2020.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 2020, and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 2020. These provisions shall not, however, have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days, the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- C) The employee who, on June 30, 2015, is governed by the provisions of paragraph .36 b) of Appendix C of the 1971-1975 collective agreement shall so remain. However, when the employee withdraws from the plan, he or she shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 2015 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a regulation of the school service centre having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 2015.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 2015 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 2015. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days, the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- D) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 2010 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 2010 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 2010.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 2010 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 2010. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days, the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- E) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 2003 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 2003 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 2003.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 2003 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 2003. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- F) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1998 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1998 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1998.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1998 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1998. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- G) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1995 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1995 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1995.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1995 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1995. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- H) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1990 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1990 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1990.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1990 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1990. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- I) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1986 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1986 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1986.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1986 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1986. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- J) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1983 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1983 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1983.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1983 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1983. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- K) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1980 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1980 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1980.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on June 30, 1980 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1980. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- L) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1976 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on June 30, 1976 in accordance with the provisions of the collective agreements in effect prior to the 1971-1975 collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after June 30, 1976.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on July 1, 1976 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1976. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

- M) The employee who benefited up to June 30, 1973 from redeemable sick-leave days shall maintain the right to be reimbursed for the value of the redeemable days accumulated on July 1, 1973 in accordance with the provisions of former applicable collective agreements or a school service centre regulation having the same effect, it being specified that, even if no new day is credited, the percentage of redeemable days is determined by taking into account the years of service before and after July 1, 1973.

This value shall be determined according to the salary on July 1, 1973 and shall bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) compounded yearly as of July 1, 1973. These provisions shall not however have the effect of modifying the value already set for the redeemable sick-leave days the value of which was determined under a former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation having the same effect.

5-3.45

- A) The value of the redeemable sick-leave days to an employee's credit may be used to pay for the cost of buying back previous years of service as prescribed in the pension plan provisions.

The redeemable sick-leave days to an employee's credit according to clause 5-3.44 may also be used at a rate of one day per day, for purposes other than those provided for in this article when the former agreements allowed such use. Moreover, the redeemable sick-leave days to an employee's credit may also be used at a rate of one day per day, for purposes other than illness, that is: for a leave prescribed in article 5-4.00, or for extending the employee's disability leave upon expiry of the benefits provided for in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.32 or for a preretirement leave.

The redeemable sick-leave days under clause 5-3.44 as well as the nonredeemable sick-leave days to the credit of an employee who has thirty (30) years of seniority or more may also be used at a rate of one day per day, up to a maximum of ten (10) days per year, to be added to the vacation period of the employee concerned. The provisions of this paragraph shall also apply to the employee who is fifty-five (55) years of age even if he or she does not have the required thirty (30) years of seniority.

The redeemable sick-leave days to the employee's credit under clause 5-3.44 on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall be considered used when used under this clause and under the other provisions of this article.

- B) The employee may use the nonredeemable sick-leave days to his or her credit, at a rate of one day per day, to extend her or his disability leave after having exhausted the benefits prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.32 and for a leave prescribed in article 5-4.00, provided that he or she has already exhausted his or her redeemable sick-leave days (except those prescribed in clause 5-3.40).

5-3.46

The sick-leave days to an employee's credit on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall remain to his or her credit and the days used shall be deducted from the total accumulated. The sick-leave days shall be used in the following order:

- A) the redeemable days credited under clause 5-3.40 of the agreement;
- B) after having used up the days mentioned in subparagraph A), the other redeemable days to the employee's credit;
- C) after having used up the days in subparagraphs A) and B), the nonredeemable days to the employee's credit.

5-3.47

Subject to the provisions of the following paragraph, every employee who benefits from paragraph A) of clause 5-3.40 may use up to two (2) days per year for personal business upon a notice sent to the school service centre at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

The days thus used shall be deducted from the credit of seven (7) days obtained by the application of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.40 and, after having used such days, they shall be deducted from the other redeemable days to the employee's credit.

The days provided for in the first paragraph of this clause must be taken in half-days or full days.

5-3.48

The school service centre shall prepare a statement of the employee's bank of sick-leave days on June 30 of each year and shall so inform him or her within the sixty (60) calendar days that follow.

5-4.00 PARENTAL RIGHTS¹**Section I General Provisions****5-4.01**

Maternity leave, paternity leave or adoption leave allowances shall be paid only as a supplement to parental insurance benefits or employment insurance benefits, as the case may be, or, in the cases prescribed hereinafter, as payments during a period of absence for which the Québec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) or the Employment Insurance Plan (EIP) shall not apply.

However, maternity leave, paternity leave or adoption leave allowances shall be paid only during the weeks the employee receives, or would receive upon request, benefits under the QPIP or the EIP.

In the case where the employee shares the adoption or parental benefits prescribed by the QPIP and the EIP with his or her spouse, allowances shall be paid only if the employee actually receives benefits from this plan during the maternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.05, the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.24, or the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.35.

5-4.02

Where both parents are women, the allowances and benefits granted to the father shall be granted to the mother who did not give birth.

5-4.03

The school service centre shall not reimburse an employee for an amount that could be claimed from the employee by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011). Moreover, the school service centre shall not reimburse an employee for an amount that could be claimed from the employee by Employment and Social Development Canada under the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23).

The basic weekly salary², the deferred basic weekly salary and severance payments shall not be increased or decreased by the amounts received under the QPIP or the EIP.

5-4.04

Unless specifically provided otherwise, this article cannot result in granting an employee a benefit, monetary or nonmonetary, which he or she would not have had had he or she remained at work.

¹ The employee who, on the date of signature of the 2020-2023 collective agreement, is entitled to the provisions under article 5-4.00 of the previous collective agreement, shall remain governed by said provisions.

² For the sole purpose of this article, "basic weekly salary" shall mean the employee's regular salary including the regular salary supplement for a regularly increased workweek as well as the premiums for responsibility but excluding other premiums and without any additional remuneration even for overtime.

Section II Maternity Leave

5-4.05

- A) A pregnant employee eligible for the QPIP shall be entitled to a maternity leave of twenty-one (21) weeks' duration which, subject to clauses 5-4.07 and 5-4.08, must be consecutive.

A pregnant employee eligible for the EIP shall be entitled to a maternity leave of twenty (20) weeks' duration which, subject to clauses 5-4.07 and 5-4.08, must be consecutive.

A pregnant employee who is ineligible for either of these plans shall be entitled to a maternity leave of twenty (20) weeks' duration which, subject to clauses 5-4.07 and 5-4.08, must be consecutive.

- B) The employee who becomes pregnant while on a leave of absence without salary or a partial leave without salary provided for in this article shall also be entitled to a maternity leave and to the allowances prescribed in clause 5-4.12, 5-4.13 or 5-4.14, as the case may be.
- C) Should the employee's spouse die, the remainder of the maternity leave and the inherent rights and benefits shall be transferred to the employee.
- D) The employee whose pregnancy is terminated after the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week preceding the due date shall also be entitled to maternity leave.

5-4.06

The distribution of the maternity leave, before and after the birth, shall be decided by the employee and shall include the day of the birth. However, the leave of the employee eligible for the QPIP shall be concurrent with the period during which benefits are paid under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011) and must begin no later than the week following the start of benefit payments under the QPIP.

5-4.07 Suspension of Maternity Leave

An employee who has sufficiently recovered from her delivery but whose child must remain in the health establishment may interrupt her maternity leave by returning to work. The leave shall be completed when the child is brought home.

Moreover, when an employee has sufficiently recovered from delivery and the child is hospitalized after leaving the health institution, the employee may suspend her maternity leave, after agreement with the school service centre, by returning to work for the period during which the child is hospitalized.

5-4.08 Division of Maternity Leave

Upon request from the employee, the maternity leave may be divided into weeks if her child is hospitalized or due to circumstances other than an illness related to her pregnancy and referred to in sections 79.1 and 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

The maximum number of weeks during which the maternity leave can be suspended shall correspond to the number of weeks of the child's hospitalization. For other possibilities of division, the maximum number of suspension weeks is that which is prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) for such a situation.

During such suspensions, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the school service centre. During the suspension, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.50.

5-4.09

When the employee resumes the suspended or divided maternity leave as prescribed in clauses 5-4.07 and 5-4.08, the school service centre shall pay the employee the allowance to which she would have been entitled had she not availed herself of the suspension or division; this allowance shall be paid for the number of weeks remaining as prescribed in clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.13 or 5-4.14, as the case may be, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.10 Extension of Maternity Leave

If the birth occurs after the due date, the employee shall be entitled to extend her maternity leave for the length of time the birth is overdue, except if she still has at least two (2) weeks of maternity leave remaining after the birth.

The employee may also extend her maternity leave if her state of health or that of the child requires it. The duration of the extended maternity leave shall be specified in the medical certificate that must be provided by the employee.

During the extensions, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowance or benefit from the school service centre. During these periods, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.16 for the first six (6) weeks and in clause 5-4.50 thereafter.

5-4.11 Advance Notice

To obtain a maternity leave, an employee must give written notice to the school service centre not less than two (2) weeks before the date of departure. The advance notice must be accompanied by a medical certificate or a written report signed by a midwife attesting to the pregnancy and the expected date of delivery.

Less than two (2) weeks' notice may be given if a medical certificate attests that the employee must stop working earlier than expected. In case of unforeseen events, the employee shall not be required to give notice, subject to submitting a medical certificate to the school service centre stating it is necessary to stop working immediately.

5-4.12 Cases Eligible for the QPIP

- A) An employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ and who is eligible for benefits under the QPIP, shall receive during her twenty-one (21) weeks of maternity leave, a benefit calculated with the following formula²:

1° by adding:

- a) the amount representing 100% of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225);
- b) and the amount representing eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount established in the preceding paragraph a);

2° and, by subtracting from this sum the amount of maternity or parental benefits the employee is receiving, or would receive upon request, from the QPIP.

The allowance is based on the QPIP benefits to which an employee is entitled, without taking into account the amounts subtracted from those benefits for repayment of benefits, interests, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011). However, if there is a change to the QPIP benefits following a modification to the information provided by the school service centre, the latter shall correct the benefit amount accordingly.

An employee who works for more than one employer shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between the amount established in subparagraph 1° of paragraph A) and the amount of the QPIP benefits corresponding to the proportion of the basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre in relation to the total basic weekly salaries paid by all the employers. For that purpose, the employee shall submit to each of her employers a statement of the weekly salaries paid by each employer, together with the amount of benefits payable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011).

- B) The school service centre may not offset, by the allowance that it pays to the employee on maternity leave, the reduction in the benefits under the QPIP attributable to the salary earned from another employer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the school service centre shall pay the compensation if the employee proves that the salary earned from another employer is usual salary by means of a letter to that effect from the employer paying it. If the employee proves to the school service centre that only part of the salary earned from said employer is usual, compensation shall be limited to that part.

¹ An employee on a leave shall accumulate service if her leave is authorized, in particular in the case of disability, and includes a benefit or salary.

² This formula was used to take into account, in particular, that in such situations the employee is benefitting from a waiver of her contributions to her pension plans, the QPIP and the EIP.

The employer paying the usual salary prescribed in the preceding paragraph must, at the employee's request, produce such a letter.

- C) The total amounts received by the employee during her maternity leave as Québec Parental Insurance Plan benefits, allowances and salary may not exceed the gross amount established in subparagraph 1° of paragraph A). The formula must be applied to the total amount of basic weekly salaries received from the school service centre as prescribed in paragraph A) or, if applicable, by his or her employers.

5-4.13 Cases Eligible for the EIP but Ineligible for the QPIP

An employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ and who is eligible for benefits under the EIP but is not eligible for benefits under the QPIP is entitled to receive during the twenty (20) weeks of her maternity leave a benefit calculated with the following formula:

- A) for each week of the waiting period prescribed by the EIP, an allowance calculated according to the following formula²:

by adding:

- a) the amount representing one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225);
- b) and the amount representing eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount established in the preceding paragraph a).

- B) for each week following the period prescribed in paragraph A), an allowance calculated according to the following formula:

1° by adding:

- a) the amount representing 100% of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225);
- b) and the amount representing eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount established in the preceding paragraph a);

2° and, by subtracting from this sum the amount of maternity or parental benefits the employee is receiving, or would receive upon request, from the EIP.

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if her leave is authorized, in particular in the case of disability, and involves a benefit or salary.

² This formula was used to take into account, in particular, that in such situations the employee is benefitting from a waiver of her contributions to her pension plans, the QPIP and the EIP.

This allowance is based on the employment insurance benefits to which an employee is entitled, without taking into account the amounts subtracted from those benefits for repayment of benefits, interests, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the Employment Insurance Plan. However, if there is a change to the EIP benefits following a modification to the information provided by the school service centre, the latter shall correct the benefit amount accordingly.

An employee who works for more than one employer shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between the amount established in subparagraph 1° of paragraph B) and the amounts of EIP benefits corresponding to the proportion of the basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre in relation to the total basic weekly salaries paid by all the employers. For that purpose, the employee shall submit to each of her employers a statement of the weekly salary paid by each employer, together with the amount of benefits paid by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

Moreover, should ESDC reduce the number of weeks of employment insurance benefits to which the employee would have been entitled had she not received employment insurance benefits before her maternity leave, the employee shall continue to receive, for a period equivalent to the weeks subtracted by ESDC, the allowance prescribed in the first subparagraph of this paragraph as if the employee had received employment insurance benefits during that period.

- C) Paragraphs B) and C) of clause 5-4.12 shall apply to this clause with the necessary changes.

5-4.14 Cases Ineligible for the EIP

An employee excluded from receiving benefits under the QPIP and the EIP shall also be excluded from receiving any allowance prescribed in clauses 5-4.12 and 5-4.13. However:

- A) an employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ shall be entitled to an allowance calculated according to the following formula for a period of twelve (12) weeks if she is ineligible for benefits from a parental rights plan established by another province or territory:

By adding:

- a) the amount representing 100% of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225);
- b) and the amount representing eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount established in the preceding paragraph a);

Paragraph C) of clause 5-4.12 shall apply to this clause with the necessary changes.

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if her leave is authorized, in particular in the case of a disability, and when a benefit or remuneration is payable.

5-4.15 In the Cases Prescribed in Clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.13 and 5-4.14

- A) No allowance may be paid during the vacation period for which the employee is paid.
- B) Unless the applicable salary payment system is on a weekly basis, the compensation shall be paid at two (2)-week intervals, the first instalment only being payable, in the case of the employee eligible for benefits under the QPIP or the EIP, fifteen (15) days after the school service centre obtains proof that she is receiving benefits from one of these plans. For purposes of this paragraph, shall be considered as admissible proof a statement of benefits, a stub as well as information provided by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale and by ESDC by means of an official statement.
- C) Service shall be calculated with all the employers in the public and parapublic sectors (public service, education, health and social services), integrated health and social services centres (CISSS) and integrated health and social services university centres (CIUSSS), all bodies for which, by law, the salary standards and scales are determined according to conditions defined by the government, the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse, the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) and any other body listed in Schedule C of the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Moreover, the requirement of twenty (20) weeks of service contained in clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.13 and 5-4.14 shall be deemed to have been met, where applicable, when the employee meets this requirement with one of the employers mentioned in this paragraph.

- D) The basic weekly salary of an employee who occupies or holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, or, in the case of an employee who occupies or holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the hours prescribed in clause 8-2.02 is the average basic weekly salary she received during the last twenty (20) weeks preceding her maternity leave.

If, during that period, the employee received benefits based on a certain percentage of her regular salary, it is understood that, for calculation purposes, her basic weekly salary during her maternity leave is the basic salary on the basis of which such benefits were established.

As well, any period during which the employee on a special leave as provided for in clause 5-4.20 does not receive any benefits from the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité au travail (CNESST) shall be excluded for the purpose of calculating her average basic weekly salary.

If the twenty (20)-week period preceding the maternity leave of an employee who occupies or holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, or, in the case of an employee who occupies or holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the hours prescribed in clause 8-2.02 includes the date on which the salary scales and rates are increased, the basic weekly salary shall be calculated on the basis of the salary rate in force on that date. If, on the other hand, the maternity leave includes this date, the basic weekly salary changes as of that date according to the adjustment formula of the applicable salary scale.

For the purposes of calculating her average basic weekly salary, the twenty (20)-week period preceding the employee's maternity leave shall exclude layoffs.

The provisions of this paragraph shall constitute one of the express provisions referred to in clause 5-4.04.

- E) In the case where the employee is temporarily laid off, the maternity leave benefits to which she is entitled under the agreement and paid by the school service centre shall terminate as of the date on which the employee is laid off.

Subsequently, in the case where the employee is reinstated in her position or is recalled, as the case may be, pursuant to the provisions of the agreement, the maternity leave benefits shall be reestablished as of the date on which the employee is reinstated in her position or other employment by virtue of her right of recall.

The weeks during which the employee has received maternity leave benefits and the weeks included in the layoff period shall be deducted from the number of weeks to which she is entitled under clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.13 or 5-4.14, as the case may be, and the maternity leave benefits shall be re-established for the number of weeks remaining under clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.13 or 5-4.14, as the case may be.

5-4.16

During the maternity leave and during the first six (6) weeks of extensions prescribed in clause 5-4.10, the employee, insofar as she is normally entitled to it, shall benefit from the following:

- life insurance plan;
- health insurance plan, provided she pay her share;
- accumulation of vacation or payment made in lieu thereof;
- accumulation of sick-leave days;
- accumulation of seniority;
- accumulation of experience;

- acquisition of tenure;
- right to apply for a position that is posted and to obtain it in accordance with the provisions of the agreement as if she were at work.

The employee may defer a maximum of four (4) weeks' annual vacation if it falls within her maternity leave and if she notifies the school service centre in writing of the date of such deferral no later than two (2) weeks before the expiry of the said maternity leave.

5-4.17

The maternity leave may be of a lesser duration than prescribed in clause 5-4.05. If the employee returns to work within the two (2) weeks following the birth, she must, at the school service centre's request, produce a medical certificate confirming that she is sufficiently recovered to resume work.

5-4.18

During the fourth (4th) week preceding the expiry of the maternity leave, the school service centre must send the employee a notice indicating the anticipated date of the expiry of the said leave.

The employee to whom the school service centre has sent such notice must report to work upon the expiry of the maternity leave, unless such leave be extended as provided for in clause 5-4.48.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph shall be considered as being on a leave of absence without salary for a maximum period of four (4) weeks. At the end of this period, the employee who has not reported back to work shall be considered as having resigned.

5-4.19

When she returns from her maternity leave, the employee shall be reinstated to her position. Should the position have been abolished, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits she would have received had she been at work at that time.

Section III Special Leaves Regarding Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

Provisional Assignment and Special Leaves

5-4.20

The employee may request to be temporarily assigned to another position, permanently or temporarily vacant, in the same class of employment or, if she agrees and subject to the provisions of the agreement, in another class of employment in the following cases:

- a) she is pregnant and her working conditions entail risks of infectious disease or physical dangers for herself or her unborn child;
- b) her working conditions entail dangers for the child whom she is breastfeeding.

The employee must submit a medical certificate to this effect as soon as possible.

When the school service centre receives a request for a preventive reassignment, it shall immediately inform the union giving the name of the employee and the reasons supporting the request for preventive reassignment.

If she so agrees, an employee other than the one requesting preventive reassignment may, upon receiving consent from the school service centre, exchange her position with the pregnant employee for the duration of the preventive reassignment. This provision shall apply insofar as both employees meet the normal requirements of the position.

An employee assigned to another position or the employee who agrees to take the position of the pregnant employee shall retain all the rights and privileges associated with the regular position.

If she is not immediately reassigned, the employee is entitled to special leave beginning immediately. Unless a temporary assignment occurs subsequently to put an end to the special leave, the special leave ends, for an employee who is pregnant, on the date of delivery and, for an employee who is breastfeeding, at the end of the period of breastfeeding. However, for an employee eligible for benefits payable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011), the special leave shall end the fourth (4th) week prior to the expected date of delivery. This assignment shall occur prior to the application of the sequences to follow when filling temporarily vacant positions provided for in article 7-1.00, except for paragraphs A) and B) of clause 7-1.22, of subparagraphs a) and b) of paragraphs A) and B) of clause 7-1.25 and of clause 7-1.27 and the application of the priority for filling those positions granted to the employee temporarily or periodically laid off as prescribed in clause 7-2.09.

During the special leave provided for in this clause, the employee's allowance is governed by the provisions of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (CQLR, chapter S-2.1) concerning the reassignment of the pregnant employee or the employee who is breastfeeding.

However, following a written request to this effect, the school service centre shall pay the employee an advance on the forthcoming allowance, based on the anticipated payments. If the CNESST pays the anticipated allowance, the reimbursement shall be deducted from that amount. If not, the reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the provisions negotiated and agreed upon at the local level as regards reimbursement of overpaid amounts, until the amounts overpaid are reimbursed. If the employee exercises her right to apply for a review of the CNESST decision or to contest it before the Tribunal administratif du travail, the reimbursement cannot be payable until the administrative review decision of the CNESST or, where applicable, the decision of the Tribunal administratif du travail has been rendered.

Other Special Leaves

5-4.21

The employee shall also be entitled to a special leave in the following cases:

- a) when a complication in the pregnancy or a risk of miscarriage requires a work stoppage for a definite period prescribed by a medical certificate; this special leave cannot be extended beyond the beginning of the fourth (4th) week preceding the due date at which time the maternity leave shall begin;
- b) upon presentation of a medical certificate prescribing the duration, when a natural or legally induced miscarriage occurs before the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week preceding the due date;
- c) for visits with a health care professional related to the pregnancy and attested to by a medical certificate or a written report signed by a midwife. The employee shall be granted a special leave with salary for a maximum of five (5) days which may be taken in half-days (½).

5-4.22

During the special leaves provided for in clauses 5-4.20 and 5-4.21, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits provided for in clause 5-4.16, insofar as she is normally entitled to them, and to those provided for in clause 5-4.19.

Moreover, the employee referred to in clause 5-4.21 may also avail herself of the benefits of the sick-leave plan or the salary insurance plan. In the case of paragraph c) of clause 5-4.21, the employee must first have used up the five (5) days mentioned in this paragraph.

Section IV Other Parental Leaves

Paternity Leave

5-4.23 Paternity Leave – for a Maximum Period of Five (5) Days

An employee shall be entitled to a leave with salary for a maximum period of five (5) working days for the birth of his child. The employee shall be entitled to the leave if his spouse miscarries after the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week preceding the due date. While the leave need not be continuous, it must be taken between the beginning of the delivery and the fifteenth (15th) day following the mother's or the child's return home.

One of the five (5) days may be used for the child's baptism or registration.

A female employee whose spouse delivers a child shall also be entitled to such leave if she is deemed to be one of the child's mothers.

The employee shall inform the school service centre as soon as possible as to when he intends to take his paternity leave.

5-4.24 Paternity Leave – for a Maximum Period of Five (5) Weeks

Upon the birth of his child, an employee is also entitled to a paternity leave of no more than five (5) weeks, which, subject to clauses 5-4.30 and 5-4.31, must be taken consecutively. This leave must end no later than at the end of the seventy-eighth (78th) week following the week of the child's birth.

The leave of the employee eligible for the QPIP or EIP shall be concurrent with the period during which benefits are paid under one of these plans and must begin no later than the week following the start of these benefit payments.

A female employee whose spouse delivers a child shall also be entitled to this leave if she is deemed to be one of the child's mothers.

5-4.25 Cases Eligible for the QPIP or the EIP

During the five (5) weeks of paternity leave provided for in clause 5-4.24, the employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between his basic weekly salary and the amount of QPIP or EIP benefits he is receiving or would receive, upon request.

The allowance is based on the QPIP or EIP benefits, as the case may be, to which an employee is entitled, without taking into account the amounts subtracted from such benefits for repayment of benefits, interest, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011) or EIP. However, if there is a change to the QPIP or EIP benefits following a modification to the information provided by the school service centre, the latter shall correct the benefit amount accordingly.

An employee who works for more than one employer shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between one hundred percent (100%) of his basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre and the amount of QPIP or EIP benefits corresponding to the proportion of the basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre compared to the total basic weekly salaries paid by all the employers. For that purpose, the employee shall submit to each of his employers a statement of the weekly salary paid by each employer together with the amount of benefits payable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011) or the EIP.

Paragraphs B) and C) of clause 5-4.12 shall apply to the present clause by making the necessary changes.

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if his leave is authorized, in particular in the case of a disability, and when a benefit or remuneration is payable.

5-4.26 Cases Ineligible for the QPIP or the EIP

An employee who is not eligible for paternity benefits under the QPIP or to parental benefits under the EIP shall receive, during the paternity leave provided for in clause 5-4.24, a benefit equal to his basic weekly salary, if said employee has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹.

5-4.27

The employee taking a paternity leave under clauses 5-4.23 and 5-4.24 shall be entitled to the benefits provided for in clause 5-4.16, providing he is normally entitled to them, and in clause 5-4.19.

5-4.28

Clause 5-4.15 shall apply to the employee who is entitled to the allowances provided for in clauses 5-4.25 and 5-4.26 by making the necessary changes.

5-4.29

To obtain the paternity leave provided for in clause 5-4.24, the employee must submit a written request to the school service centre at least three (3) weeks in advance. The time limit can be reduced if the birth occurs before the due date. The request shall indicate the date of expiry of the leave.

The employee must report for work on the date of expiry of the paternity leave unless the leave is extended according to the terms provided for under clause 5-4.48.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph is deemed to be on leave of absence without salary for no more than four (4) weeks. If the employee does not report for work at the end of that period, he is deemed to have resigned.

5-4.30 Suspension of the Paternity Leave

When the child is hospitalized, the employee may interrupt his paternity leave provided for under clause 5-4.24, upon agreement with the school service centre, and return to work for the duration of the hospitalization.

5-4.31 Division of the Paternity Leave

Upon request from the employee, the paternity leave provided for under clause 5-4.24 may be divided into weeks before the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks if his child is hospitalized or due to circumstances referred to in sections 79.1 and 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if his leave is authorized, in particular in the case of a disability, and when a benefit or remuneration is payable.

The maximum number of weeks during which the paternity can be suspended shall correspond to the number of weeks the child's hospitalization. For other possibilities of division, the maximum number of suspension weeks is that which is prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) for such a situation.

During such suspensions, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the school service centre. During this suspension, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.50.

Upon request from the employee and if the school service centre consents to it, the paternity leave may be divided into weeks before the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.32

When the employee resumes the suspended or divided paternity leave under clauses 5-4.30 and 5-4.31, the school service centre shall pay the employee the allowance to which he would have been entitled had he not availed himself of the suspension or division, for the number of weeks remaining under clause 5-4.24, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.33 Extension of Paternity Leave

The employee who sends the school service centre, before the end of his paternity leave provided for under clause 5-4.24, a notice with a medical certificate confirming that the state of health of the child so requires it, is entitled to an extension of his paternity leave. The duration of this extended paternity leave shall be specified in the medical certificate.

During the extension, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowance or benefit from the school service centre. During this period, the employee shall be covered by clause 5-4.50.

Leaves for Adoption and Leaves of Absence Without Salary for Adoption Purposes

5-4.34 Adoption Leave - Maximum Period of Five (5) Days

An employee shall be entitled to a leave with salary for a maximum of five (5) working days for the adoption of a child other than the child of his or her spouse. The leave may be discontinuous but it may not be taken more than fifteen (15) days following the child's arrival at home or after the child has been entrusted to the parent in view of its adoption.

One (1) of these five (5) days may be taken for the child's baptism or registration.

The leave prescribed under this clause shall be preceded, as soon as possible, by a notice from the employee to the school service centre.

5-4.35 Adoption Leave - Maximum Period of Five (5) Weeks

The employee who adopts a child, other than his or her spouse's child, is also entitled to a maximum of five (5) weeks of adoption leave which, subject to clauses 5-4.37 and 5-4.38, must be taken consecutively. The leave must end at the latest at the end of the seventy-eighth (78th) week following the child's arrival at home or after the child has been entrusted to the parent in view of its adoption.

The leave of the employee eligible for the QPIP or EIP shall be concurrent with the period during which exclusive adoption benefits are paid under one of these plans and must begin no later than the week following the start of these benefit payments.

The leave of an employee ineligible for the QPIP or EIP benefits must be taken after the child's arrival at home or after the child has been entrusted to the parent in view of its adoption.

5-4.36

For the purposes of clauses 5-4.34 and 5-4.35, the arrival of the child is recognized if the following two conditions are fulfilled: the child has physically arrived in the home or has been entrusted to the parent and the parent has the intention to adopt the child. The employee must give the employer proof of his or her intention to adopt. This proof may vary according to the type of adoption and according to the requirements of the QPIP or EIP.

5-4.37 Suspension of the Adoption Leave

When the child is hospitalized, the employee may suspend the adoption leave provided for under clause 5-4.35, upon agreement with the school service centre, and return to work for the duration of the hospitalization.

5-4.38 Division of the Adoption Leave

Upon request from the employee, the adoption leave provided for under clause 5-4.35 may be divided into weeks before the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks if the child is hospitalized or due to circumstances referred to in sections 79.1 and 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

The maximum number of weeks during which the adoption leave can be suspended shall correspond to the number of weeks the child's hospitalization. For other possibilities of division, the maximum number of suspension weeks is that which is prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) for such a situation.

During such suspensions, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the school service centre. During this period, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.50.

Upon request from the employee and if the school service centre consents to it, the adoption leave may be divided into weeks before the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.39

When the employee resumes the suspended or divided adoption leave as prescribed in clauses 5-4.37 and 5-4.38, the school service centre shall pay the employee the allowance to which he or she would have been entitled had he or she not availed himself or herself of the suspension or division; this allowance is paid for the number of weeks remaining as prescribed in clause 5-4.35, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.40 Extension of the Adoption Leave

An employee who, before the expiry date of his or her adoption leave provided for under clause 5-4.35, sends the school service centre a notice accompanied by a medical certificate attesting that the state of health of the child so requires it, shall be entitled to extend his or her adoption leave for the duration indicated in the medical certificate.

During the extended leave, the employee shall be considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the school service centre. During this period, the employee shall be covered by clause 5-4.50.

5-4.41 Cases Eligible for the QPIP or the EIP

During the five (5) weeks of adoption leave provided for in clause 5-4.35, the employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between his or her basic weekly salary and the amount of benefits he or is receiving, or would receive upon request, under the QPIP or the EIP.

This allowance is based on the QPIP or the EIP benefits, as the case may be, to which an employee is entitled, without taking into account the amounts subtracted from those benefits for repayment of benefits, interest, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the QPIP or the EIP. However, if there is a change to the QPIP or the EIP benefits following a modification to the information provided by the school service centre, the latter shall correct the benefit amount accordingly.

When the employee who works for more than one employer shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between one hundred percent (100%) of his or her basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre and the amount of the QPIP or the EIP benefits corresponding to the proportion of the basic weekly salary paid by the school service centre in relation to the total basic weekly salaries paid by all the employers. For that purpose, the employee shall submit to each of his or her employers a statement of the weekly salary paid by each employer, together with the amount of benefits payable under the QPIP or the EIP.

Paragraphs B) and C) of clause 5-4.12 shall apply to this clause by making the necessary changes.

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if his or her leave is authorized, in particular in the case of a disability, and when a benefit or remuneration is payable.

5-4.42 Cases Ineligible for the QPIP or the EIP

An employee who is not entitled to adoption benefits under the QPIP or parental benefits under the EIP and who adopts a child other than his or her spouse's child shall receive, during the adoption leave provided for in clause 5-4.35, a benefit equal to his or her basic weekly salary, if said employee has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹.

5-4.43 Leave for the Purposes of Adopting the Spouse's Child

An employee who legally adopts his or her spouse's child is entitled to a maximum of five (5) working days of leave, of which only the first two (2) shall be paid.

The leave may be discontinuous but it may not be taken more than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing the application for adoption.

5-4.44

During the adoption leaves provided for in clauses 5-4.34, 5-4.35 and 5-4.43, the employee is entitled to the benefits provided for in clause 5-4.16, insofar as she or he is normally entitled to them, and in clause 5-4.19.

5-4.45

To obtain the paternity leave provided for in clause 5-4.35, the employee must submit a written request to the school service centre at least three (3) weeks in advance. The time limit can be reduced if the birth occurs before the due date. The request shall indicate the date of expiry of the leave.

The employee must report to his or her place of work upon the termination of his or her leave for adoption, unless the leave has been extended in the manner provided for in clause 5-4.48.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph shall be considered on a leave of absence without salary for a maximum period of four (4) weeks. At the end of that period, the employee who has not reported back to work shall be considered as having resigned.

5-4.46

Clause 5-4.15 shall apply, by making the necessary changes, to the employee who is entitled to the allowances provided for in clauses 5-4.41 and 5-4.42.

¹ An employee on leave shall accumulate service if his or her leave is authorized, in particular in the case of a disability, and when a benefit or remuneration is payable.

5-4.47**Leave Without Salary for Adoption Purposes**

An employee shall be entitled to a maximum ten (10)-weeks leave without salary to adopt a child, other than his or her spouse's child, beginning on the date on which the employee assumes full legal responsibility for the child.

The employee who travels outside Québec to adopt a child, other than his or her spouse's child, shall be granted, for that purpose and upon a written request submitted to the school service centre two (2) weeks in advance, where possible, a leave of absence without salary for the time necessary for such travel. However, the adoption leave shall end no later than the week following the start of benefit payments under the QPIP or the EIP, as the case may be, and the prescriptions in clause 5-4.35 shall apply.

During the leave without salary for adoption purposes, the employee is entitled to the benefits for full-time or part-time leave without salary prescribed in clause 5-4.48.

Full-time or Part-time Leave of Absence Without Salary for Maternity, Paternity or Adoption**5-4.48**

Following a written request submitted to the school service centre at least three (3) weeks in advance in the case of a full-time leave of absence without salary and at least thirty (30) days in advance in the case of a part-time leave of absence without salary, the employee who wishes to extend her maternity leave, the employee who wishes to extend his paternity leave and an employee who wishes to extend either one of the leaves for adoption shall benefit from one of the two options listed hereinafter under the conditions stipulated therein:

- A) a full-time leave of absence without salary for a maximum period of sixty-five (65) continuous weeks which begins at the time the employee chooses and ends no later than seventy-eight (78)¹ weeks following the birth or, in the case of an adoption, seventy-eight (78)¹ weeks after he or she assumes full legal responsibility for the child;
- B) a full-time or part-time leave without salary for a maximum period of two (2) years which is taken immediately following a maternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.05, a paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.24, or a leave for adoption prescribed in clause 5-4.35. The maximum duration of the leave without salary shall not exceed the one hundred and twenty-fifth (125th) week following the child's birth or arrival at home, as the case may be.

During this leave, subsequent to a written notice submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance, the employee shall be granted one of the following changes:

- i) from a leave without salary to a part-time leave without salary or the reverse, as the case may be;

¹ Subject to what is provided by the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

- ii) from a part-time leave without salary to a different part-time leave without salary.

The employee who holds a position not considered for tenure shall also be entitled to this part-time leave without salary. However, the other provisions of the agreement concerning the determination of the number of hours of work remain applicable.

The employee who does not use his or her full-time or part-time leave of absence without salary may, for that portion of the leave which his or her spouse does not use, benefit from a full-time or part-time leave of absence without salary, at his or her choosing, by following the procedures prescribed.

The request for a part-time leave of absence without salary must specify the schedule of the leave. Should the school service centre disagree on the number of days off per week, the employee shall be entitled to a maximum of two and a half (2.5) days off per week or the equivalent up to a maximum of two (2) years. Should the school service centre disagree on the distribution of these days, it shall carry out the distribution.

If the spouse of the employee is not an employee of the public or parapublic sector, the employee may avail himself or herself of a leave provided for above at the time he or she chooses within two (2) years following the birth or adoption without exceeding the two (2)-year time limit following the birth or adoption.

During either one of the aforementioned leaves, the employee shall retain the right, insofar as he or she is entitled to it, to use the sick-leave days provided for in article 5-3.00.

In the case of either one of the aforementioned leaves, the request must specify the date of return to work.

5-4.49

Upon request from the employee, the full-time leave without salary provided for in clause 5-4.48 may be divided into weeks before the termination of the first sixty-five (65) weeks, if the child is hospitalized or due to circumstances referred to in sections 79.1 and 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

The maximum number of weeks during which the full-time leave without salary may be suspended corresponds to the number of weeks of the child's hospitalization. For other possibilities of division, the maximum number of weeks during which the leave may be suspended is that which is prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) for such a situation.

During such a suspension, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the school service centre. The employee shall be entitled to benefits under clause 5-4.50 during this period.

Upon request from the employee and if the school service centre consents to it, the full-time leave without pay may be divided into weeks before the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.50

During the leave of absence without salary, the employee shall accumulate seniority and retain experience. He or she shall continue to participate in the applicable basic health insurance plan by paying his or her portion of the premiums for the first sixty-five (65) weeks of leave and all premiums for the remainder of the leave. Moreover, he or she may continue to participate in applicable supplemental insurance plans, provided he or she so requests at the beginning of the leave and pays all premiums and taxes on these amounts, if applicable.

An employee who benefits from a part-time leave without salary shall accumulate his or her seniority on the same basis as prior to the leave and, for the proportion of hours worked, shall be governed by the rules applicable to an employee who holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of a lesser number of hours than the one prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the employee shall accumulate his or her experience, for the purposes of determining his or her salary, up to the first sixty-five (65) weeks of a leave without salary or a part-time leave without salary.

5-4.51

An employee may take his or her deferred annual vacation immediately prior to his or her full-time or part-time leave of absence without salary provided that there be no discontinuity with his paternity leave, her maternity leave or his or her leave for adoption, as the case may be.

5-4.52

The employee to whom the school service centre has sent a four (4)-week notice indicating the termination date of one of the leaves provided for in clause 5-4.48 must inform the school service centre of his or her return to work at least two (2) weeks before the termination of the leave. Failing which, he or she shall be considered as having resigned.

5-4.53

The employee who wishes to terminate his or her leave without salary before the anticipated date must submit a written notice of his or her intention at least twenty-one (21) days prior to his or her return. In the case of a leave without salary exceeding sixty-five (65) weeks, such notice shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance.

Upon returning from a full-time or a part-time leave without salary, the employee shall be reinstated in the position he or she held prior to his or her departure subject to article 7-3.00.

Leave for Parental Responsibilities**5-4.54**

A part-time or full-time leave without salary for a maximum of one (1) year shall be granted to an employee whose minor child experiences socioemotional problems or whose minor child is handicapped or ill and who requires his or her care. In this case, the fifth subparagraph of paragraph B) of clause 5-4.48 shall apply except as regards the maximum duration of the leave without salary, which cannot exceed one year.

Section V Miscellaneous Provisions**5-4.55**

The employee who is entitled to a premium for regional disparities under the agreement shall receive the premium for the duration of her maternity leave provided for in section II.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total amounts received by an employee as parental benefits or as employment insurance benefits, allowances and premiums may not exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of his or her basic salary and the premium for regional disparities.

The employee who is entitled to a premium for regional disparities under the agreement shall receive this premium during the weeks he or she is entitled to benefits, as the case may be, as provided for in clause 5-4.24 or 5-4.35.

5-4.56

Any benefit or allowance referred to in this article, the payment of which began before a strike or lockout, shall continue to be paid during this strike or lockout.

5-4.57

If it is established before an arbitrator that a probationary employee availed herself of a maternity leave or a leave without salary or a part-time leave without salary to extend a maternity leave and that the school service centre terminated her employment, the latter must prove that it terminated her employment for reasons other than having used the maternity leave or the leave without salary or part-time leave without salary.

5-4.58

Should any changes occur in the QPIP, to the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), or to the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) with respect to parental rights, it is understood that the parties shall meet to discuss the possible impact of these changes on the present parental plans.

5-5.00 PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

5-6.00 VACATION**5-6.01**

During each fiscal year, an employee shall be entitled, according to the duration of his or her active service for the preceding fiscal year, to an annual vacation period the duration of which is determined in clauses 5-6.10 and 5-6.11.

For the purposes of applying this clause, no prorating of active service is done for the employee whose regular workweek is comprised of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

5-6.02

Any absence with salary is comparable to active service for the purposes of computing vacation. However, the absence must not have the effect of deferring vacation to the following fiscal year, unless authorized by the school service centre or as provided for under the agreement nor of paying a salary superior to the employee's annual salary.

5-6.03

Vacation shall not be reduced a result of one or more periods of disability the total duration of which shall not exceed two hundred and forty-two (242) workdays per fiscal year or a work accident or employment injury.

In the event that the total absence for disability exceeds two hundred and forty-two (242) workdays per fiscal year, the excess shall not constitute active service.

Notwithstanding the first and second paragraphs of this clause, no more than two hundred and forty-two (242) days of active service per disability period may be counted even if such period extends beyond more than one fiscal year.

The month during which a new employee is hired or an employee leaves his or her position permanently shall count for one complete month of active service, provided that he or she worked half or more of the working days of the month.

5-6.04

Vacation must usually be taken during the fiscal year following that in which it was acquired.

5-6.05

The vacation period shall be determined in the following manner:

- A) Before April 1 of each year, the school service centre must consult the union or group of unions concerned before establishing a period of total or partial shutdown of its activities for a period not exceeding ten (10) working days, unless there is an agreement with the union, during which each employee must take all the vacation to which he or she is entitled or a portion equal to the shutdown period; the employee who is entitled to a number of days of vacation greater than the number of days used during the shutdown period shall take the additional days according to the following terms.
- B) Before April 15 of each year, the employees shall choose the dates on which they wish to take their vacation and the latter shall be distributed by taking into account the seniority of the employees in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, where applicable.

Notwithstanding, the employee who occupies or holds a position in a day care service and school setting or a special education position must take his or her vacation when the students of the school or day care service are not present, as the case may be. An employee may also use them to defer or avoid a temporary layoff period or to advance his or her return to work following a temporary layoff.

- C) In all cases, the employee's choices shall be submitted to the school service centre for approval and the latter shall take into account the needs of the department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre involved; the school service centre shall render its decision within thirty (30) days of the date mentioned in the preceding paragraph B) and, if the employee's choice is refused, he or she must choose new dates.
- D) Once the vacation period has been approved by the school service centre, a change is possible when requested by an employee if the needs of the office, department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre permit and if the change does not affect the vacation periods of other employees.

5-6.06

The employee must take his or her vacation in periods of at least five (5) consecutive days, unless there is a written agreement to the contrary; any balance of less than five (5) days may be taken separately, subject to the school service centre's approval. The school service centre shall take into account the requirements of the department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned.

5-6.07

If a paid legal holiday coincides with an employee's vacation period, it shall be extended accordingly.

5-6.08

The employee on vacation shall continue to receive the salary regularly paid to him or her according to the provisions of article 6-11.00. However, the salary for the entire vacation period shall be paid to him or her before his or her departure.

5-6.09

In the case of permanent termination of employment, the employee shall be entitled, in accordance with the provisions of this article, to an indemnity equal to the vacation acquired and not used.

5-6.10

A) Subject to the provisions of clause 5-6.11, the employee shall benefit from:

- 1) 20 working days of vacation if he or she has less than 17 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 2) 21 working days of vacation if he or she has 17 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 3) 22 working days of vacation if he or she has 19 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 4) 23 working days of vacation if he or she has 21 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 5) 24 working days of vacation if he or she has 23 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 6) 25 working days of vacation if he or she has 25 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition.

B) As of July 1, 2024, and subject to the provisions of clause 5-6.11, the employee shall benefit from:

- 1) 20 working days of vacation if he or she has less than 15 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 2) 21 working days of vacation if he or she has 15 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 3) 22 working days of vacation if he or she has 16 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 4) 23 working days of vacation if he or she has 17 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;

- 5) 24 working days of vacation if he or she has 18 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 6) 25 working days of vacation if he or she has 19 years or more of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;

5-6.11

Subject to clause 5-6.03, an employee's active service during the year vacation was acquired was less than one year, he or she shall be entitled to a reduced number of vacation days as determined in the following table:

Table of accumulation of days of vacation

Total number of days of active service during year of acquisition			Normal duration of vacation based on an employee's seniority					
			20	21	22	23	24	25
5	to	10	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
11	to	16	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
17	to	22	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
23	to	28	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
29	to	34	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
35	to	40	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.0
41	to	46	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5
47	to	52	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0	5.0
53	to	58	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.5
59	to	64	5.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0
65	to	70	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.0
71	to	76	6.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5
77	to	82	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.0
83	to	88	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.5	8.5
89	to	94	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.5
95	to	100	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.5	10.0
101	to	106	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.5
107	to	112	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.0
113	to	118	9.5	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	12.0
119	to	124	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5
125	to	130	10.5	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.0
131	to	136	11.0	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.5
137	to	142	11.5	12.0	12.5	13.5	14.0	14.5
143	to	148	12.0	13.0	13.5	14.0	14.5	15.0
149	to	154	12.5	13.0	14.0	14.5	15.0	15.5
155	to	160	13.0	14.0	14.5	15.0	15.5	16.0
161	to	166	13.5	14.5	15.0	15.5	16.0	17.0
167	to	172	14.0	15.0	15.5	16.0	17.0	17.5
173	to	178	14.5	15.5	16.0	17.0	17.5	18.0
179	to	184	15.0	16.0	16.5	17.0	18.0	19.0
185	to	190	15.5	16.5	17.0	18.0	18.5	19.0
191	to	196	16.0	17.0	18.0	18.5	19.0	20.0
197	to	202	16.5	17.5	18.0	19.0	20.0	20.5
203	to	208	17.0	18.0	19.0	19.5	20.5	21.0
209	to	214	17.5	18.5	19.5	20.0	21.0	22.0
215	to	220	18.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	22.5
221	to	226	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5	22.0	23.0
227	to	232	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0
233	to	238	19.5	20.5	21.5	22.5	23.5	24.5
239	and more		20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0

5-6.12

However, employees in the service of the school service centre on the date of the coming into force of the agreement who, as a result of the application of clause 5-6.11 of the 1975-1979 collective agreement, benefited from a vacation plan where the number of vacation days is greater than that prescribed in clause 5-6.10 of this agreement, particularly as regards the number of days, shall continue to be entitled thereto for the duration of the agreement.

5-6.13

An employee, absent from work due to disability or work accident, when he or she must take his or her vacation, may defer it to another date in the fiscal year or, if he or she does not return to work at the end of the fiscal year, to another date in a subsequent fiscal year, determined after agreement with the school service centre. However, the school service centre may require that the employee, prior to returning to work, take vacation from previous years that he or she had reported due to absence from work. When applicable, the replacement shall continue during these vacation days.

5-6.14

When an employee leaves the school service centre at the time of his or her retirement, he or she shall be entitled to the entire vacation period for the year of his or her retirement.

5-7.00 DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, INDUCTION AND SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES**Section 1 Development of Human Resources****5-7.01**

The school service centre and the union recognize the importance of ensuring the development of human resources and the employees recognize the importance of maintaining their skills in accordance with the provisions of this section.

5-7.02

For the purpose of applying this section, “development of human resources” includes any type of improvement or training related to the objectives, orientations, needs and priorities of the school service centre (school, department or centre) and to the needs to update and develop the skills of the employees.

5-7.03

The development of human resources is the responsibility of the school service centre. The various programs related to this purpose shall be developed by the school service centre according to its objectives, orientations, needs and priorities.

The programs allow the employees to acquire skills or techniques or to modify work habits, thereby enabling employees to improve performance in their duties, to update their skills as regards other requirements determined by the school service centre for eligibility to positions, and to prepare them to duties which they could be called upon to perform at the school service centre.

5-7.04

The school service centre, after consultation with the union, shall develop programs for the development of human resources. The school service centre shall then present its objectives, orientations, needs and priorities to the Labour Relations Committee.

5-7.05

The members of the Labour Relations Committee can be asked:

- A) to inform the school service centre of the employee's needs regarding skills updating and development;
- B) to collaborate in the setting up of programs;
- C) to collaborate in the planning of activities;
- D) to make appropriate recommendations to the school service centre, in particular when it concerns the distribution and use of budget for the development of human resources, including the percentage allocated to the replacement of employees.

5-7.06

When the school service centre requests that an employee take part in development activities, it must reimburse the employee for the costs, according to the norms it establishes, upon presentation of an attestation to the effect that he or she has taken part in the activities. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other amount of money from another source, he or she must give the school service centre any amount thus received.

5-7.07

When, at an employee's request, the school service centre authorizes an employee to take part in development activities, it may reimburse the costs upon presentation of an attestation to the effect that he or she has taken part in the activities. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other money from another source, he or she must give the school service centre any amount thus received.

5-7.08

The employee who, at the request of the school service centre, takes part in development of human resources activities during his or her regular work hours shall be considered to be at work during that period.

5-7.09

The courses offered by the school service centre, with the exception of popular education courses, shall be free of cost for the employees who wish to take them provided that:

- A) the courses offer employees an opportunity for professional improvement or increase their educational qualifications;
- B) the courses offer employees an opportunity to acquire skills or techniques or to modify work habits, thereby enabling employees to improve performance in their duties, or to prepare them to duties which they could be called upon to perform at the school service centre;
- C) registration by the general public has priority;
- D) this benefit does not carry the obligation for the school service centre to organize courses;
- E) the courses are taken outside the employee's working hours.

5-7.10

For the purpose of applying this section, the school service centre has, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee whose regular workweek is comprised of the number of hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be. For any other employee in service at the school service centre, the amount allocated is adjusted in proportion to the regular hours set for his or her workweek. This number is established at the beginning of each fiscal year.

The amount mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be increased by fifty percent (50%) for an employee working in a school service centre located in one of the following regions: no. 01 (Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îles-de-la-Madeleine), no. 08 (Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec) or no. 09 (Côte-Nord), as provided for in Appendix 18.

The amounts not used or committed during a fiscal year shall be added to those provided for the following fiscal year.

5-7.11

The school service centre and the union shall determine the terms and conditions of a temporary employee's participation in improvement or development activities.

5-7.12

The school service centre has, in order to offer training to all personnel working with students with disabilities, social maladjustments and learning disabilities, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to ninety dollars (\$90) per employee¹ whose regular workweek is comprised of the number of hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be. For all other personnel in service at the school service centre, the amount allocated is adjusted in proportion to the regular hours set for their workweek. This amount is determined at the beginning of each fiscal year.

It is the responsibility of the school service centre to determine the participation of an employee to the activities covered by this clause.

Section II Induction and Supervision of Trainees**5-7.13**

The school service centre and the union recognize the importance of induction and the supervision of trainees.

5-7.14

The school service centre has, in order to promote induction and the supervision of trainees, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to ninety dollars (\$90) per employee whose regular workweek is comprised of the number of hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be. For all other personnel in service at the school service centre, the amount allocated is adjusted in proportion to the regular hours set for their workweek. This amount is determined at the beginning of each fiscal year.

5-7.15

Induction and the supervision of trainees are the responsibility of the school service centre. The various programs related to this purpose shall be developed by the school service centre according to its objectives, orientations, needs and priorities.

5-7.16

The school service centre, after consulting with the union, shall develop programs for induction and the supervision of trainees. Subsequently, the school service centre shall present its objectives, orientations, needs and priorities to the Labour Relations Committee.

¹ Only the following classes of employment are considered for the calculation of the amounts allocated: school setting educator, school setting educator, principal class, attendant for disabled students, student supervisor, interpreter-technician, social work technician, braille technician, special education technician, day care service and school setting technician.

5-7.17

The members of the Labour Relations Committee can be asked:

- A) to inform the school service centre of the needs regarding induction and the supervision of trainees;
- B) to collaborate in the implementation of programs;
- C) to collaborate in the planning of activities;
- D) to make appropriate recommendations to the school service centre, more specifically regarding the distribution and the use of the budget for induction and the supervision of trainees.

5-7.18

When the school service centre requests that an employee take part in induction activities, it must reimburse the employee for the costs, according to the norms it establishes, upon presentation of an attestation to the effect that he or she has taken part in the activities. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other amount of money from another source, he or she must give the school service centre any amount thus received.

5-7.19

When, at an employee's request, the school service centre authorizes an employee to take part in induction activities, it may reimburse the costs upon presentation of an attestation to the effect that he or she has taken part in the activities. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other money from another source, he or she must give the school service centre any amount thus received.

5-7.20

The employee who, at the request of the school service centre, takes part in induction activities during his or her regular work hours shall be considered to be at work during that period.

5-8.00 CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY**5-8.01**

The school service centre shall undertake to assume the case of every employee whose responsibility might be at issue because of actions committed as a result of or in the course of the performance of his or her duties as an employee.

5-8.02

The school service centre shall agree to indemnify the employee against any liability imposed by a final judgement for loss or damage resulting from actions, other than in the case of serious fault or gross negligence, committed by the employee as a result of or in the course of the carrying out of his or her duties as an employee or in applying clause 5-8.05 as an employee, but only up to the amount for which the employee is not already indemnified by another source, provided that:

- A) the employee has given the school service centre a written account of the facts surrounding any claim made against him or her as soon as it is reasonably possible;
- B) the employee has not admitted responsibility with regard to such a claim;
- C) the employee surrender to the school service centre, up to an amount equal to the loss or damage assumed by it, his or her rights to recourse against the third party and that he or she sign all the documents required by the school service centre for this purpose.

5-8.03

The employee shall have the right to engage an attorney, at his or her own expense, and to have him or her assist the attorney chosen by the school service centre.

5-8.04

As soon as the civil responsibility of the school service centre is admitted or established by a final judgement, the school service centre shall indemnify the employee for the total or partial loss, theft or destruction of his or her personal belongings which are normally used for the performance of his or her duties as an employee at the request of the school service centre except in the case of serious fault or gross negligence on the employee's part. In the case where an employee holds an insurance policy which covers the total or partial loss, theft or destruction of such belongings, the school service centre shall only pay the employee the excess of the actual loss incurred after the compensation is paid by the insurer.

5-8.05

Clause 5-8.01 applies in all cases where an employee is called upon as a result of or in the course of the carrying out of his or her duties to administer first aid to a student or to an employee.

5-9.00 LEAVES WITHOUT SALARY

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

5-10.00 SABBATICAL LEAVE WITH DEFERRED SALARY PLAN

5-10.01

The sabbatical leave with deferred salary plan allows an employee to have his or her salary spread over a determined period in order to benefit from a leave with salary; this plan can only apply in accordance with the law or the regulations.

5-10.02

For the purpose of this article, the word “contract” means the contract mentioned in Appendix 6 of the agreement.

5-10.03

Only regular employees shall be eligible for a sabbatical leave with deferred salary plan.

An employee receiving salary insurance benefits or on a leave without salary at the time of the coming into force of the contract shall not be eligible for the plan. Subsequently, the provisions of the contract for such situations apply.

5-10.04

Upon an employee’s written request, the school service centre may grant him or her a sabbatical leave with deferred salary.

5-10.05

The sabbatical leave with deferred salary plan shall only apply for the period of the contract and duration of the leave as determined in the following table and according to the percentages of salary paid during the contract:

Duration of leave	Duration of participation in plan (contract)			
	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
6 months	75.00%	83.33%	87.50%	90.00%
7 months	70.83%	80.56%	85.42%	88.33%
8 months	66.67%	77.78%	83.33%	86.67%
9 months		75.00%	81.25%	85.00%
10 months		72.22%	79.17%	83.33%
11 months		69.44%	77.08%	81.67%
12 months		66.67%	75.00%	80.00%

5-10.06

Following the leave, the employee must return to work for a period at least equal to that of the leave. The employee may return to work during or after the expiry of the contract.

5-10.07

The amounts of deferred salary cannot be paid at the time of retirement nor have the effect of deferring income tax.

5-10.08

The school service centre and the employee shall sign, where applicable, the contract stipulating the terms and conditions of the leave.

5-10.09

The employee who obtained a sabbatical leave with deferred salary under a former collective agreement shall continue to be governed by those provisions and the applicable sabbatical leave with deferred salary plan until the expiry of the contract.

CHAPTER 6-0.00 REMUNERATION**6-1.00 CLASSIFICATION RULES****Determination of the Class of Employment on the Date of the Coming into Force of the Agreement****6-1.01**

The classification of an employee shall be that held on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

Determination of the Class of Employment During the Agreement**6-1.02**

As of his or her hiring, the employee shall be classified according to the Classification Plan.

6-1.03

In all cases, the school service centre's assignment of a class of employment provided for in the Classification Plan shall be based on the nature of the work and on the characteristic duties that the employee is principally and customarily required to perform.

6-1.04

At the time of hiring, the employee shall be informed in writing of his or her status (probationary, regular or temporary), class of employment, salary, step, date of advancement in step in accordance with article 6-2.00 and job description.

6-1.05

Subsequently, the employee shall be informed in writing of any change in his or her duties.

6-1.06

The employee who obtains a new position as a result of the application of article 7-1.00 or 7-3.00 and who claims that the new duties he or she must perform principally and customarily correspond to a class of employment which differs from the one obtained shall be entitled to file a grievance according to the usual procedure within ninety (90) days after he or she obtains the position. In the case of arbitration, clause 6-1.15 applies.

Change in Duties

6-1.07

The employee who claims that the duties he or she must perform principally and customarily as required by the school service centre correspond to a class of employment which differs from his or her own may file a grievance according to the procedure for the settling of grievances provided for in article 9-1.00 of the agreement. Notwithstanding the time limit specified in the first subparagraph of paragraph A) of clause 9-1.03, the employee may validly submit a grievance as long as he or she is performing such duties.

In the event of arbitration, clause 6-1.15 shall apply and the ensuing decision cannot have any retroactive effect prior to the date on which it was filed with the school service centre.

The fact that these changes occurred during the 2020-2023 collective agreement cannot invalidate the grievance as long as it was filed within thirty (30) working days following the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

6-1.08

The arbitrator who decides a grievance filed under clauses 6-1.06 and 6-1.07 shall only have the power to grant a monetary compensation equal to the difference between the employee's salary and the higher salary which corresponds to the class of employment the duties of which the employee proved that he or she performed principally and customarily as required by the school service centre.

The arbitrator must render his or her decision in keeping with the Classification Plan and must establish the similarity between the employee's characteristic duties and those provided for in the Classification Plan.

The monetary compensation prescribed in this article shall be calculated as provided for in clause 6-2.13.

6-1.09

If the arbitrator cannot establish the similarity referred to in clause 6-1.08, the following provisions apply:

- A) within twenty (20) working days of the arbitrator's decision, the provincial negotiating parties shall meet in order to determine a monetary compensation in the salary scales provided for in the agreement and agree, if need be, on the class of employment on which the said compensation shall be determined in accordance with clauses 6-1.06 and 6-1.07;
- B) failing an agreement, the union concerned by the arbitral decision may request that the arbitrator determine the monetary compensation by finding in the agreement a salary closest to a salary which corresponds to duties similar to those of the employee concerned in the public and parapublic sectors.

6-1.10

In the case of a grievance submitted under clause 6-1.06 or 6-1.07, if the school service centre has not reestablished the employee's duties to those prior to the grievance within thirty (30) days following the arbitrator's decision by virtue of clause 6-1.08 or 6-1.09, the employee shall obtain the class of employment corresponding to the duties that he or she performed principally and customarily.

6-1.11

When the school service centre decides to maintain a position for which the arbitrator was not able to establish similarity under clause 6-1.09, it shall approach the provincial negotiating employer group to create a new class of employment which shall at least include the characteristic functions of the position. The procedures provided for in clauses 6-1.13 and 6-1.14 shall then apply.

6-1.12

As long as a new class has not been created and the salary has not been determined, the employee concerned shall continue to receive the monetary compensation provided for in clause 6-1.08 or 6-1.09 while he or she occupies or holds the said position.

Creation of New Classes of Employment or Changes in Duties or Qualifications**6-1.13**

If, during the term of the agreement and after consulting the provincial negotiating union group, new classes of employment are created by the provincial negotiating employer group or if the duties or qualifications of a class of employment are modified, the provincial negotiating parties shall determine the applicable salary rate on the basis of the rates provided for comparable positions in the public and parapublic sectors.

6-1.14

If, during the forty (40) working days following the notice of the creation of the new class of employment or the notification of a change made by the provincial negotiating employer group, there is no agreement with the provincial negotiating union group on the salary rate proposed by the provincial negotiating employer group, the provincial negotiating union group may then, within twenty (20) working days, submit a grievance directly to arbitration according to the procedure provided for in clause 6-1.15. The arbitrator must make a decision on the new rate by taking into account the rates in effect for similar positions in the public and parapublic sectors.

Arbitration

6-1.15

For the purpose of clauses 6-1.08, 6-1.09, 6-1.14 and 7-1.02, the grievances submitted to arbitration shall be decided by an arbitrator listed in the list of classification arbitrators determined by the parties in accordance with Appendix 30 and submitted to the Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'éducation.

The chief arbitrator whose name appears in clause 9-2.01 shall see to the distribution of the grievances among the arbitrators appointed in accordance with clause 9-2.01. The procedure provided for in article 9-2.00 applies by making the necessary changes.

6-1.16

The time limits mentioned in this article are compulsory unless there is a written agreement to the contrary. Failure to comply with the time limits shall render the grievance null and void.

6-2.00 DETERMINATION OF STEP

At the Time of Hiring

6-2.01

The salary step of each new employee shall be determined according to the class of employment assigned to him or her, taking into account his or her schooling and experience in accordance with this article.

6-2.02

Subject to the second (2nd) paragraph of clause 6-2.06, the step usually corresponds to one complete year of recognized experience, meaning one thousand eight hundred and twenty (1 820) hours in the categories of technical and paratechnical and administrative positions and two thousand and fifteen (2 015) hours in the categories of manual support positions. It denotes the salary rate in the scales found in Appendix 1.

6-2.03

An employee who possesses only the minimum required qualifications specified in the Classification Plan to enter a class of employment shall be entitled to the first step of the class.

6-2.04

Subject to the second (2nd) paragraph of clause 6-2.06, an employee who possesses more years of experience than the minimum specified in the Classification Plan for the class of employment shall be granted one step per additional year of experience, provided that this experience be deemed valid and directly relevant to the duties outlined in the class of employment.

For the purpose of determining the step in a class of employment, experience must be relevant and must have been acquired with the school service centre or with another employer in a class of employment of an equivalent or higher level than this class of employment, taking into account the qualifications required by the class of employment.

The relevant experience acquired in a class of employment of a level lower than the employee's class of employment may be used solely to meet the qualifications required by the class of employment.

6-2.05

An employee who has successfully completed more years of schooling than the minimum required in the Classification Plan in an officially recognized institution shall be granted two (2) steps for each year of schooling in addition to the minimum required, provided that these studies are deemed directly relevant by the school service centre and that they are greater than the qualifications required in terms of the schooling for the class of employment to which the employee belongs.

Advancement in Step

6-2.06

For classes of employment with a ranking of 1 to 18¹, the first advancement in step shall be granted on January 1 or on July 1 which follows by at least nine (9) months the effective date of entry into service. The subsequent advancement in step shall usually be granted on the anniversary date of the first advancement.

For classes of employment with a ranking of 19 to 28, up to step 8, the first advancement in step shall be granted on January 1 or on July 1 which follows by at least four (4) months the effective date of entry into service and the subsequent advancement in step shall usually be granted six (6) months after the last advancement. As of step 9, the first advancement in step shall be granted on January 1 or on July 1 which follows by at least nine (9) months the effective date of entry into service and the subsequent advancement in step shall usually be granted twelve (12) months after the last advancement.

This clause applies subject to clause 6-2.08.

6-2.07

The employee who is temporarily laid off due to a periodic slowdown or seasonal shutdown of activities in his or her sector shall be considered as being in the service of the school service centre during that period for the purpose of determining the date of his or her advancement in step as well as for the purpose of advancement in step.

¹ See Appendix 3.

6-2.08

When the period of time spent in a step is usually be one year, each step shall correspond to one year of experience. When the period of time spent in a step is usually six (6) months, two (2) steps shall correspond to one year of experience.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no advancement in step shall be granted for the period from January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983 and the step thus lost may in no way be recuperated.

Moreover, the months between January 1, 1983 and December 31, 1983 may not be taken into account when determining any subsequent step or when applying clauses 6-2.06, 6-2.13, 6-2.14 and 6-2.15.

The preceding provisions shall not modify the date of advancement in step of an employee for any period subsequent to December 31, 1983.

6-2.09

The transition from one step to another shall be granted following the employee's performance evaluation, unless the employee's performance is unsatisfactory.

The advancement in step shall not be granted when, during the twelve (12) months preceding the date on which such advancement in step should have been granted, the employee was on a leave of absence without salary under article 5-5.00 or 5-9.00 for a period of over four (4) months.

6-2.10

If the advancement in step is not granted, the school service centre shall notify the employee and the union at least fifteen (15) days before the date foreseen for the said advancement. In the event of a grievance, the burden of proof rests with the school service centre.

6-2.11

The advancement of two (2) additional steps shall be granted on the advancement date when the employee has successfully completed professional improvement studies equivalent to one year of full-time studies, provided that these studies are deemed directly relevant by the school service centre and that they are greater in terms of schooling than the required qualifications specified in the Classification Plan for his or her class of employment.

6-2.12

A change in class of employment, a promotion, a transfer or a demotion shall not affect the date of the advancement in step.

Determination of the Step at the Time of a Promotion, Transfer or Demotion**6-2.13 At the Time of a Promotion**

When an employee receives a promotion or a temporary assignment which constitutes a promotion, the step in the new class of employment shall be determined according to the more advantageous of the following formulas:

A) a) Categories of Technical and Paratechnical Support and Administrative Support Positions

An employee shall be placed in the step in which the salary rate is immediately above the one he or she was receiving; the resulting increase must at least be equal to the difference between the first two (2) steps of the new class of employment; failing this, he or she shall be assigned the step immediately above. If this increase has the effect of giving the employee a rate higher than that of the last step in the scale, the difference between the rate of the last step and this higher rate shall be paid to him or her in a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays.

b) Category of Labour Support Positions

The transition of the employee's salary rate to the rate of the new class of employment must ensure a minimum increase of ten cents (\$0.10) per hour; failing this, an employee shall receive the rate of the new class of employment and a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays to make up the difference up to the minimum ten cents (\$0.10) per hour.

B) The employee shall be placed in the step in his or her new class of employment which corresponds to his or her years of experience recognized as being valid and directly relevant to the performance of the duties of this new class of employment.

C) In the case of an employee who is overscale and who remains overscale:

a) Categories of Technical and Paratechnical Support and Administrative Support Positions

An employee shall receive an increase determined as follows:

- his or her overscale salary shall be increased by one third (1/3) of the difference between the maximum salary provided for in the scale of the class of employment he or she is leaving and the maximum salary provided for in the scale of the class of employment to which he or she is promoted; the increase must ensure an increase at least equal to the difference between the first two (2) steps of the employee's new class of employment; the increase shall be paid as a lump sum spread over each of the employee's pays.

b) Category of Labour Support Positions

An employee shall receive an increase determined in the following manner:

- his or her overscale salary shall be increased by one third (1/3) of the difference between the rate provided for the class of employment that he or she is leaving and the rate provided for the class of employment to which he or she is promoted; the salary rate shall ensure an increase of at least ten cents (\$0.10) per hour; the increase shall be paid as a lump sum spread over each of the employee's pays.

6-2.14 At the Time of a Transfer

When an employee is transferred, he or she shall be placed in the step of the new class of employment which corresponds to his or her years of experience recognized as being valid and directly relevant to the performance of the duties of this class of employment or the employee shall retain his or her current salary rate if it is more advantageous.

6-2.15 At the Time of a Demotion

A) An employee demoted voluntarily shall receive the salary which corresponds to the more advantageous of the following formulas:

- a) he or she shall be placed in the step of the new class of employment the salary rate of which is immediately below that which he or she receives;
- b) he or she shall be placed in the step of the new class of employment corresponding to his or her years of experience recognized as being valid and directly relevant to the performance of the duties of this class of employment.

B) An employee demoted involuntarily shall obtain the salary which corresponds to the more advantageous of the formulas provided for in the preceding paragraph A), on the condition that the difference between the salary of his or her new class of employment and the salary he or she received before his or her demotion be made up by a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays and paid over a maximum period of two (2) years after the demotion.

However, the employee who, within a two (2)-year period following his or her demotion, obtains a position which would have constituted a transfer had he or she not been affected by a demotion shall then receive the same salary he or she would have received had he or she not been demoted.

6-2.16

An employee who receives a lump sum under clauses 6-2.13 and 6-2.15 of the former collective agreement shall continue to do so in accordance with the clauses referred to and for the time specified therein.

This clause cannot result in modifying each party's rights and obligations as provided for in clauses 6-2.13 and 6-2.15 of the former collective agreement.

6-3.00 SALARY**Salary Scales and Rates****6-3.01**

An employee shall be entitled to the salary rate applicable to him or her according to his or her class of employment as determined under article 6-1.00 and his or her step, if any, as determined under article 6-2.00.

6-3.02 General Salary Increase Parametres**A) Period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024**

Each salary rate and scale¹ in effect on March 31, 2023 shall be increased by 6,00%², effective April 1, 2023.

B) Period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Each salary rate and scale¹ in effect on March 31, 2024 shall be increased by 2,80%², effective April 1, 2024.

C) Period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Each salary rate and scale¹ in effect on March 31, 2025, shall be increased by 2,60%² effective April 1, 2025.

D) Period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Each salary rate and scale¹ in effect on March 31, 2026, shall be increased by 2,50%² effective April 1, 2026.

E) Period from April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Each salary rate and scale¹ in effect on March 31, 2027, shall be increased by 3,50%² effective April 1, 2027.

¹ The rate and scale increase shall be based on the hourly rate. The single ranking rates shall be calculated on the basis of a career gain of thirty-three (33) years. The rankings for the titles of the classes or groups of employment are those indicated in Appendix 3, subject to the provisions provided in other agreements. The salary structures are those provided in Appendix 2.

² However, the clauses of the collective agreements concerning overrate or overscale employees shall apply.

6-3.03 Salary Adjustment

- A) A salary adjustment may apply according to the following terms and conditions:
- a) As of March 31, 2026, each rate and salary scale¹ in effect on March 30, 2026, is increased by the percentage variation between the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2025-2026 and the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2024-2025, and such variation is reduced by 2.60 percentage points. The increase² cannot be greater than 1.00%.
 - b) As of March 31, 2027, each rate and salary scale¹ in effect on March 30, 2027, is increased by the percentage variation between the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2026-2027 and the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2025-2026, and such variation is reduced by 2.50 percentage points. The increase² cannot be greater than 1.00%.
 - c) As of March 31, 2028, each rate and salary scale¹ in effect on March 30, 2028, is increased by the percentage variation between the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2027-2028 and the average annual Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2026-2027, and such variation is reduced by 3.50 percentage points. The increase² cannot be greater than 1.00%.
- B) For each increase previously calculated, if the result is less than 0.05%, the rates of the salary scales shall not be modified.
- C) The salary adjustments set out in the previous paragraphs are applied to the employees' pay and paid retroactively in the 180 days following the publication of the data by Statistics Canada.
- D) For the purposes of the calculations of this clause:
- a) The Consumer Price Index in Québec corresponds to the average per fiscal year (April to March) for all products and for which Statistics Canada is the source, Table 18-1 0-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, seasonally unadjusted;
 - b) The variation of the Consumer Price Index is expressed as a percentage and this percentage is rounded to two decimals.
- E) The salary adjustment cannot be negative in any circumstances.

¹ The increase in salary rates and scales is calculated based on an hourly rate. Single ranking rates are calculated on the basis of a 33-year career gain. The rankings for the titles of the classes or groups of employment are those indicated in Appendix 3, subject to the provisions provided in other agreements.

² Exceptionally, the collective agreement clauses related to off-rate and off-scale professors apply. In the case of a salary adjustment pursuant to the adjustment clause, the off-rate and off-scale clauses apply as of March 31 of the period in question compared to the previous March 30 to take into account such an adjustment.

Indexation Technique

6-3.04

Salary scale rates are expressed on an hourly basis.

When general indexation parameters or other forms of improvement to the salary scales or rates must be applied, these apply to the hourly rate and are rounded to the nearest cent.

For the purposes of publishing the collective agreements, the number of weeks to be considered in calculating the annual rate is 52.18. The annual rate is rounded to the nearest dollar.

The class titles¹ referred to in clause 6-3.06 shall be increased as described in these items.

When rounding to the nearest cent, the following applies:

- When the decimal point is followed by three digits or more, the third and subsequent digits are dropped if the third digit is less than five. If the third digit is equal to or greater than five, the second digit is carried to the higher unit and the third and subsequent digits are dropped.

When rounding to the nearest dollar, the following applies:

- When the decimal point is followed by one digit or more, the first and subsequent digits are dropped if the first digit is less than five. If the first digit is equal to or greater than five, the dollar is carried to the higher unit and the first decimal and subsequent decimals are dropped.

Establishment of Salary Scales and Rates that Apply to Special Cases

6-3.05

The method described in clause 6-3.06 shall be used where an indexation parameter or any other form of adjustment is granted to maintain the link with the remuneration structure of all employees working in the health and social services, school service centres, school boards and colleges sectors.

Tow-clause Jobs

6-3.06

The salary scale or rate applicable to each of the class titles identified in Appendix 4 is modified to ensure a gap between each step of the reference class title.

¹ For school service centres, the expression “class titles” refers to “classes of employment”.

The salary scale or rate of a tow-clause job is established as follows:

$$\text{Step rate}_{n, \text{Tow-clause job}} = \text{Step rate}_{n, \text{Reference job}} \times \text{adjustment \%}$$

where n = step number

Rounded to the nearest cent.

The adjustment percentage is shown in Appendix 4.

Where a tow-clause class title only contains a single step, the adjustment is calculated from step 1 of the reference class title.

For trade apprentices, the rate of the reference title is the average single rate of the reference class titles.

The provisions of this clause shall not modify the number of steps of the tow-clause job.

Overrate or Overscale Employees

6-3.07

Employees whose salary rate, on the day preceding the date on which the salaries and salary scales are increased, is higher than the single rate or the salary scale maximum in effect for their class of employment shall receive on the date on which the salaries and salary scales are increased a minimum rate of increase equal to half of the percentage of increase applicable, on April 1 of the period concerned in relation to March 31 of the preceding year, to a single salary rate or a step situated at the maximum of the scale on March 31 of the preceding year corresponding to their class of employment.

6-3.08

If the application of the minimum rate of increase determined in clause 6-3.07 has the effect of placing, on April 1, an employee who was overscale or overrate on March 31 of the preceding year at a salary lower than the maximum step of the scale or single salary rate corresponding to his or her class of employment, the minimum rate of increase is brought to the percentage necessary to permit the employee to reach the step or single salary rate.

6-3.09

The difference between, on the one hand, the percentage increase of the maximum salary step or the single salary rate corresponding to the class of employment of the employee and, on the other hand, the minimum rate of increase established under clauses 6-3.07 and 6-3.08, is paid to him or her as a lump sum calculated on the basis of his or her salary rate on March 31.

6-3.10

The lump sum is spread and paid over each pay period in proportion to the regular hours remunerated for each pay period.

Responsibility Premiums, Premiums for Regional Disparities and Other Premiums, Rates or Allowances

6-3.11

The premiums and allowances, except for the premiums and allowances expressed as a percentage of salary, shall be increased as of the same date and at the same percentage than those determined in clauses 6-3.02.

6-4.00 PREMIUMS¹

6-4.01

Each premium and each allocation, except for premiums expressed in percentages, shall be increased on the same date and with the same general salary increase parameters as prescribed in paragraphs A) to E) of clause 6-3.02 and, if applicable, in clause 6-3.03.

6-4.02 Responsibility Premiums

A) Lead Hand Premium

The employee who, at the request of the school service centre, acts as lead hand for a group of five (5) employees or more shall receive for each hour of work when he or she acts as such an hourly premium according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
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\$1.16/hour	\$1.19/hour	\$1.22/hour	\$1.25/hour	\$1.29/hour

The premium does not apply to the employees whose class of employment involves the supervision of a group of employees.

¹ See Appendix 24 "Letter of Agreement Concerning the Attraction and Retention Premium to Solve Labour Shortages Paid for Certain Class Titles of Specialized Workmen".

B) Premium for Additional Responsibility

- a) The stationary engineer who principally and customarily supervises the installation of a combination of boilers and refrigeration equipment located in the same area and who possesses the two (2) required certificates, the heating/steam engine certificate and the refrigeration equipment certificate, shall receive, in addition to the salary rate provided for in his or her class of employment, a salary supplement according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$13.12/week	\$13.49/week	\$13.84/week	\$14.19/week	\$14.69/week

- b) The driver of heavy or light vehicles who exclusively transports handicapped students recognized as such by the school service centre and who assists them in their transportation shall receive, in addition to the salary rate prescribed for his or her class of employment, an hourly premium according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$1.12/hour	\$1.15/hour	\$1.18/hour	\$1.21/hour	\$1.25/hour

C) Pipe Welder Premium

The welder who possesses the “high pressure welder certificate” issued by the Ministère de l’Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale or a certificate of competency in fitting and welding issued by the Ministère de l’Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale shall receive, when he or she is required to work in this capacity, in addition to the salary rate provided for in his or her class of employment and for each hour thus worked, an hourly premium according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$1.88/hour	\$1.93/hour	\$1.98/hour	\$2.03/hour	\$2.10/hour

D) Premium for a Caretaker Assigned to a School Equipped with a Steam Heating System

The class I or class II caretaker assigned to a school (building) equipped with a steam heating system regulated by the Stationary Enginemen Act (CQLR, chapter M-6) shall be entitled, in addition to the salary rate provided for in his or her class of employment, to a weekly premium, provided that he or she is in charge of operating and supervising the system and that he or she possesses the necessary certificate of competence. The premium shall be:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$13.35/week	\$13.72/week	\$14.08/week	\$14.43/week	\$14.94/week

6-5.00 OTHER PREMIUMS

6-5.01

A) Evening Shift Premium

The employee for whom half or more of the regular working hours are between 16:00 and 24:00 shall receive an hourly premium according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$0.80/hour	\$0.82/hour	\$0.84/hour	\$0.86/hour	\$0.89/hour

B) Night Shift Premium

The employee for whom half or more of the regular working hours are between 24:00 and 08:00 shall receive an hourly premium according to the rate in effect:

	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
Night shift premium					
- 0 to 5 years of seniority ¹	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%
- 5 to 10 years of seniority ¹	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
- 10 or more years of seniority ¹	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%

Premiums are considered or paid only when there is such an inconvenience.

The school service centre and the union may agree to convert for an employee whose regular workweek is comprised of the number of hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, and who works on a regular night shift all or part of the premium prescribed above into paid time off, provided that this does not generate additional costs.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraph, the method for converting a night shift premium into paid time off shall be determined as follows:

- eleven percent (11%) equals twenty-two and six-tenth (22.6) days;
- twelve percent (12%) equals twenty-four (24) days;
- fourteen percent (14%) equals twenty-eight (28) days.

¹ For an employee not covered by the provisions of article 8-1.00, the term “seniority” is replaced by “duration of employment”.

6-5.02 Stabilization premium for employees working in a day care service and school setting

To ensure greater stability, the day care service and school setting technician, the school setting educator, principal class or the school setting educator who must interrupt his or her work for a period exceeding the time scheduled for his or her meal¹ or more than once a day shall receive a premium in addition to his or her regular salary according to the rate in effect:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
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\$6.36/day	\$6.54/day	\$6.71/day	\$6.88/day	\$7.12/day

6-5.03 Availability premium

The employee who, upon request from the school service centre, agrees to remain on availability to work outside his or her regular work schedule shall be entitled to an availability premium equal to one hour of work at simple rate after each period of eight (8) full hours of availability.

The local parties may agree on the terms and conditions applicable to this premium.

6-6.00 LODGING

6-6.01

If, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, an employee occupies lodging in a building belonging to the school service centre, he or she shall continue to have the same benefits as in the past as long as he or she holds the same position.

6-7.00 TRAVEL EXPENSES

6-7.01

The employee who is required to travel within or outside the school service centre's territory in order to perform his or her duties must be reimbursed for the expenses actually incurred for this purpose, upon presentation of supporting vouchers in accordance with the norms established by the school service centre and at the most advantageous rate applicable to all unionized groups of the school service centre.

6-7.02

In order to justify reimbursement, any travelling must be authorized by the competent authority.

¹ As of the fiscal year following the entry into force of the agreement, the terms "time scheduled for his or her meal" shall be replaced by "sixty (60) minutes."

6-7.03

The employee who uses his or her car shall be entitled to a reimbursement in accordance with the most advantageous rate applicable to all unionized groups of the school service centre.

6-7.04

The other expenses, public transportation, taxis, parking, accommodations, and meals shall be reimbursed upon presentation of supporting vouchers in accordance with the norms established by the school service centre at the rate prescribed in clause 6-7.01.

6-7.05

The employee who uses his or her automobile must provide proof that his or her insurance policy category is “pleasure and occasional business” or “pleasure and business” and that the public liability coverage is at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100 000) for damages to another’s property.

6-7.06

The possession of a vehicle may be a requirement for a position in which the employee is required to travel regularly in order to perform his or her duties.

However, if no such requirement existed at the time when the employee was assigned to the position, the possession of a vehicle as a subsequent requirement for this position shall not cause the employee concerned to lose his or her position or employment.

6-7.07

Subject to article 8-4.00, a tenured employee whose driver’s license was lost or suspended and who cannot perform his or her duties in whole or in part shall obtain, upon written request to the school service centre, a leave of absence without salary in accordance with article 5-9.00 for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months, unless the school service centre can temporarily reassign the employee upon agreement with the union. In this case, the employee shall receive the salary corresponding to the new assignment.

6-7.08

The school service centre shall not force an employee to transport heavy material or equipment which could damage or cause premature wear to his or her vehicle.

6-7.09

Travelling time in the service of the school service centre must be considered as work time if the employee travels the same day, with the consent of the school service centre, from one workplace to another within the territory of the school service centre. Any travel outside the school service centre territory shall be governed by the policies of the school service centre.

6-8.00 VERIFICATION OF FURNACES**6-8.01**

Subject to clause 8-3.04, the school service centre may require an employee, other than the employee mentioned in clause 6-6.01, to carry out the verification of furnaces on Saturdays, Sundays and paid legal holidays in accordance with the following provisions.

6-8.02

When the school service centre decides to offer the verification of furnaces to employees, it shall obtain once a year a list of employees interested in carrying out these verifications by posting a notice of at least five (5) working days.

6-8.03

For the purpose of applying clause 6-8.02, the school service centre shall entrust the verification to employees registered on the list according to the following order:

- A) the class II caretaker, class I caretaker, class II night caretaker, and class I night caretaker assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- B) the class II maintenance worker assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- C) another employee in the labour support staff category assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- D) another class II caretaker, class I caretaker, class II night caretaker, and class I night caretaker in the employ of the school service centre;
- E) another class II maintenance worker in the employ of the school service centre;
- F) another employee in the labour support staff category in the employ of the school service centre.

The order of seniority shall prevail for each of the aforementioned steps.

6-8.04

An employee registered on the list shall agree to carry out the verifications required for the length of time mentioned in the notice. Should the employee be unable to carry out the verification for a short period of time for a valid reason, he or she must notify the school service centre at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

In uncontrollable circumstances, the employee may waive the forty-eight (48)-hour notice.

6-8.05

The name of the employee who does not conform to clause 6-8.04 shall automatically be struck from the list.

6-8.06

Notwithstanding clause 6-8.04, an employee shall not be required to carry out the verification of furnaces if he or she is absent for a reason provided for in the agreement.

6-8.07

If the school service centre is unable to have the required verifications carried out by the application of the preceding provisions, it may require any employee, other than the employee mentioned in clause 6-8.03, to carry out the verifications.

6-8.08

If the law or the regulations require that employees who perform work related to the verification or supervision of furnaces possess special qualifications, the preceding provisions apply only to employees who possess those qualifications.

6-8.09

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the verifications were carried out by employees other than those in the subcategory of maintenance and service staff, the school service centre may continue to use these other employees.

6-8.10

The employee who is requested by the school service centre to carry out the verification of furnaces shall receive for each visit to a school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, the following applicable amount:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 -----	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 -----	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 -----	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 -----	Rate as of 2027-04-01 -----
\$25.18/visit	\$25.89/visit	\$26.56/visit	\$27.22/visit	\$28.17/visit

When two (2) buildings of the same school or centre are located more than one kilometre from one another, they shall be considered, for the purpose of this article, as two (2) distinct schools or two (2) distinct centres.

6-8.11

Notwithstanding clause 6-8.10, the indemnity shall not be paid in the following cases:

- A) if the employee is absent from work on the preceding working day; however, if the employee is on a disability leave or a leave of absence with salary on the preceding working day, he or she may, subject to the other provisions of this article, carry out the verification if he or she notifies his or her immediate superior before noon on the preceding working day;
- B) if the employee is at school for any activity for which he or she is paid as provided for in the agreement, namely, loan and rental of halls or overtime; in no case shall the remuneration be less than that provided for in the first paragraph of clause 6-8.10.

6-8.12

The school service centre and the union may agree on different terms and conditions regarding the verification of furnaces.

6-9.00 REGIONAL DISPARITIES**Section I Definitions****6-9.01**

For the purpose of this article, the following expressions mean:

A) Dependent

The spouse and dependent child¹ and any other dependent as defined in the Taxation Act (CQLR, chapter I-3) provided that the latter resides with the employee. However, for the purpose of this article, the income earned from a job by the employee's spouse shall not nullify the latter's status as dependent.

The fact that a child attends a secondary school declared to be of public interest situated elsewhere than in the employee's place of residence shall not nullify his or her status as dependent if no public secondary school is accessible where the employee lives.

¹ Dependent child: a child of an employee, of an employee's spouse or of both or a child living with the employee and for whom adoption procedures have been undertaken, unmarried or not joined in a civil union and living or domiciled in Canada, who depends on the employee for his or her financial support and who is under eighteen (18) years of age; every child aged twenty-five (25) years or less who is a duly registered student attending a recognized learning institution on a full-time basis or a child of any age who became totally disabled before reaching his or her eighteenth (18th) birthday or before reaching his or her twenty-fifth (25th) birthday if he or she was a duly registered student attending a recognized learning institution on a full-time basis and has remained continuously disabled ever since.

Moreover, the fact that a child attends preschool or elementary school, recognized of public interest, in a locality other than the employee's place of residence shall not remove his or her status of dependent when no school recognized of public interest, preschool or elementary, as the case may be, is accessible in the child's language of instruction (French or English) in the locality where the employee lives.

In addition, a child who is twenty-five (25) years of age or less shall also be deemed to have the status of dependent when he or she meets the following three (3) conditions:

- the child is a full-time student attending a post-secondary educational institution, recognized of public interest, in a locality other than the place of residence of the employee working in a locality situated in Sectors III, IV and V excluding the localities of Parent, Sanmaur and Clova or working in the locality of Fermont;
- the child had previously the status of dependent in accordance with the definition of dependent provided above;
- the employee has provided the supporting documents vouchers attesting that the child is pursuing full-time post-secondary studies, either proof of registration at the start of the session and proof of attendance at the end of the session.

The recognition of the status of dependent as described in the preceding paragraph shall allow the employee to maintain his or her level of isolation and remoteness premium and the child to benefit from the provisions related to outings.

However, transportation expenses allocated to the dependent child and arising through other programs shall be deducted from the benefits related to outings for this dependent child.

The conditions described in the fourth paragraph shall not apply to the provisions on food transportations and lodging.

Point of Departure

Domicile in the legal sense of the word upon engagement insofar as the domicile is situated in one of the localities of Québec. This point of departure may be modified by an agreement between the school service centre and the employee subject to it being situated in one of the localities of Québec.

The fact that an employee already covered by this article changes school service centre shall not modify his or her point of departure.

B) Sectors**Sector V**

Localities of Tasiujaq, Ivujivik, Kangiqsualujuaq, Aupaluk, Quaqtaq, Akulivik, Kangiqsujaq, Kangirsuk, Salluit and Umiujaq.

Sector IV

Localities of Wemindji, Eastmain, Waskaganish, Nemiscau, Inukjuak, Povungnituk, Kuujuaq, Kuujuarapik, Whapmagoostui, Schefferville and Kawawachikamach.

Sector III

- Territory located north of the 51° of latitude including Mistissini, Chisasibi, Radisson and Waswanipi, excluding Fermont and the localities specified in sectors V and IV;
- Localities of Parent, Sanmaur, Clova and Oujé-Bougoumou;
- Territory of the Côte-Nord, extending east of Havre-Saint-Pierre, up to Labrador, including the Île d'Anticosti.

Sector II

- Locality of Fermont;
- Territory of the Côte-Nord, located east of the Moisie River up to Havre-Saint-Pierre inclusively;
- Locality of Îles-de-la-Madeleine.

Sector I

Localities of Angliers, Béarn, Belleterre, Chapais, Chibougamau, Duhamel, Fabre, Fugèreville, Guérin, Kipawa, Joutel, Laforce, Latulippe, Laverlochère, Lebel-sur-Quévillon, Lorrainville, Matagami, Moffet, Nédélec, Notre-Dame-du-Nord, Rémigny, Saint-Bruno de Guigues, Saint-Eugène de Guigues, Témiscaming, Ville-Marie and Winneway.

Section II Rates of Premiums

6-9.02

The employee working in one of the sectors mentioned in clause 6-9.01 shall receive an annual isolation and remoteness premium according to the rates in effect:

		Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
		per year	Per year	per year	per year	per year
With dependents	SECTOR					
	Sector V	\$23 426	\$24 082	\$24 708	\$25 326	\$26 212
	Sector IV	\$19 856	\$20 412	\$20 943	\$21 467	\$22 218
	Sector III	\$15 267	\$15 694	\$16 102	\$16 505	\$17 083
	Sector II	\$12 137	\$12 477	\$12 801	\$13 121	\$13 580
	Sector I	\$9 813	\$10 088	\$10 350	\$10 609	\$10 980
No dependents	Sector V	\$13 288	\$13 660	\$14 015	\$14 365	\$14 868
	Sector IV	\$11 265	\$11 580	\$11 881	\$12 178	\$12 604
	Sector III	\$9 544	\$9 811	\$10 066	\$10 318	\$10 679
	Sector II	\$8 089	\$8 315	\$8 531	\$8 744	\$9 050
	Sector I	\$6 860	\$7 052	\$7 235	\$7 416	\$7 676

An employee working in one of the aforementioned sectors who occupies or holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, shall receive this premium in proportion to the hours worked.

6-9.03

The amount of the isolation and remoteness premium shall be adjusted in proportion to the time worked by the employee in the school service centre's territory included in one of the sectors described in clause 6-9.01.

An employee on maternity leave or an employee on adoption leave who remains in the territory during the leave shall continue to benefit from the provisions of this article.

Subject to the first paragraph of this clause, the school service centre shall cease to pay the premium provided for in clause 6-9.02 if the employee and his or her dependents deliberately leave the territory during a paid leave or absence for more than thirty (30) days, except annual vacation, paid legal holidays, sick leave, maternity leave, adoption leave or leave due to a work accident.

6-9.04

If both members of a couple work for the same school service centre or if both work for two (2) different employers in the public or parapublic sector, only one of the two (2) may avail himself or herself of the premium applicable to the employee with dependents, if he or she has one or more dependents other than the spouse. If he or she has no dependent other than the spouse, each shall be entitled to the premium appearing in the “no dependents” scale, despite the definition of the term “dependent” found in clause 6-9.01.

Section III Other Benefits**6-9.05**

The school service centre shall assume the following expenses incurred by every employee recruited in Québec at a distance of more than fifty (50) kilometres from the locality where he or she is required to perform his or her duties, provided that it be situated in one of the sectors described in clause 6-9.01:

- A) the transportation expenses of the transferred employee and his or her dependents;
- B) the cost of transporting his or her personal belongings and those of his or her dependents up to a maximum of:
 - two hundred and twenty-eight kilograms (228 kg) for each adult or each child twelve (12) years of age and over;
 - one hundred and thirty-seven kilograms (137 kg) for each child under the age of twelve (12);
- C) the cost of transporting the employee’s furniture (including household utensils), if need be, other than those provided by the school service centre;
- D) the cost of transporting the employee’s vehicle, if need be, on land, by boat or by train;
- E) the cost of storing the employee’s furniture, if need be.

The weight of two hundred and twenty-eight kilograms (228 kg) provided for in paragraph B) of this clause shall be increased by forty-five kilograms (45 kg) per year of active service during which the employee remained in the territory in the employ of the school service centre. This provision shall cover the employee only. For the purposes of applying this paragraph, no prorating of active service shall be done for the employee whose regular workweek is comprised of seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

The expenses incurred between the point of departure and the place of assignment shall be paid by the school service centre or shall be reimbursed upon presentation of supporting vouchers.

If an employee is recruited from outside Québec, these expenses shall be assumed by the school service centre without exceeding the equivalent costs between Montréal and the locality where the employee is called to perform his or her duties.

If both spouses, within the meaning of clause 5-3.02, work for the same school service centre, only one may avail himself or herself of the benefits granted under this section.

The employee shall not be reimbursed for the expenses mentioned in this clause if he or she is in breach of contract to go work for another employer before the sixty-first (61st) calendar day of his or her stay in the territory unless the union and the school service centre agree otherwise.

6-9.06

If the employee eligible for the provisions of paragraphs B), C) and D) of clause 6-9.05 decides not to avail himself or herself of some or of all of them immediately, he or she shall remain eligible for the said provisions during the year following the date on which the assignment began.

6-9.07

These expenses shall be payable provided that the employee is not reimbursed by another plan, such as the federal mobility assistance program plan to look for employment or his or her spouse has not received an equivalent benefit from his or her school service centre or from another source and solely in the following cases:

- A) the employee's first assignment: from the point of departure to the place of assignment;
- B) a subsequent assignment or transfer at the request of the school service centre or the employee: from one place of assignment to another;
- C) breach of contract, resignation or death of the employee: from the place of assignment to the point of departure; in the case of sectors II and I, reimbursement shall only be made proportionately to the time worked in relation to a period of reference established at one year, except in the event of death;
- D) when an employee obtains a leave of absence for educational purposes: from the place of assignment to the point of departure; in this case, the expenses mentioned in clause 6-9.05 shall also be payable to the employee whose point of departure is situated at fifty (50) kilometres or less from the locality where he or she performs his or her duties.

These expenses shall be borne by the school service centre between the point of departure and the place of assignment or shall be reimbursed upon presentation of supporting vouchers.

If an employee is recruited from outside Québec, these expenses shall be borne by the school service centre without exceeding the equivalent costs between Montréal and the locality where the employee is called to perform his or her duties.

Section IV Outings

6-9.08

The school service centre shall pay directly or reimburse the employee recruited from more than fifty (50) kilometres from the locality where he or she performs his or her duties for the expenses inherent to the following outings for the employee and his or her dependents:

- A) for the localities of sector III, except for those listed in the following paragraph, the localities of sectors V and IV and the school municipality of Fermont: four (4) outings per year for the employee with no dependents and three (3) outings per year for employees with dependents;
- B) the localities of Clova, Havre-Saint-Pierre, Parent, Sanmaur and Îles-de-la-Madeleine: one outing per year.

The initial place of recruitment shall not be modified due to the fact that the employee who is laid off within the framework of article 7-3.00 and who is subsequently recalled to work has chosen to stay there during the period of unemployment.

In the cases provided for in paragraphs A) and B) of this clause, an outing may be used by a nonresident spouse or family member to visit the employee living in one of the localities mentioned in clause 6-9.01.

If an employee or one of his or her dependents must immediately leave his or her place of work situated in one of the localities mentioned in this clause because of an illness, accident or complication related to pregnancy, the school service centre shall pay for the cost of the return flight. The employee must prove that it was necessary for him or her to leave immediately. An attestation from the nurse or physician in the locality or, if the attestation cannot be obtained locally, a medical certificate from the attending nurse or physician shall be accepted as proof. The school service centre shall also pay for the return flight of the person who accompanies the person who had to leave his or her workplace immediately.

The school service centre shall authorize an employee to take a leave of absence without salary if one of his or her dependents must leave the locality immediately within the framework of the preceding paragraph to allow him or her to accompany his or her dependent, subject to the acquired rights in the special leaves.

The employee who originates from a locality situated more than fifty (50) kilometres from his or her place of assignment, who was recruited there and who gained the right to outings because he or she lived together in a conjugal relationship with an employee working in the public or parapublic sector shall continue to be entitled to the outings provided for in paragraphs A) and B) of this clause even if he or she loses the status of spouse within the meaning of the clause dealing with insurance.

6-9.09

The fact that the employee's spouse works for the school service centre or another employer in the public or parapublic sector must not grant the employee a number of outings paid by the school service centre which is greater than that provided for in the agreement.

These expenses shall be paid directly or reimbursed upon presentation of supporting vouchers for the employee and his or her dependents up to, for each, the equivalent of the price of a return flight from the locality of assignment to the point of departure situated in Québec or to Montréal.

Every year, the employee who is reimbursed for the costs incurred for outings provided for in paragraph A) of clause 6-9.08 is entitled, on March 1, to a compensation benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the costs incurred for the third (3rd) and fourth (4th) outings of the preceding calendar year. The benefit shall be paid during the pay period including March 1.

Section V Reimbursement of Transit Expenses**6-9.10**

The school service centre shall reimburse the employee, upon presentation of supporting vouchers, for the expenses incurred in transit (meals, taxis and hotels, if need be) for himself or herself and for his or her dependents when he or she is hired and on any authorized trip provided for in clause 6-9.08, provided that these expenses not be assumed by a carrier.

These expenses shall be limited to the amounts provided for in the policy established by the school service centre applicable to all its employees.

Section VI Death of the Employee**6-9.11**

In the event of the death of the employee or of one of his or her dependents, the school service centre shall pay for the repatriation of the mortal remains. Moreover, in the event of the employee's death, the school service centre shall reimburse the dependents for the expenses inherent to the return trip from the place of assignment to the burial place situated in Québec.

Section VII Food Transportation**6-9.12**

The employee who is unable to provide for his or her own food provisions in sectors V and IV as well as in the localities of Radisson, Mistissini, Oujé-Bougoumou, Waswanipi and Chisasibi because there is no source of supplies in his or her locality shall be paid for the food transportation costs up to the following weights:

- seven hundred and twenty-seven (727) kilograms per year per adult and child aged twelve (12) years or older;
- three hundred and sixty-four (364) kilograms per year per child under twelve (12) years old.

This benefit shall be paid in the following manner:

- A) either the school service centre assumes responsibility for the transportation from the most accessible and most economical source in terms of transportation and pays the cost directly;
- B) or it pays the employee an allowance equal to the cost which would have been incurred under the first formula. Beginning in 2000, the employee who is reimbursed for food transportation costs shall also be entitled every year on March 1 to an additional allowance equal to sixty-six percent (66%) of the food transportation costs incurred for the preceding calendar year.

Section VIII Vehicle at an Employee's Disposal

6-9.13

In all localities where private vehicles are prohibited, the placement of vehicles at the disposal of employees could be the subject of an agreement between the school service centre and the union.

Section IX Lodging

6-9.14

The obligations and practices of the school service centre to provide lodging for the employee at the time of hiring shall be maintained only for the locations where they already existed.

The rent charged to the employees who benefit from lodging in sectors V, IV, III and the locality of Fermont shall be maintained at its June 30, 2010 rate.

At the union's request, the school service centre shall explain its lodging policy. Moreover, at the union's request, it shall provide information on its existing maintenance practices.

Section X Retention Premium

6-9.15

An employee working in the localities of Sept-Îles (including Clarke City) and Port-Cartier shall receive a retention premium equal to eight percent (8%) of the annual salary.

Section XI Provisions of Former Collective Agreements

6-9.16

In the event of benefits greater than the current plan for regional disparities resulting from the application of the former collective agreement or recognized administrative practices, they shall be renewed with the exception of the following elements of the agreement:

- the retention premium;
- the definition of "point of departure" found in clause 6-9.01;

- the rates of premiums and the calculation of the premium provided for in clause 6-9.02 for the employee who holds a position for which the regular workweek is comprised of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the hours prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be;
- the reimbursement of expenses related to moving and outings of the employee recruited from outside Québec provided for in clauses 6-9.05 and 6-9.08;
- the number of outings when the employee's spouse works for the school service centre or an employer in the public or parapublic sector provided for in clause 6-9.08;
- the food transportation prescribed in clause 6-9.12.

6-10.00 LOAN AND RENTAL OF HALLS

6-10.01

When the school service centre decides to assign work to its employees within the framework of this article, the employee to whom the school service centre assigns the task outside of his or her regular working hours shall be paid according to the following provisions:

- A) for the opening of the school and rooms used, supervision during the activity and the closing of the school and rooms used¹:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
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\$22.55/hour	\$23.18/hour	\$23.78/hour	\$24.37/hour	\$25.22/hour

- B) for the preparation of the rooms, the equipment and the furniture required as well as cleaning²:

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rate as of 2027-04-01
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\$24.29/hour	\$24.97/hour	\$25.62/hour	\$26.26/hour	\$27.18/hour

- C) if the regular rate of the employee concerned is higher, the regular rate shall apply;

¹ The rates applicable for the opening of the school or centre shall correspond to the hourly rates applicable to a guard and shall be adjusted, if applicable, to their level for the corresponding periods.

² The rates applicable for the preparation of the rooms shall correspond to the hourly rates applicable to a caretaker, class I or caretaker, class II and shall be adjusted, if applicable, to their level for the corresponding periods.

- D) the salary rates calculated according to the preceding paragraphs A) and B) shall be increased by twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%¹) to take into account fringe benefits such as: paid legal holidays, the salary insurance plan and sick-leave days. With respect to vacation, the employee shall be subject to the provisions of the applicable laws. If the employee is already entitled to the provisions of article 5-6.00 of the agreement, the rate applicable to the employee shall be increased by sixteen point thirteen percent (16.13%¹) instead of twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%¹).

6-10.02

For the purpose of applying clause 6-10.01, if the school service centre decides to assign work related to the loan and rental of halls to an employee, it shall do so in the following order:

- A) the class II caretaker, class I caretaker, class II night caretaker, and class I night caretaker assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- B) the class II maintenance worker assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- C) another employee in the labour support staff category assigned to the building, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- D) another class II caretaker, class I caretaker, class II night caretaker, and class I night caretaker in the employ of the school service centre;
- E) another class II maintenance worker in the employ of the school service centre;
- F) another employee in the labour support staff category in the employ of the school service centre;
- G) another employee of the school service centre.

The order of seniority shall prevail for each of the aforementioned steps.

6-10.03

An employee's minimum remuneration for a day, under this article, shall be determined by adding, for each period covered by the agreement, the salary rates prescribed in paragraphs A) and B) of clause 6-10.01 for the equivalent of one hour of work².

¹ The provision of paragraph D of clause 6-10.01 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall apply until June 30, 2024.

² The rates prescribed for minimum remuneration shall be adjusted, if applicable, to equal the total rates prescribed for the corresponding periods for the opening of the school and the preparation of the rooms.

6-10.04

The claim duly signed by the employee and approved by the school service centre shall be paid within a maximum period of one month.

6-10.05

The school service centre cannot be required to assign work prescribed in this article to an employee if this results in the employee working a number of weekly hours greater than the workweek prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) or the inherent regulations.

6-10.06

However, the school service centre and the union may agree on different terms and conditions regarding the loan and rental of halls.

6-11.00 PAYMENT OF SALARY

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

CHAPTER 7-0.00 MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT**7-1.00 MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL****Section I General Provisions**

This section applies to the general sector and to the sector providing direct services to students subject to the provisions of sections II and III.

7-1.01

When a position becomes permanently vacant, the school service centre shall have a period of twenty-five (25) working days in which to decide to:

- fill the position;
- abolish the position;
- modify the position.

Once the school service centre has made its decision, it shall inform the union of its decision within ten (10) working days.

Then, the school service centre shall immediately proceed according to clause 7-1.03.

7-1.02

The assignment by the school service centre of the duties of an abolished position to other employees cannot create an excessive workload or endanger the health and safety of the employees.

The fact that an abolished position causes an employee to principally and customarily perform duties corresponding to a class of employment different from his or her own must be the subject of a written agreement between the school service centre and the union and, in this case, clauses 6-1.03, 6-1.04 and 6-1.05 apply.

Failing an agreement, the employee may file a grievance according to the procedure provided for in clause 6-1.07. However, in the event of arbitration, clause 6-1.15 shall apply and the arbitrator shall carry out the mandate conferred under clauses 6-1.03, 6-1.08 and 6-1.09.

Sequence to Follow when Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position**7-1.03**

Subject to article 7-3.00, when the school service centre decides to fill a permanently vacant or newly created position, it shall proceed in the following order:

- A) it shall fill the position by choosing, in the same class of employment, from among the surplus employees, the surplus members of the support staff in its employ, the tenured employees benefiting from a right to return under article 7-3.00 or clause 7-4.20 and the employees benefiting from a right to reintegrate their municipal territory following an amalgamation, annexation or restructuring of their school service centre;
- B) it shall fill the position by choosing, regardless of the class of employment, from among the surplus employees and the surplus members of the support staff in its employ;
- C) subject to clause 7-1.21, it shall address all its employees by posting a notice in accordance with clause 7-1.12;
- D) it shall choose from among the regular employees laid off for less than two (2) years;
- E) it shall contact the Bureau national de placement which may refer a surplus member of the support staff from another school service centre or school board;
- F) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the members of the management staff in its employ in surplus by virtue of and within the meaning of the document governing their working conditions;
- G) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the temporary employees registered on the priority of employment lists prescribed in article 2-3.00 who have completed one (1) year of service recognized on this list;
- H) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the temporary employees registered on the priority of employment lists prescribed in article 2-3.00 without taking into account the duration of employment or regardless of the classes of employment;
- I) it may offer the position to an external candidate whose qualifications are superior to those of the candidate refused in one of the steps prescribed in this clause.

Terms and Conditions of the Sequence to Follow when Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position**7-1.04**

When an employee benefiting from the right to reintegrate his or her municipal territory within the framework of paragraph A) of clause 7-1.03 refuses a position offered within this context, he or she shall then lose all the rights inherent to his or her right to reintegrate his or her municipal territory.

In the case of the employees or persons referred to in paragraph A) of clause 7-1.03, the employee or person with the least seniority shall be required to accept it.

7-1.05

The employee or person demoted as a result of the application of paragraph B) of clause 7-1.03 shall benefit from the provisions of clauses 7-3.09 and 7-3.26.

7-1.06

In exceptional cases, when, within the framework of paragraph C) of clause 7-1.03, an employee who holds a position not considered for tenure, obtains a position considered for tenure, the period of time constituting active service during which the employee had a position not considered for tenure with the school service centre shall then be recognized for the purpose of acquiring tenure.

The same applies for the purpose of applying paragraph D) of clause 7-1.03 to a regular laid-off employee who had a position not considered for tenure prior to his or her layoff and who obtains a position considered for tenure.

In keeping with paragraph C) of clause 7-1.03, this clause can apply only after the three (3)-month adaptation period provided for in clause 7-1.16.

7-1.07

The employee referred to in paragraphs G) and H) of clause 7-1.03 who cannot retain his or her position during the probation period is deemed to stay a temporary employee registered on the priority of employment list, without loss of rights and without resulting in additional benefits.

In this context, the employee referred to in paragraphs G) and H) of clause 7-1.03 is reinstated on the priority of employment list according to the duration of employment he or she had acquired prior to obtaining a position as prescribed in clause 7-1.03, the foregoing subject to the terms and conditions of the priority of employment list.

7-1.08

Any movement resulting from the application of paragraphs B), E) and F) of clause 7-1.03 cannot constitute a promotion or have the effect of assigning to the person selected a salary scale the maximum of which is higher than that of his or her salary scale before being placed in surplus or before acquiring a status equivalent to that of a surplus employee.

Qualifications and Requirements**7-1.09**

In the cases provided for in the present article, the employee or person concerned must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the school service centre.

If the school service centre establishes requirements other than those specified in the Classification Plan, those requirements must be in keeping with the position to be filled.

When, in order to fill a permanently vacant or newly created position, the school service centre establishes as requirements other than those specified in the Classification Plan, the knowledge of software used within the school service centre and school board network or exclusively at the school service centre, the latter shall, during the fiscal year preceding the posting, have offered as part of its human resources development programs an activity allowing regular employees to learn said software.

The costs related to a human resources development activity under the preceding paragraph shall be paid from the same amounts provided for under clause 5-7.10.

7-1.10

Pursuant to clause 7-1.03, if more than one candidate has the required qualifications and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the school service centre shall proceed according to the order of seniority in the case of employees referred to in paragraphs A), B), C), D) and E) or according to the duration of employment in the case of employees referred to in paragraph G).

Compensating for Schooling

7-1.11

As an exception to the provisions of clause 7-1.09, failing sufficient schooling, relevant experience shall compensate at a ratio of two (2) years of relevant experience for each year of insufficient schooling, it being understood that, after deduction, the balance of the relevant years of experience to a candidate's credit must remain sufficient in order to meet the qualifications required for the class of employment in terms of experience. This rule of exception applies to the subcategory of paratechnical support positions, the category of administrative support positions and the category of labour support positions.

However, employees already holding positions in the subcategory of technical support shall be considered as possessing the required qualifications with regard to the class of employment held.

Posting

7-1.12

Among other things, the notice of posting includes:

- a summary description of the position or the specific position;
- a summary of the work schedule;
- the title of the class of employment;
- the immediate superior's title;
- the salary scale or rate;

- the required qualifications and other requirements determined by the school service centre;
- the duration of the regular workweek or the number of weekly working hours when a position in a day care service and school setting is posted;
- the makeup of the student population served, for information purposes, for a position in special education;
- the name of the department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre.

The notice also includes the deadline for submitting an application, the name of the person to whom it must be forwarded as well as the nature of the tests the school service centre intends to carry out. Such tests shall be relevant to the qualifications required and other requirements determined by the school service centre.

In keeping with clause 7-1.20, the posting must also include the following conditions and characteristics:

- the original position held by the regular employee assigned to a specific position shall continue to be held by this employee for the first thirty-six (36) months, subject to the application of article 7-3.00;
- the specific position becomes a regular position if it is maintained beyond the first thirty-six (36) months;
- in such a case, the position shall be granted to the employee who held the specific position concerned.

This notice shall be posted on the school service centre's website and shall remain posted for at least six (6) working days.

The employee interested in the posting, whether it involves a promotion, transfer or demotion, shall submit an application on the school service centre's website according to the method prescribed by the school service centre; he or she may also, for information purposes, obtain any other additional information concerning the description of the duties to be performed.

7-1.13

When the school service centre offers a position to an employee, the employee must give his or her reply to the person responsible for the posting. Should the employee refuse the position, the school service centre shall offer the position to the next eligible employee.

7-1.14

Within twenty-five (25) working days of the end of the posting, the person responsible for the posting shall forward his or her recommendation to the competent authority. The competent authority must appoint an employee as soon as possible. Within the same time limit, the school service centre shall forward to the union the names of the candidates and their seniority and shall indicate the candidate selected.

7-1.15

An employee shall assume his or her duties within twenty (20) working days of his or her appointment. Failing this, the school service centre shall grant the class of employment and the conditions pertaining to the new position as if he or she had assumed his or her duties.

Subject to the preceding paragraph, the employee assigned on a regular basis to a position shall receive the title of the class of employment and the inherent salary as of his or her assignment.

Adaptation Period**7-1.16**

At any time during the three (3)-month adaptation period following a transfer or a promotion, if the school service centre determines that the employee does not carry out his or her duties adequately, it shall notify the union and return the employee to his or her former position. In the event of arbitration, the burden of proof lies with the school service centre.

The transferred or promoted employee may decide to return to his or her former position within thirty (30) days of the transfer or promotion.

Any absence during the adaptation period shall be added to the said period.

The application of the preceding paragraphs shall cancel any movement of personnel resulting from the transfer or promotion and the employee concerned shall not be entitled to the income protection granted for a demotion. An employee may, in this respect, again become available and may be sent back to his or her original school service centre or school board, where applicable.

The employee cannot apply to another position during the adaptation period.

Lists of Eligibility**7-1.17**

The school service centre may continue to draw up eligibility lists for promotion to certain classes of employment according to the terms and conditions provided for in former collective agreements.

Administrative Reorganization and Temporary Assignment**7-1.18**

In the case of an administrative reorganization, the school service centre and the union may agree on special rules pertaining to the movement of personnel.

7-1.19

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the school service centre may, at any time, with the consent of the union, carry out other reassignments for administrative reasons, subject to paragraph K) of clause 7-3.08 or of paragraph J) of clause 7-3.24. These reassignments shall take place within the same class of employment.

Moreover, upon an employee's return to work during the school year, the service centre may, with the consent of the employee and the union, decide to reassign the employee according to the needs of the organization, the department and the students. Such a reassignment must be compatible with the employee's qualifications. The substitute employee shall complete the replacement until the return of the reassigned employee at the latest.

Specific Position**7-1.20**

Before creating a specific position, the school service centre must consult the union. The consultation must deal with the nature, duration and staff required for the project as well as its source of financing.

When the school service centre decides to fill a specific position created at the moment of applying security of employment for each sector, it shall proceed as prescribed in clause 7-1.03. If the position is created after the first day of class, the school service centre shall proceed according to clause 7-1.22 or 7-1.25 depending on the sector concerned.

The original position held by the regular employee assigned to a specific position shall continue to be held by this employee for the first thirty-six (36) months, subject to the application of article 7-3.00.

When the school service centre decides to fill a temporarily vacant position because the incumbent is assigned to a specific position, it shall proceed according to clause 7-1.22 or 7-1.25 depending on the sector concerned.

Section II Special Provisions – General Sector

This section applies exclusively to positions other than the positions in special education and day care service and school setting.

Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position**7-1.21**

Notwithstanding clause 7-1.01, the school service centre may defer the posting to the following posting period. The school service centre and the union may agree on time periods during which the postings will take place. Failing which, the school service centre shall determine at least three (3) posting periods over the course of a fiscal year.

Vacant positions for which the posting was deferred and which are not filled by the application of article 7-3.00 must be posted no later than the first day of class.

Moreover, any newly created position or any position that becomes permanently vacant after the application of article 7-3.00 and before the first day of class can be posted in one posting or offered in an assignment session. To that end, the school service centre may combine the positions for which the posting was deferred as prescribed in the second paragraph. These positions shall be filled as prescribed in clause 7-1.03.

If the posting is deferred, the school service centre shall immediately fill the position temporarily according to clause 7-1.22 until the position is filled permanently.

The school service centre may also fill a position that becomes permanently vacant when it receives confirmation from a retiring employee after July 1 of a fiscal year providing the employee does not return to work until his or her effective retirement date.

Sequence to Follow when Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position, an Increase in Workload or a Specific Position

7-1.22

When the school service centre decides to fill a temporarily vacant position, an increase in workload or a specific position, it shall proceed in the following manner:

If the duration foreseen for the temporary vacancy is at least ten (10) working days:

- A) it shall assign a surplus employee or a surplus member of the support staff in its employ to this position or increase in workload;
- B) failing this, in accordance with clauses 7-4.15, 7-4.18 and 7-5.01, the school service centre may offer a temporary assignment to an employee in its employ who is unable to occupy his or her position for medical reasons. It may also assign a member of the support staff in its employ for the same reasons;
- C) failing this, it shall offer the position to a regular employee in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be. The holding of concurrent positions cannot entail a schedule conflict with the position, the employment or the current replacement. It shall not change the status or the position or the employment and shall not constitute overtime;
- D) failing this, it shall offer the position to a regular employee in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be, for whom this assignment would constitute a promotion;
- E) failing this, it shall offer the position to a regular employee in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be, for whom this assignment would constitute a transfer or a demotion which must represent an increase of at least five (5) hours of work per week;

- F) failing this, the school service centre shall offer the position to a regular employee laid off for less than two (2) years following the application of article 7-3.00, to a regular employee temporarily or periodically laid off following the application of article 7-2.00 without causing a conflict with the period prescribed to fill the position in the present clause;
- G) failing this, it shall proceed according to article 2-3.00;
- H) failing this, it may hire any other person.

Terms and Conditions of the Sequence

7-1.23

In the context of paragraph C) of clause 7-1.22, if more than one candidate has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the school service centre must first take into account the order of seniority.

In the context of paragraphs D), E) and F) of clause 7-1.22, if more than one candidate has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the school service centre must take the order of seniority into account.

In the context of paragraph F) of clause 7-1.22, the period during which the regular employee occupies a position temporarily vacant due to a layoff, as prescribed in article 7-2.00 or 7-3.00, is not considered for the purpose of acquiring tenure.

When an increase in workload is offered to a regular employee, the hiring period cannot exceed four (4) months unless there is a written agreement with the union. When the hiring period exceeds this period, the school service centre shall create a position as prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01.

The regular employee assigned temporarily to a position which constitutes a promotion for him or her shall be remunerated, as of the first day of the assignment, in the same manner as if he or she were promoted to the position.

At the end of the assignment, the employee shall return to his or her position under the conditions and with the rights he or she had prior to the assignment, subject to the application of article 7-3.00.

An employee's salary shall not be reduced as a result of a temporary assignment requested by the school service centre.

Section III Special Provisions – Sector Providing Direct Services to Students

This section applies exclusively to positions in a day care service and school setting and in special education.

Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position**7-1.24**

Notwithstanding clause 7-1.01, when the school service centre decides to fill a newly created position or a permanently vacant position after the first day of school until the end of the school year, it uses the sequence provided for in clause 7-1.03 or 7-1.25, as the case may be.

Sequence to Follow when Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position, an Increase in Workload or a Specific Position**7-1.25**

A) When the school service centre decides to fill a temporarily vacant position, an increase in workload or a specific position in special education, it shall proceed in the following manner:

If the duration foreseen for the temporary vacancy is at least ten (10) working days:

- a) it shall assign a surplus employee or a surplus member of the support staff in its employ to this position or increase in workload;
- b) failing this, as prescribed in clauses 7-4.15, 7-4.18 and 7-5.01, the school service centre may offer a temporary assignment to an employee in its employ who is unable to occupy his or her position for medical reasons. It may also assign a member of the support staff in its employ for the same reasons;
- c) failing this, it shall offer the position to a regular employee in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be. The holding of concurrent positions cannot entail a schedule conflict with the current position, employment or replacement. It shall not change the status or the position or the employment and shall not constitute overtime;
- d) failing this, the school service centre shall offer the position to a regular employee laid off for less than two (2) years following the application of article 7-3.00, to a regular employee temporarily laid off following the application of article 7-2.00 without causing a conflict with the period prescribed to fill the position in the present clause;
- e) failing this, it shall proceed according to article 2-3.00;
- f) failing this, it may hire any other person.

B) When the school service centre decides to fill a temporarily vacant position in day care service and school setting, it shall proceed in the following manner:

If the duration foreseen for the temporary vacancy is at least ten (10) working days:

- a) it shall assign a surplus employee or a surplus member of the support staff in its employ to this position;

- b) failing this, as prescribed in clauses 7-4.15, 7-4.18 and 7-5.01, the school service centre may offer a temporary assignment to an employee in its employ who is unable to occupy his or her position for medical reasons. It may also assign a member of the support staff in its employ for the same reasons;
 - c) failing this, it shall offer a concurrent position to a regular employee in the same department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be. The holding of concurrent positions cannot entail a schedule conflict with the current position or replacement. It shall not change the status or the position or the employment and shall not constitute overtime;
 - d) failing this, unless otherwise agreed to with the union, it shall divide the position in separate weekly periods, according to the working schedule required by the position, either in morning periods, lunchtime periods or afternoon periods. It shall offer the concurrent fractions made up by each of these periods to regular employees of the day care service and school setting. The holding of concurrent positions cannot entail a schedule conflict with the current position, employment or replacement. It shall not change the status or the position or the employment and shall not constitute overtime;
 - e) failing this, the school service centre shall offer the position to a regular employee laid off for less than two (2) years following the application of article 7-3.00, to a regular employee temporarily laid off following the application of article 7-2.00 without causing a conflict with the period prescribed to fill the position in the present clause;
 - f) failing this, it shall proceed according to article 2-3.00;
 - g) failing this, it may hire any other person.
- C)** When the school service centre decides to fill an increase in workload or a specific position in day care service and school setting, it shall proceed as prescribed in paragraph A).

Terms and Conditions of the Sequence

7-1.26

In the context of subparagraphs c) and d) of paragraph A) and subparagraphs c), d) and e) of paragraph B) of clause 7-1.25, if more than one candidate has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the school service centre must first take into account the order of seniority then, if necessary, the duration of employment.

In the context of subparagraph d) of paragraph A) and of subparagraph e) of paragraph B) of clause 7-1.25, the period during which the regular employee occupies a position temporarily vacant due to a layoff, as prescribed in article 7-2.00 or 7-3.00, is not considered for the purpose of acquiring tenure.

The regular employee assigned temporarily to a position which constitutes a promotion for him or her shall be remunerated, as of the first day of the assignment, in the same manner as if he or she were promoted to the position.

At the end of the assignment, the employee shall return to his or her position under the conditions and with the rights he or she had prior to the assignment, subject to the application of article 7-3.00.

An employee's salary shall not be reduced as a result of a temporary assignment requested by the school service centre.

Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position for the Duration of the School Year

7-1.27

Once a year, following the annual assignment prescribed in clause 7-3.21, the school service centre shall offer regular employees, in order of seniority if more than one candidate has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the positions that are deemed to be temporarily vacant for the duration of the school year. These positions are available as promotion, transfer or demotion. However, the employee must have demonstrated beforehand, for the class of employment that would represent a promotion, that he or she has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre.

The position left temporarily vacant by the employee assigned under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be filled according to the provisions in clause 7-1.25. However, the local parties may come to a different agreement.

Should the employee holding the temporarily vacant position return to work during the school year, the school service centre may, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the agreement, decide to reassign the employee to other tasks or to reassign the employee who had been temporarily assigned to the position until the end of the school year to other tasks. Such reassignment must be compatible with the employee's qualifications.

Assignment of Additional Hours for Positions in a Day Care Service and School Setting

7-1.28

As of the first day of school until the next annual assignment session applied as prescribed in article 7-3.00, additional hours may be added to a position in a day care service and school setting for the following reasons:

- pedagogical days;
- spring break;
- outings;
- an increased number of students in a day care service.

7-1.29

When the school service centre decides to add hours as prescribed in clause 7-1.28, it shall proceed in the following manner:

- A) it offers to an employee who occupies or holds a position in a day care service and school setting in the same school;
- B) failing this, it shall offer the additional hours to a regular employee in the same school. The additional hours cannot entail a schedule conflict with the current position, employment or replacement;
- C) failing this, the school service centre shall offer the additional hours to a regular employee laid off for less than two (2) years following the application of article 7-3.00 without causing a conflict with the posting period prescribed in the present clause;
- D) failing this, it shall proceed according to article 2-3.00;
- E) failing this, it may hire any other person.

However, additional hours for a given group are first assigned to the school setting educator, principal class, or to the school setting educator working with this group. Failing this, the school service centre proceeds according to the sequence provided for in the present clause.

In the context of paragraphs A), B) and C), if more than one candidate has the qualifications required and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre, the school service centre must first take into account the order of seniority.

In the context of paragraph C), the period during which the regular laid-off employee occupies a temporarily vacant position is not considered for the purpose of acquiring tenure.

Additional hours do not change the status or the position or the employment and do not constitute overtime.

Reassignment Following Reduction of Services Rendered in a Day Care Service and School Setting**7-1.30**

Notwithstanding clause 7-3.13 and subject to paragraph J) of clause 7-3.24, the school service centre may reassign an employee in a position if a reduction in the number of hours of services to be rendered to one or more students occurs during the year. Failing this, the school service centre may temporarily assign the employee concerned to other duties compatible with his or her class of employment. However, such a reassignment must not constitute a promotion. The employee concerned shall retain his or her salary.

The school service centre shall consult the union before carrying out a significant reassignment according to the terms and conditions agreed between the school service centre and the union.

Assignment of Additional Hours for Positions in Special Education

7-1.31

During the year, the school service centre may add hours to the regular schedule of an employee. Additional hours do not change the status or the position and do not constitute overtime. However, the position of the employee whose number of hours have been increased during the school year and maintained wholly or in part during this school year shall be considered as a vacant position and this employee shall have the same rights as an employee whose position has been abolished.

7-1.32

Notwithstanding the foregoing, following the procedures for security of employment prescribed in article 7-3.00 and until November 1, the school service centre must fill as prescribed in clause 7-1.03 any newly created position or any position with modified number of hours when the reason to create or modify the position does not result from one of the following unforeseen situations:

- a change in the adapted transport for one or more students;
- the arrival of a new student;
- an additional allowance received during this period;
- a project in collaboration with an outside organization;
- a change in the integration of a student in special or regular classes;
- the implementation of or a change in the support measures provided to a student;
- the implementation of or a change in the support measures provided to a teacher;
- the implementation of a preventive measure provided to one or more students in a vulnerable situation;
- any other reason agreed to between the school service centre and the union.

The school service centre shall inform the union in writing of additional hours and newly created positions by means of indicating which of the above situation justifies each additional hour or newly created position.

When the newly created position or the position with a modified number of hours does not result from one of the aforementioned situations, the union shall submit to the school service centre a written request for a meeting. The person in charge of special education at the school service centre shall attend the meeting. The meeting shall then take place within fifteen (15) working days of the request.

The union may file a grievance as prescribed in article 9-1.00 within thirty (30) working days of the date of the meeting or of the expiry date of the limit prescribed to hold the meeting. If there is an appeal, the burden of proof lies with the school service centre and the grievance must be set as a priority.

Reassignment Following Reduction of Services Rendered in Special Education

7-1.33

Notwithstanding clause 7-3.01 and subject to paragraph J) clause 7-3.24, the school service centre may reassign an employee in a position in the same class of employment with the same number of weekly working hours if a reduction in the number of hours of services to be rendered to one or more students occurs during the year. Failing this, the school service centre may temporarily assign the employee concerned to other duties compatible with his or her class of employment or, failing this, another class of employment in the case of an attendant for handicapped students. However, such a reassignment must not constitute a promotion. The employee concerned shall retain his or her salary.

The school service centre shall consult the union before carrying out a significant reassignment according to the terms and conditions agreed between the school service centre and the union.

7-2.00 TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC LAYOFF

Section I Temporary Layoff

7-2.01

An employee whose work is such that he or she must be temporarily laid off because of a periodic slowdown or seasonal shutdown of activities in his or her sector shall not benefit from the provisions of article 7-3.00.

However, article 7-3.00 applies to the employee whose position is abolished pursuant to the said article.

Moreover, when a position which is not of a periodic or seasonal nature becomes one, the employee concerned shall benefit from the provisions of article 7-3.00.

7-2.02

After consulting the union, before May 1 of each year, the school service centre shall establish the approximate duration of every temporary layoff and the order in which each one shall be carried out.

The duration of a temporary layoff must not exceed the period between June 23 and the day after Labour Day of the same year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of cafeteria personnel, the temporary layoff period cannot exceed the period from May 15 of one fiscal year to September 15 of the following fiscal year and the period from December 15 to January 15 of the same fiscal year.

However, during the period from December 15 to January 15, the employee shall benefit from the paid legal holidays to which he or she is entitled under article 5-2.00 of the agreement; moreover, an employee may be remunerated during that period by using vacation days to which he or she is entitled under the agreement; if he or she does not have sufficient vacation days to be remunerated during the entire layoff period, he or she may use anticipated vacation days to which he or she could be entitled for the following fiscal year in accordance with the agreement. In this case, the anticipated vacation days used shall be deducted automatically from the vacation days to which the employee is entitled for the following fiscal year.

When anticipated vacation days are thus used and the employee's employment terminates without having acquired the vacation days, in accordance with clauses 5-6.10 and 5-6.11 of the agreement, the employee concerned must remit to the school service centre an amount corresponding to the anticipated vacation days taken and not acquired and the school service centre may then deduct from the employee's last pay any amount due. The school service centre and the employee may agree on other terms and conditions for deducting the amount due.

7-2.03

The school service centre shall notify the employee of the date and the approximate duration of the temporary layoff at least one month before the effective date of such layoff and shall notify him or her of the provisions of clause 7-2.09. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the union at the same time.

7-2.04

Subject to the permanent abolition of his or her position, the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position at the end of the temporary layoff period.

7-2.05

Moreover, the employee laid off temporarily in accordance with this article shall be covered by the following provisions:

- A) during the temporary layoff period, the employee shall benefit from the life insurance and health insurance plans provided that he or she pay, during the period of active service, his or her share of the annual premium plus tax, where applicable;
- B) for the purpose of determining vacation quantum as provided for in clauses 5-6.10 and 5-6.11, the employee shall be considered in the service of the school service centre during the temporary layoff period.

7-2.06

Notwithstanding the application of clauses 7-2.02, 7-2.03 and 7-2.09 of this article, the school service centre may temporarily lay off regular employees or probationary employees who hold a position in a day care service and school setting when students are absent as prescribed in the school calendar for a reason other than a paid legal holiday within the meaning of article 5-2.00 or when a daily recurring decrease in the number of students entails a reduction in the number of groups. In this case, the school service centre shall proceed according to inversed order of seniority.

The school service centre shall consult the union and shall then inform the employee concerned at least fourteen (14) days before the beginning of the layoff period.

Section II Periodic Layoff**7-2.07**

The periodic layoff associated with a position cannot circumvent the application of article 5-2.00 to the Christmas holidays.

7-2.08

A periodic position does not include a temporary layoff within the meaning of article 7-2.00. Consequently, the periodic layoff cannot correspond to the period prescribed in the second paragraph of clause 7-2.02.

Section III Priority to Fill a Temporarily Vacant Position, an Increase in Workload or a Specific Position**7-2.09**

The employee who is laid off temporarily or periodically shall be given priority to fill a position of a temporary nature during that period, as prescribed in paragraph F) of clause 7-1.22, in subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of clause 7-1.25 or in subparagraph e) of paragraph B) of clause 7-1.25, as the case may be, unless the school service centre can use a surplus member of the support staff in its employ, covered or not by the agreement. In order to benefit from such a priority, the employee must inform the school service centre in writing of his or her intention to accept the position which could be offered to him or her within the five (5) working days after the notice provided for in clause 7-2.03 is received. Moreover, the employee must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the school service centre. He or she shall receive the salary rate of the position he or she holds temporarily.

The priority mentioned in this clause shall be exercised according to the order of seniority of the employees who so benefit.

7-3.00 SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT**Section I Security of Employment for the General Sector**

Only the provisions of this section shall apply to the security of employment of regular or probationary employees with a position other than a position in special education or in a day care service and school setting.

For the purposes of this section, the use of technology is in all cases a valid method for any process of assignment.

7-3.01 Abolition Date of a Position

Subject to article 7-1.00, the school service centre may only abolish positions on July 1.

The school service centre and the union may agree to modify this date.

However, the school service centre may, in exceptional cases, abolish positions on other dates during the fiscal year to meet administrative or pedagogical needs of an urgent nature.

7-3.02 Reasons not to Abolish a Position

The school service centre shall not be required to abolish a position when one or more of the following circumstances occur:

- A) the employee chooses to keep his or her position despite the reduced number of hours, unless said reduction of hours results in transforming the position into a position not considered for tenure;
- B) the position is transferred by a distance of less than ten (10) kilometres from an employee's usual place of work; however, the school service centre and the union may agree on another radius;
- C) there is a change in immediate superior;
- D) the position is transferred to another administrative unit in the same building;
- E) the distribution of the working time among the administrative units or buildings located in the radius prescribed in paragraph B) is modified.

7-3.03 Assignment of Duties when a Position Is Abolished

The school service centre may assign the duties of an abolished position to other employees. The assignment may not cause employees to have an excessive workload or endanger their health or safety.

7-3.04 Notifying the Union

When, within the framework of clause 7-3.01, the school service centre intends to modify or abolish a position, it shall inform the union of:

- A) the position deemed in surplus or to be modified;
- B) the name and status of the incumbent of the position deemed in surplus or to be modified;
- C) the date on which the position will be abolished or modified;
- D) the vacant positions it intends to fill.

7-3.05 Consulting the Union

The school service centre shall consult the union on the validity of the abolition at least forty-five (45) days before the date specified for the abolition of the position as prescribed in clause 7-3.01.

Following the consultation:

- A) the school service centre shall identify the positions it is abolishing;
- B) in the classes of employment where at least one position is abolished, it shall inform in writing the employee whose position is abolished at least thirty (30) days before the date specified for the abolition of the position. Similarly, it shall notify employees with more seniority than the least senior employee whose position is abolished in each employment class concerned, of the vacant positions it intends to fill.

The school service centre shall indicate the choices offered in accordance with clause 7-3.07 to every employee whose position is abolished, at his or her seniority rank, and the employee shall convey his or her decision in writing within the time limit agreed to by the school service centre and the union. Failing an agreement, the employee must convey his or her decision within two (2) working days of receiving this notice.

The school service centre may determine that the choices of employees be carried out during an assignment session intended for the employees concerned. It shall then notify the employees concerned;

- C) the regular employee who must be laid off or placed in surplus shall receive at least a thirty (30)-day notice prior to the date specified for the abolition of the position;
- D) the probationary employee whose employment terminates shall receive a fourteen (14)-day notice;

- E) notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, in the case of the abolition referred to in the third paragraph of clause 7-3.01, the school service centre shall consult the union on the validity of the abolition at least thirty-five (35) days before the date specified for the abolition. It shall inform in writing the employee whose position is abolished at least thirty (30) days before the date specified for the abolition of the position. The notice mentioned in the preceding paragraph C) shall be replaced by a fifteen (15)-day notice;
- F) any movement of personnel resulting from the application of clause 7-3.07, shall take effect on the date specified in paragraph C) of clause 7-3.04.

The school service centre and the union may agree to modify the dates and time limits prescribed in this clause.

Provisions for the Security of Employment

7-3.06

Depending on his or her status, the employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall be reassigned to another position, placed in surplus, laid off or have his or her employment terminated according to the provisions prescribed in clause 7-3.07.

However, the probationary employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced is deemed to remain a temporary employee entered on the priority of employment list, without loss of rights and without resulting in additional benefits.

In this context, the employee who had the status of temporary employee shall be reinstated on the priority of employment list according to the duration of employment he or she had acquired prior to obtaining a position, the foregoing subject to the terms of the priority of employment list.

7-3.07

The school service centre shall fill the vacant positions by choosing, in the same class of employment and by order of seniority, from among the employees in the class of employment concerned who have received a notice under the first subparagraph of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.05.

However, when the application of the preceding paragraph has the effect of preventing a tenured employee from being given a position that would allow him or her to avoid income protection or being put in surplus, the school service centre shall hold a position considered for tenure in the employee's class of employment with a number of hours that comes the closest to the income protection to which he or she is entitled. If no position equal or higher to his or her income protection is available, the school service centre shall hold a position immediately below.

The following provisions shall apply to the employee whose position is abolished as well as to the employee who is displaced:

- A) If he or she is a probationary employee, his or her employment shall be terminated.

B) If he or she is a nontenured regular employee, he or she must choose in his or her class of employment either:

a) to be reassigned to a vacant position, subject to the application of paragraphs A) and B) of clause 7-1.03, notwithstanding the other paragraphs of this clause;

or

b) to displace an employee who has less seniority.

If an employee fails to exercise one of these choices, he or she must choose in another class of employment, either:

c) to be reassigned to a vacant position, subject to the application of paragraphs A) and B) of clause 7-1.03, notwithstanding the other paragraphs of this clause;

or

d) to displace an employee who has less seniority.

Failing this, he or she shall be laid off.

C) If he or she is a tenured employee, he or she must choose in his or her class of employment either:

a) to be reassigned to a vacant position, notwithstanding clause 7-1.03;

or

b) to displace an employee who has less seniority.

If an employee fails to exercise one of these choices, he or she must choose in another class of employment, either:

c) to be reassigned to a vacant position, notwithstanding clause 7-1.03;

or

d) to displace an employee who has less seniority.

If he or she fails to exercise one of these choices, he or she shall be placed in surplus.

D) An abolition cannot create more than three (3) displacements. The third employee displaced as a result of the abolition must, if he or she is a regular employee, choose a vacant position or, failing this, he or she shall be placed in surplus or laid off according to his or her status.

If the third employee has no other choice than to accept a vacant position with fewer hours, his or her number of hours shall be maintained with a corresponding workload.

Positions that remained vacant following the application of clauses 7-3.05 to 7-3.08 shall be filled in accordance with clause 7-1.03.

7-3.08 Application of the Provisions for the Security of Employment

In the cases provided for in clause 7-3.07:

- A) the vacant position concerned is the one the school service centre intends to fill;
- B) the employee concerned must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the school service centre and, if needed, the employee may, according to the conditions established by the school service centre, resort to the provisions of clause 7-1.11;
- C) if a position includes, in addition to the requirements or qualifications required by the Classification Plan, other requirements determined by the school service centre, these requirements shall be taken into account before the order of seniority;
- D) an employee can only displace another employee if he or she has more seniority than the latter. However, a tenured employee cannot be displaced by a nontenured employee;
- E) only the employee who holds a position may be displaced;
- F) a movement of personnel within the framework of clause 7-3.07 cannot entail a promotion;
- G) when a nontenured regular employee is demoted, his or her salary shall be established in accordance with paragraph B) of clause 6-2.15;
- H) when a tenured employee is demoted, his or her salary shall be established in accordance with clause 7-3.09, subject to clause 7-3.12;
- I) in the case where an employee is required, under clause 7-3.07, to displace in his or her class of employment an employee who holds a position that was affected by a technological or software change during the two (2) years preceding the date on which the displacement must take place, the following terms and conditions apply:
 - if the specific requirements for filling the position deal with technological or software changes only, the employee may not be refused the position for the sole reason that he or she does not meet the specific requirements;
 - the employee agrees to participate in activities that enable him or her to meet these requirements;
- J) the employee's choice to displace another employee shall be carried out either in the locality or in another locality of his or her choice in the territory of the school service centre.

At the union's choosing and for the duration of the agreement, locality means the municipal territory or the territory of the school service centre.

The union must inform the school service centre in writing of its choice within sixty (60) days following the date of the coming into force of the agreement. Failing a notice, locality means the territory of the school service centre;

- K) A tenured employee cannot refuse a position situated under a fifty (50)-kilometre radius by road from his or her domicile or place of work when his or her position is abolished or he or she is displaced;
- L) An employee who holds a position not considered for tenure is reassigned to a position considered for tenure or displaces an employee who holds a position considered for tenure, the period of time constituting active service during which the employee held a position not considered for tenure with the school service centre shall be recognized exceptionally for the purpose of acquiring tenure;
- M) A tenured employee can never be displaced in a periodic position;
- N) A tenured employee who has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek shall choose the position considered for tenure with the highest number of hours when making his or her choice; failing this, he or she shall lose the income protection inherent to his or her former position.

Income Protection or Class of Employment Protection for the Tenured Employee

7-3.09 Involuntary Demotion

The tenured employee who has no other choice but to be reassigned to a position which constitutes a demotion for him or her either by the application of clause 7-3.07 or of subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.31 of the agreement shall maintain his or her class of employment and the inherent salary.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection and the class of employment protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

The employee mentioned in the preceding clause shall benefit from a right to return to a vacant or newly created position in his or her class of employment that the school service centre decides to fill in accordance with clause 7-1.03.

7-3.10 Position with Fewer Working Hours

When, as a result of the application of clause 7-3.07 of the agreement, a tenured employee has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek, he or she shall be considered as reassigned on a temporary basis and the reassignment shall last until the school service centre assigns him or her, notwithstanding clause 7-1.03 and article 7-3.00, to a vacant or newly created position in his or her class of employment or in the class of employment he or she occupies, if he or she has been demoted, with working hours which are at least equal to his or her regular workweek. At the time of this reassignment on a temporary basis, it shall be up to the school service centre to complete the work schedule of the employee with support staff duties in keeping with his or her qualifications. The reassignment may not cause an employee to work split shifts or to change his or her work shift.

This clause also applies to the employee who, as a result of the application of clause 7-3.09, obtains a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

The employee shall also benefit from the right to return mentioned in clause 7-3.09 to a position in which the working hours are at least equal to his or her regular workweek prior to his or her reassignment, as long as he or she is still considered reassigned on a temporary basis.

7-3.11 Position of a Periodic or Seasonal Nature

In the case where, within the framework of clause 7-3.07 of the agreement, a tenured employee has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position considered for tenure of a periodic or seasonal nature, he or she shall benefit from the following income protection:

- the employee shall retain the salary established on the basis of his or her salary rate and the number of regular working hours applicable immediately prior to his or her assignment as long as the remuneration resulting from the new position is lower;
- however, the difference between the remuneration resulting from the new position and that established immediately prior to the employee's assignment shall be paid in a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays; the amount shall be reduced as the employee's salary progresses.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

This employee shall also benefit from the right to return mentioned in clause 7-3.09 to a position considered for tenure which is not of a periodic or seasonal nature.

7-3.12 Refusal of a Position in the Context of the Right to Return

If an employee refuses to accept a position offered to him or her within the framework of the right to return from which he or she benefits under clause 7-3.09, 7-3.10 or 7-3.11, as the case may be, he or she shall then lose all the benefits inherent to such a right; the provisions concerning the voluntary demotion provided for in clause 6-2.15 apply to the employee for whom the original reassignment which gave him or her a right to return to a position constituted a demotion. Moreover:

- A) if he or she is an employee referred to in clause 7-3.10, he or she shall no longer be reassigned on a temporary basis. It shall no longer be up to the school service centre to complete his or her work schedule and he or she shall then be remunerated according to the hours actually worked;
- B) if he or she is an employee referred to in clause 7-3.11, he or she shall no longer benefit from the second and third paragraphs of clause 7-3.11 and shall be remunerated according to the hours actually worked.

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Only the provisions of this section shall apply to the security of employment of regular and probationary employees with a position in special education or in a day care service and school setting unless specifically otherwise provided.

For the purposes of this section, the use of technology is in all cases a valid method for any process of assignment.

7-3.13 Abolition Date of a Position

Subject to article 7-1.00, the school service centre may only abolish positions on a single date that it determines and which must be between July 1 and the first day of school.

However, the school service centre may, in exceptional cases, abolish positions on other dates during the fiscal year to meet administrative or pedagogical needs of an urgent nature.

7-3.14 Reasons not to Abolish a Position

The school service centre shall not be required to abolish a position when only one of the following changes occurs:

- A) the employee chooses to keep his or her position despite the reduced number of hours, unless said reduction of hours results in transforming the position into a position not considered for tenure;
- B) the position is transferred by a distance of less than ten (10) kilometres from an employee's usual place of work; however, the school service centre and the union may agree on another radius;
- C) the immediate superior changes;

- D) the position is transferred to another administrative unit in the same building;
- E) the distribution of the working time among the administrative units or buildings located in the radius prescribed in paragraph B) is modified.
- F) there is an increase of up to ten percent (10%) of the number of weekly work hours. However, for positions not considered for tenure, an increase of up to ten percent (10%) of the weekly work hours shall not create a position considered for tenure.

For the purpose of this paragraph F), a position may not be modified more than once every three (3) years unless agreed to with the union.

7-3.15 Reassignment Before Abolishing a Position in Special Education

Before abolishing a position, the school service centre may, notwithstanding clause 7-3.17, reassign the incumbent of such a position to another position in the same class of employment with the same number of weekly working hours within a ten (10)-kilometre radius from his or her place of work of the preceding year. The position that becomes vacant shall be considered as abolished.

In the case of a reassignment covered by the preceding paragraph, the employee may ask that his or her position be abolished if the reassignment is considered significant.

The school service centre shall consult the union before proceeding with a significant reassignment of an employee. The employee shall be present at such a meeting. The school service centre and the union shall agree on the terms and conditions of this consultation.

7-3.16 Assignment of Duties when a Position Is Abolished

The school service centre may assign the duties of an abolished position to other employees. The assignment may not cause employees to have an excessive workload or endanger their health or safety.

7-3.17 Consulting the Union

The school service centre shall consult the union at least fifteen (15) days before the date specified for the abolition of the position as prescribed in clause 7-3.13 on the following elements and by class of employment:

- A) identification of the positions abolished;
- B) the name and status of the incumbent of the abolished position;
- C) the validity of abolishing the position;
- D) the number of positions maintained;
- E) identification of the vacant positions it intends to fill;

- F) the positions referred to in paragraphs D) and E) must include the provisions for time as prescribed in clause 8-2.08 or 8-2.09, as the case may be. This time must be identified for each position with the exception of those positions in the class of employment for an attendant for handicapped students.

7-3.18 Notice to the Employee Whose Position is Abolished

Following this consultation, the school service centre shall inform in writing the employee whose position is abolished at least five (5) days before the date specified for the abolition. However, the probationary employee whose employment terminates shall receive a fourteen (14)-day notice.

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7-3.19

Depending on his or her status, the employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall be reassigned to another position or, in the case of a probationary employee, have his or her employment terminated. If a tenured employee fails to obtain a position as prescribed in clauses 7-3.22 and 7-3.23, he or she is placed in surplus or, in the case of a regular employee, he or she is laid off.

However, the probationary employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced is deemed to remain a temporary employee entered on the priority of employment list, without loss of rights and without resulting in additional benefits.

In this context, the employee who had the status of temporary employee is reinstated on the priority of employment list according to the duration of employment he or she had acquired prior to obtaining a position, the foregoing subject to the terms of the priority of employment list.

7-3.20

The provision for the security of employment takes place during the annual assignment session during which the school service centre fills the permanently vacant or newly created positions according to the sequence prescribed in clause 7-3.22.

7-3.21

The school service centre proceeds with the annual assignment:

- A) during an assignment session with the employees concerned:
- a) for the application of the first (1st) and second (2nd) steps provided for in clause 7-3.22, the session shall take place at a date agreed to by the school service centre and the union. Failing an agreement, the school service centre shall determine the date of the session, which must take place between June 1 and the first day of class. Five (5) days before the session, the school service centre shall inform any employee concerned with clause 7-3.22 of the positions that are maintained and the vacant positions it intends to fill;

- b) for the application of the second (2nd) step provided for in clause 7-3.22, the session shall take place at a date agreed to by the school service centre and the union. However, this session cannot take place on the same date as prescribed in the preceding subparagraph unless otherwise agreed.

Failing to reach an agreement on a date cannot prevent the school service centre from holding a session at a date it determines inasmuch as this session takes place after the date prescribed in the preceding subparagraph and before the first day of class;

- c) the school service centre informs any employee concerned by clause 7-3.22 of the date and location five (5) days before the sessions prescribed in subparagraphs a) and b);
- B) failing to proceed according to paragraph A), the school service centre informs in writing the employee whose position is abolished of the choices available as prescribed in clause 7-3.23. The employee must convey his or her decision in writing in the time agreed to by the school service centre and the union. Failing an agreement, the employee must convey his or her decision within two (2) working days following reception of this notice. Moreover, the school service centre shall indicate the choices offered in accordance with clause 7-3.23 to every other employee with a choice to be exercised and the employee shall convey his or her decision within the same time limit. The school service centre also informs any employee concerned with clause 7-3.22 of vacant positions it intends to fill.

7-3.22 Sequence of the Annual Assignment

Annual assignment proceeds according to the following steps:

A) First Step

The school service centre shall fill the vacant position in a class of employment by choosing, by order of seniority, from among the tenured employees¹. The tenured employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall make a choice according to the provisions prescribed in clause 7-3.23.

However, when the application of the preceding paragraph has the effect of preventing a tenured employee from being given a position that would allow him or her to avoid income protection or being put in surplus, the school service centre shall hold a position considered for tenure in the employee's class title with a number of hours that comes the closest to income protection to which he or she is entitled. If no position equal or higher to his or her income protection is available, the school service centre shall hold a position immediately below.

¹ Are also concerned by this paragraph the tenured employees:

- in surplus;
- with income protection and a right to return under clauses 7-3.25 to 7-3.28;
- with a right to a suitable position under clause 7-4.20.

The tenured employee who had no choice other than to be reassigned to a position not considered for tenure, shall be reassigned temporarily in a position considered for tenure in his or her class of employment or in the class of employment he or she occupies which is becoming vacant until the school service centre reassigns the employee in a position with a number of working hours at least equal to his or her regular work week, in accordance with clause 7-3.27.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the employee whose position was abolished or who has been displaced and who has obtained, under the first paragraph, a position that would constitute a promotion, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in paragraph F) of clause 7-3.24, is not making a choice under clause 7-3.23.

B) Second Step

It then proceeds according to the order of seniority regardless of the sector, according to the following order:

- a) it shall fill the position by choosing, regardless of the class of employment, from among the surplus employees, the surplus members from the support staff in its employ and the employees entitled to a right to return or income protection under article 7-3.00;
- b) it shall call upon all its employees. However, the employees providing direct services to students can only apply on the new positions that have not been offered at previous steps;
- c) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the regular employees laid off for less than two (2) years;
- d) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the temporary employees registered on the priority of employment list under article 2-3.00 who have completed the equivalent of one full year of work recognized on this list;
- e) it shall fill the position by choosing from among the temporary employees registered on the priority of employment list under article 2-3.00 regardless of the order of duration of employment and regardless of seniority;
- f) failing this, it can hire any other person.

In the case of an employee concerned by subparagraph d), if more than one candidate has the required qualifications and meets the other requirements from the school service centre, the latter shall follow the order of the duration of employment.

C) Grouping

The school service centre and the union may, on an annual basis, agree to regroup the steps of the assignment sequence prescribed in the present clause insofar as such grouping shall not result in increasing the conditions and the costs arising from security of employment.

7-3.23 Choice of the Employee Whose Position Is Abolished or who Is Displaced

The employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall make his or her choice according to the following conditions:

A) The employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall:

- take a vacant position from his or her class of employment;
- or
- displace an employee from his or her class of employment with less seniority.

The tenured employee who has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek shall choose the position considered for tenure with the highest number of hours when making his or her choice; failing this, he or she shall lose the income protection inherent to his or her former position.

B) Failing the possibility of exercising one of the choices prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced shall:

- take a vacant position from his or her class of employment;
- or
- displace an employee from his or her class of employment with less seniority.

At this step, when making his or her choice, the tenured employee shall choose the position not considered for tenure with the greatest number of hours.

C) Failing the possibility of exercising one of the choices prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the same procedure shall apply to the employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced, and in a class of employment with a maximum scale rate immediately lower than his or her category and so on.

7-3.24 Terms and Conditions

In the cases prescribed in clauses 7-3.22 and 7-3.23, the following terms and conditions apply:

- A) the vacant position concerned is the one the school service centre intends to fill. When said position is comprised of class support hours, the school service centre shall indicate same for information purposes. For positions in special education, the school service centre shall indicate, for information purposes, the makeup of the student population served;
- B) the employee concerned must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the school service centre;

- C) if, in addition to the requirements or qualifications required by the Classification Plan, a position includes other requirements determined by the school service centre, these requirements shall be taken into account before the order of seniority;
- D) an employee can only displace another employee who has less seniority. However, a tenured employee cannot be displaced by a nontenured employee;
- E) only the employee who holds a position may be displaced;
- F) only a movement of personnel within the context of the first (1st) step prescribed in paragraph A) and in subparagraphs b) and e) of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.22 shall entail a promotion. However, the employee must have already demonstrated that he or she meets the required qualifications and requirements for the class of employment that would constitute a promotion as well as the other requirements determined by the school service centre according to conditions that it shall set and, if needed, the employee shall resort to the provisions prescribed in clause 7-1.11;
- G) when a nontenured regular employee is demoted, his or her salary shall be established as prescribed in paragraph B) of clause 6-2.15;
- H) when a tenured employee with a position in the sector providing direct services to students is demoted, his or her salary shall be established as prescribed in clause 7-3.26, subject to clause 7-3.29;
- I) the tenured employee who chooses to be reassigned to a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek shall lose the income protection inherent to his or her former position;

notwithstanding the provisions provided for in clause 1-2.20, a tenured employee who chooses a position not considered for tenure when at least one position considered for tenure is available shall then lose his or her tenure;
- J) a tenured employee cannot refuse a position located under a fifty (50)-kilometre radius by road from his or her domicile or place of work when his or her position is abolished or he or she is displaced;
- K) when an employee who holds a position not considered for tenure is reassigned to a position considered for tenure or displaces an employee who holds a position considered for tenure, the period of time constituting active service during which the employee held a position not considered for tenure with the school service centre shall be recognized exceptionally for the purpose of acquiring tenure;
- L) if none of the surplus employees or none of the employees with income protection accept the position offered, the school service centre shall assign, subject to paragraph J), the employee with the least seniority from among these employees;
- M) the positions the school service centre identifies as vacant, within the context of clause 7-3.17, cannot be abolished or modified during the annual assignment session;

- N) under no circumstances shall a tenured employee be reassigned to a periodic position;
- O) all movements of personal following the application of clause 7-3.23 come into effect at the date prescribed in clause 7-3.13.

7-3.25 Stability from One Year to the Next

When it is recommended in an education plan developed specifically for a student that the same worker continue to intervene with said student, the school service centre may, notwithstanding the provisions in clauses 7-3.22 and 7-3.23, maintain an employee from the class of employment of special education technician or of attendant for handicapped students in his or her position. If a position is concerned by said measure, the school service centre may maintain a worker intervening with students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning disabilities in the same position, in accordance with the recommendations included in the education plan, for a maximum period of two (2) school years in addition to the first school year during which this measure was put into place. In anticipation of the annual assignment, the school service centre shall inform the employees of all the positions for which there is such a recommendation in an education plan. At the union's request and subject to the existing legal framework regarding the confidentiality of each student's personal information, the school service centre shall provide the union the reasons, in writing, for maintaining the employee in his or her position.

If this measure concerns a position not considered for tenure and, if during the annual assignment or when filling a permanent position, the employee obtains a position considered for tenure, he or she shall become the position holder and will be entitled to all applicable rights and benefits. However, the school service centre may decide to reassign the employee temporarily in the position not considered for tenure he or she was holding and for which there is a recommendation to continue the intervention in the education plan. This assignment shall last until the school service centre assigns the employee to the position considered for tenure, of which the employee has become the holder. The school service centre is responsible for filling the working schedule of the employee with support staff duties in keeping with his or her qualifications and this reassignment cannot have the effect of imposing split shifts or a change in shifts.

The position considered for tenure, which is then temporarily vacant, is filled by following the provisions provided for in clause 7-1.25.

Income Protection or Class of Employment Protection for the Tenured Employee with a Position in the Sector Providing Direct Services to Students

7-3.26 Involuntary Demotion

The tenured employee who has no other choice but to be reassigned to a position which constitutes a demotion for him or her either by the application of clause 7-3.23 of the agreement shall maintain his or her class of employment and the inherent salary.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection and the class of employment protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

This employee shall benefit from a right to return to a vacant or newly created position in his or her class of employment that the school service centre decides to fill as prescribed in clause 7-3.22.

7-3.27 Position with Fewer Working Hours

When, as a result of the application of clause 7-3.23 of the agreement, a tenured employee has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek, he or she shall be considered as reassigned on a temporary basis and the reassignment shall last until the school service centre assigns him or her, notwithstanding clause 7-1.03 and article 7-3.00, to a vacant or newly created position in his or her class of employment or in the class of employment he or she occupies, if he or she has been demoted, with working hours which are at least equal to his or her regular workweek. At the time of this reassignment on a temporary basis, it shall be up to the school service centre to complete the work schedule of the employee with support staff duties in keeping with his or her qualifications. The reassignment may not cause an employee to work split shifts, except for a day care service and school setting employee, or to change his or her work shift.

This clause also applies to the employee who, as a result of the application of clause 7-3.26, obtains a position with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

This employee shall also benefit from the right to return mentioned in the third paragraph of clause 7-3.26 to a position in which the working hours are at least equal to his or her regular workweek prior to his or her reassignment, as long as he or she is still considered reassigned on a temporary basis.

7-3.28 Position of a Periodic or Seasonal Nature

In the case where, within the framework of clause 7-3.23 of the agreement, a tenured employee does not hold a position considered for tenure of a periodic or seasonal nature or has no choice other than to be reassigned to a position considered for tenure of a periodic or seasonal nature, he or she shall benefit from the following income protection:

- the employee shall retain the salary established on the basis of his or her salary rate and the number of regular working hours applicable immediately prior to his or her assignment as long as the remuneration resulting from the new position is lower;
- however, the difference between the remuneration resulting from the new position and that established immediately prior to the employee's assignment shall be paid in a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays; the amount shall be reduced as the employee's salary progresses.

The tenured employee who, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, benefits from the income protection shall continue to so benefit as per applicable conditions.

This employee shall also benefit from the right to return, mentioned in the third (3rd) paragraph of clause 7-3.26, to a position considered for tenure which is not of a periodic or seasonal nature, if this employee did not hold a position considered for tenure of a periodic or seasonal nature.

7-3.29 Refusing a Position Within the Context of the Right to Return

If an employee refuses to accept a position offered to him or her within the framework of the right to return from which he or she benefits under the third paragraph of clause 7-3.26, he or she shall then lose all the benefits inherent to such a right; the provisions concerning the voluntary demotion provided for in clause 6-2.15 apply to the employee for whom the original reassignment which gave him or her a right to return to a position constituted a demotion. Moreover:

- A) if he or she is an employee referred to in clause 7-3.27, he or she shall no longer be reassigned on a temporary basis. It shall no longer be up to the school service centre to complete his or her work schedule and he or she shall then be remunerated according to the hours actually worked;
- B) if he or she is an employee referred to in clause 7-3.28, he or she shall no longer benefit from the second and third paragraphs of clause 7-3.28 and shall be remunerated according to the hours actually worked.

Section III Other Provisions Related to Security of Employment

The present section shall apply to the general sector and to the sector providing direct services to students.

7-3.30 Measures Designed to Reduce the Number of Employees in Surplus

A) Preretirement

For the purpose of reducing the number of employees in surplus, the school service centre shall grant a preretirement leave under the following terms and conditions:

- a) the preretirement leave is a leave of absence with salary for a maximum period of one year; during the leave, the employee shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the agreement except as regards the health and life insurance plans, provided that, at the beginning of such a leave, he or she pay the entire amount of the premiums required plus tax, where applicable;
- b) the preretirement leave shall count as a period of service for purposes of the pension plan covering the employee concerned;
- c) only the employee who would be entitled to retire at the end of the leave of absence but who would not have reached the normal retirement age of sixty-five (65) years during the leave or who would not be entitled to a full pension during the leave is eligible;
- d) at the end of the leave with salary, the employee shall be considered as having resigned and he or she shall be pensioned off;

- e) the leave shall permit the reduction of the number of employees in surplus.

B) Severance Pay

The school service centre shall grant severance pay to a tenured employee if his or her resignation allows the reassignment of a surplus employee. Acceptance of severance pay shall entail the employee's loss of tenure.

The school service centre may also grant severance pay to the employee placed in surplus who chooses to resign. In this case, the employee concerned shall lose his or her tenure.

Severance pay shall equal one month of salary per complete year of service at the time the tenured employee resigns from the school service centre. Severance pay shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) months' salary. For purposes of calculating severance pay, the salary is that which the employee concerned receives at the time he or she resigns from the school service centre.

The employee who receives severance pay may not be hired in the education sector during the year which follows that in which he or she received it, unless he or she reimburses it. Severance pay may not be granted to an employee who has already received a similar payment from an employer in the education sector nor to any employee who resigns as a result of refusing a position.

C) Transfer of Rights

When an employee who is not in surplus is hired by another school service centre or school board and the resignation permits the reassignment of an employee in surplus, his or her status of employee, tenure, seniority, bank of nonredeemable sick-leave days, salary step and date of advancement in step shall be transferred to the new employer.

D) Voluntary Relocation Premium

The surplus employee who accepts, in the education sector, a position situated at a distance greater than fifty (50) kilometres by road from his or her domicile and place of work at the time of his or her placement in surplus shall be entitled to a voluntary relocation premium, if the relocation involves his or her moving.

The voluntary relocation premium shall be equivalent to four (4) months of salary if the relocation takes place in one of the following regions¹: no. 01 (Bas-Saint-Laurent, Gaspésie, Îles-de-la-Madeleine), no. 08 (Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec) or no. 09 (Côte-Nord) from another region than that of his or her new place of work. In other cases, the voluntary relocation premium shall be equivalent to two (2) months of salary.

The school service centre shall also grant a voluntary relocation premium to the tenured employee who is not in surplus but whose relocation permits the reassignment of an employee in surplus.

¹ As established in Appendix 18.

The relocated employee shall transfer to the new employer his or her status of employee, tenure, seniority, bank of nonredeemable sick-leave days, salary step and date of advancement in step.

The employee who is relocated within the framework of paragraph D) and who must move shall benefit from his or her school service centre or, as the case may be, from the school service centre or school board which hires him or her, from the provisions of Appendix 5 under the conditions stipulated therein. Moreover, he or she shall be entitled to:

- a maximum of three (3) working days without loss of salary to cover the search for a dwelling; such three (3)-day maximum shall not include travelling time there and back;
- a maximum of three (3) working days without loss of salary to cover the moving and settling into a new dwelling.

E) Retraining

The school service centre may, as needed, require the retraining of a surplus employee in order to increase his or her chances of being reinstated in a position at the school service centre while considering his or her qualifications, skills and ability to successfully complete such retraining. Before proceeding, the school service centre shall inform the union of its intention to require such retraining.

All costs related to retraining shall be at the expense of the employer. All other terms and conditions are to be agreed upon between the local parties and the employee before training begins.

A refusal of the retraining constitutes, for all legal purposes, a resignation from the part of the employee and cancels any possibility of obtaining a separation premium.

The retrained employee is considered as having applied in accordance with paragraph A of clause 7-1.03.

7-3.31 Rights and Obligations of the Employee

A) Rights of the Employee

- a) As long as the employee remains in surplus, his or her salary shall progress normally. Any salary protection from which a permanent employee on surplus benefits shall cease, at the latest, five (5) years following the date at which his or her name is entered into the Bureau national de placement because of his or her placement on surplus in accordance with the provisions of the third (3rd) paragraph of clause 7-3.33;
- b) When the employee accepts a position in another school service centre or school board by virtue of this clause, he or she shall not be required to undergo a probation period;

- c) When the employee is relocated by virtue of this clause, he or she shall transfer to his or her new employer his or her status of regular employee or, as the case may be, tenure, seniority, bank of nonredeemable sick-leave days, salary step and date of advancement in step;
- d) The employee relocated as a result of the application of paragraph D) of clause 7-3.30 or subparagraph e) of paragraph B) of this clause who must move shall benefit from his or her school service centre or, as the case may be, from another school service centre or school board which hires him or her, from the provisions of Appendix 5 under the conditions stipulated therein insofar as the allowances provided for in the federal mobility assistance program to look for employment do not apply.

B) Obligations of the Employee

- a) The employee in surplus to whom his or her school service centre or another school service centre or school board offers a position considered for tenure, within a fifty (50)-kilometre radius by road from his or her domicile or place of work at the time of his or her placement in surplus, must accept it in the following situations:
 - 1- in the case of an employee who, at the time of his or her placement in surplus, had fewer regular working hours than the regular workweek;
 - if the position is offered by his or her school service centre or another school service centre or school board, and if such position has a number of regular working hours which is at least equal to that of the position held at the time of his or her placement in surplus;
 - 2- in the case of an employee who, at the time of his or her placement in surplus, had regular working hours equal to or greater than the regular workweek;
 - if the position is offered by his or her school service centre or another school service centre or school board, and if such position has a number of regular working hours at least equal to the regular workweek;
 - 3- in the case of an employee who holds, at the time he or she is laid off, a periodic position;
 - if the position offered by his or her school service centre or another school service centre or school board has a regular work year at least equal to his or her own at the time of his or her placement on availability.

In the cases where an employee must thus accept a position, he or she shall benefit from clause 7-3.09, where applicable, and clause 7-3.12 applies.

Failure to accept a position thus offered within ten (10) days of the written offer constitutes the employee's resignation.

In the cases where an employee in surplus voluntarily accepts any other position offered to him or her, the employee shall benefit, where applicable, from clauses 7-3.09 and 7-3.10, as the case may be, and clause 7-3.12 shall apply;

- b) A surplus employee must appear for a selection interview at another school service centre or school board if requested by the Bureau national de placement. If the employee fails or neglects to do so, he or she shall be considered as having resigned;
 - c) The employee in surplus must provide, upon request, any information which is relevant to his or her security of employment;
 - d) As long as the employee remains in surplus, he or she shall be required to carry out the duties of a class of employment in his or her category of employment that the school service centre assigns to him or her in keeping with his or her qualifications, regardless of the certificate of accreditation and the work schedule which apply to the employee at the time of his or her placement in surplus. This assignment cannot be more than fifty (50) kilometres by road from his or her domicile or place of work at the time of his or her placement in surplus;
 - e) The nontenured regular employee who has completed at least one year¹ at the school service centre as a regular employee and who was laid off following the abolition of a position shall remain registered on the lists of the Bureau national de placement for a maximum period of two (2) years. During that period, the employee shall be required to accept, within ten (10) days of the offer, a written offer of engagement which could be made to him or her by his or her school service centre or another school service centre or school board in the same region. Failure to accept such an offer, his or her name shall be removed from the lists of the Bureau national de placement.
- C) The date on which the documents are sent constitutes prima facie proof used to calculate the time limits provided for in this clause.

7-3.32

For the purpose of applying article 7-3.00, place of work means the place of work where the employee usually carries out his or her duties.

In the case where an employee usually performs his or her duties in several locations, the place of work designates the place where the employee generally receives his or her instructions and where he or she must report on his or her activities; in this latter case, if the employee concerned receives his or her instructions in several locations, the place of work for the purpose of applying article 7-3.00 is that the school service centre determines for the duration of the agreement; the school service centre shall inform the employee and the union in writing of the place of work thus determined.

¹ Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the duration of any absence during which salary has not been maintained and of any periodical or temporary layoff which occur during this period shall be added.

For the purpose of applying article 7-3.00, “by road” designates the shortest public route normally used.

Obligations of the School Service Centre

7-3.33

When the school service centre must proceed with a hiring to fill a vacant position considered for tenure, other than a temporarily vacant position, it shall submit a request to the Bureau national de placement serving its territory and shall specify the class of employment and the requirements of the position to be filled.

The school service centre that hires a person referred by the Bureau national de placement shall recognize his or her status of regular employee or, as the case may be, his or her tenure, bank of nonredeemable sick-leave days, salary step, date of advancement in step and seniority which he or she had upon his or her departure.

The school service centre must inform the Bureau national de placement of the names and information required to relocate the employees it is placing in surplus as well as the nontenured regular employees who have completed at least one year¹ at the school service centre and whom it is laying off.

7-3.34

After another school service centre assumes the responsibility for instruction to children with social maladjustments or learning disabilities or for instruction to students of a given level or option, pursuant to section 213 of the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3), the regular employee or the tenured employee affected by a reduction in personnel as regards the major portion of his or her work shall be required to be in the employ of this other school service centre.

However, with the consent of the school service centre which no longer offers such instruction, the employee may remain in the employ of this school service centre provided that no layoff or placement in surplus occurs because of this agreement.

As of the anniversary on which the responsibility for such instruction was assumed, the school service centre which assumed it may proceed with any layoff or, as the case may be, placement in surplus.

7-3.35

Upon request, the Bureau national de placement shall forward to the union a report on the positions to be filled by means of hiring as well as a report on surplus employees and laid-off regular employees registered on the lists; these lists shall be forwarded only if they are available.

¹ Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the duration of any absence during which salary has not been maintained and of any periodical or temporary layoff which occur during this period shall be added.

Every month, the Bureau national de placement shall forward to the organization designated by the provincial negotiating union group a report on the positions to be filled by means of hiring in the school service centres or school boards as well as a report on the employees in surplus or laid off who are registered on the lists.

7-3.36 Integration of School Service Centres

- A) During an amalgamation (including the disappearance of one school service centre to the benefit of one or more other school service centres), an annexation or restructuring, the rights and obligations of the parties concerned emanating from the agreement shall be maintained in the new school service centre.

Notwithstanding subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 7-3.31, following an amalgamation, annexation or restructuring, the duration of the salary protection of the employee on the list of surplus support employees of the Bureau national de placement is not limited. The school service centre may use the services of the employee up to the protected salary without exceeding the regular workweek as indicated in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

- B) During an amalgamation (including the disappearance of one school service centre to the benefit of one or more other school service centres), an annexation or restructuring, the problems directly ensuing from the integration and affecting the rights and obligations of the parties concerned emanating from the agreement shall be the subject of an agreement between the union and the school service centre involved. The conclusion of such an agreement between the union and the school service centre together with the maintenance of the agreement mentioned in paragraph A) shall equal a new collective agreement.
- C) If the parties do not reach such an agreement within the framework of paragraph B) within sixty (60) days of the notice of authorization issued by the Ministère to proceed with the integration, the foregoing shall be referred to dispute arbitration pursuant to the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27). The arbitrator shall have the mandate to settle the problems directly resulting from the integration and affecting the rights and obligations of the parties mentioned in paragraph B); the arbitrator could also, if he or she deems it necessary, include in his or her decision effects that are retroactive to the day of the integration, provided they are applicable.
- D) During the fiscal year preceding an amalgamation (including the disappearance of one school service centre to the benefit of one or more other school service centres), an annexation or restructuring, the school service centre may not proceed with staff reduction which would result in one or more layoffs or in one or more placements in surplus, as the case may be, of regular employees or tenured regular employees if the cause of this abolition results from the amalgamation, annexation or restructuring.

However, as of the fiscal year of the amalgamation, annexation or restructuring, a new school service centre, an annexing school service centre or a restructured school service centre may proceed with staff reduction resulting in one or more layoffs or in one or more placements in surplus.

- E) This clause cannot, under any circumstances, have the effect of delaying or preventing such an amalgamation, annexation or restructuring of school service centres.

7-3.37 Placement Committee

For each surplus employee, a placement committee shall be created by the school service centre that has put the employee in surplus. Each of the school service centres or school boards located within fifty (50) kilometres or less of the surplus employee's home or main place of work shall be part of the committee. The Ministère shall participate fully in the activities of the committee. The committee shall work toward the application of Chapter 7-0.00 for each surplus employee.

7-3.38 Bureau national de placement

The Bureau national de placement shall have the following responsibilities:

- 1) to collect and make available to the school service centres and school boards the data related to security of employment; vacant positions, surplus employees or non-tenured regular employees laid off and who have completed at least one year¹ at the school service centre in a position considered for tenure or one year¹ at the school service centre in a position not considered for tenure;
- 2) to provide, in accordance with clause 7-1.03, candidates for each position to be filled;
- 3) to ensure the exchange of all information relevant to security of employment.

7-4.00 WORK ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

7-4.01

The following provisions apply to the employee who suffers a work accident or contracts an occupational disease covered by the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001).

The employee who suffered a work accident before August 19, 1985 and who is still absent for this reason shall remain covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act (R.S.Q., chapter A-3) as well as by clauses 5-3.48 to 5-3.56 inclusively of the *Provisions constituting the 1983-1985 collective agreements*; moreover, the employee shall benefit, by making the necessary changes, from clauses 7-4.14 to 7-4.23 inclusively of this article.

7-4.02

The provisions of this article corresponding to specific provisions of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001) apply insofar as these provisions of the Act apply to the school service centre.

¹ Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the duration of any absence during which salary has not been maintained and of any periodical or temporary layoff which occur during this period shall be added.

Definitions

7-4.03

For the purpose of this article, the following terms and expressions mean:

- A) **work accident:** a sudden and unforeseen event, attributable to any cause, which happens to an employee, arising out of or in the course of his or her work and resulting in an employment injury to him or her;
- B) **consolidation:** the healing or stabilization of an employment injury following which no improvement of the state of health of the injured employee is foreseeable;
- C) **suitable employment:** appropriate employment that allows an employee who has suffered an employment injury to use his or her remaining ability to work and his or her vocational qualifications, that he or she has a reasonable chance of obtaining, and the working conditions of which do not endanger the health, safety or physical well-being of the employee, considering his or her injury;
- D) **equivalent employment:** employment of a similar nature to the employment held by the employee when he or she suffered the employment injury, from the standpoint of vocational qualifications required, wages, fringe benefits, duration and working conditions;
- E) **health establishment:** a public establishment within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services (CQLR, chapter S-4.2);
- F) **employment injury:** an injury or a disease arising out of or in the course of a work accident, or an occupational disease, including recurrence, relapse or aggravation.

An injury or a disease which is solely due to gross and voluntary negligence on the part of the employee who suffers or contracts such injury or disease shall not be an employment injury unless it results in the employee's death or it permanently and severely affects his or her physical or mental well-being;

- G) **occupational disease:** a disease arising out of or in the course of his or her work and characteristic of that work or directly related to the risks peculiar to that work;
- H) **health professional:** a professional in the field of health within the meaning of the Health Insurance Act (CQLR, chapter A-29) as well as any other professional within the meaning of the Professional Code (chapter C-26) and determined by regulation of the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST).

Miscellaneous Provisions**7-4.04**

The employee must inform the school service centre of the details concerning the work accident or employment injury before leaving the building where he or she works, if he or she is able to do so or, if not, as soon as possible. Moreover, the employee shall provide a medical certificate to the school service centre in conformity with the Act, if the employment injury which he or she suffered renders him or her unable to perform his or her duties after the day on which it manifested itself.

7-4.05

The school service centre shall inform the union of every work accident or occupational disease which an employee has suffered or contracted as soon as it is brought to its attention.

7-4.06

The employee may be accompanied by a union representative to any meeting with the school service centre concerning an employment injury which he or she suffers; in this case, the union representative may temporarily interrupt his or her work, without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement, after having obtained the authorization of his or her immediate superior; this authorization cannot be refused without a valid reason.

7-4.07

The school service centre must immediately give first aid to an employee who has suffered an employment injury and, if need be, provide transportation to a health establishment, a health professional or to the employee's residence as required by his or her condition.

The cost of transportation of the employee shall be assumed by the school service centre, which shall reimburse it, if such is the case, to the person who incurred it.

The employee shall choose the health establishment, if possible. If the employee is unable to express his or her choice, he or she must accept the health establishment chosen by the school service centre but may later be transferred to another health establishment of his or her choice.

The employee shall be entitled to receive care from the health professional of his or her choice.

7-4.08

Notwithstanding clause 5-3.38, the school service centre may require that an employee who has suffered an employment injury undergo an examination by a health professional that it designates and gives its reasons for doing so, in accordance with the Act. The cost of the examination and travel expenses shall be assumed by the school service centre in accordance with clause 6-7.01.

Group Plans**7-4.09**

The employee who suffers an employment injury entitling him or her to an income replacement indemnity shall remain covered by the life insurance plan provided for in clauses 5-3.22 and 5-3.23 and by the health insurance plan provided for in clause 5-3.25.

The employee shall benefit, without losing any rights, from the waiver of his or her pension plan contributions to the Teachers Pension Plan (TPP), the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP) and the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (CSSP). The provisions concerning the waiver of such contributions are an integral part of pension plan provisions and the resulting costs shall be shared as is the case with any other benefit.

The waiver mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall no longer apply when the employment injury has consolidated or the employee is assigned temporarily as provided for in clause 7-4.15.

7-4.10

In the case where the date of consolidation of the employment injury is prior to the one hundred and fourth (104th) week following the date of the beginning of the continuous period of absence due to an employment injury, the salary insurance plan provided for in clause 5-3.32 applies, subject to the second paragraph of this clause, if the employee is still disabled within the meaning of clause 5-3.03 and, in this case, the date of the beginning of such an absence shall be considered as the date of the beginning of the disability for the purpose of applying the salary insurance plan, particularly clauses 5-3.32 and 5-3.45.

On the other hand, for the employee who would receive from the CNESST an income replacement indemnity which is less than the benefit he or she would have received as a result of the application of clause 5-3.32, the salary insurance plan provided for in this clause shall apply to make up the difference if the employee is still disabled within the meaning of clause 5-3.03 and, in this case, the date of the beginning of such an absence shall be considered as the date of the beginning of the disability for the purpose of applying the salary insurance plan, particularly clauses 5-3.32 and 5-3.45.

7-4.11

The bank of sick-leave days of an employee shall not be reduced for the days for which the CNESST has paid an income replacement indemnity until the employment injury has consolidated and for the absences provided for in clause 7-4.24. The same applies for the part of the day on which the employment injury occurred.

Salary**7-4.12**

For the purpose of this clause, the salary to which the employee is entitled includes, as the case may be, the premiums for regional disparities provided for in article 6-9.00.

The school service centre shall pay the employee who has suffered an employment injury the income replacement indemnity to which he or she is entitled by law if the employee is unable to work due to the injury.

7-4.13

The parties agree that the CNESST shall reimburse the school service centre the amount corresponding to the income replacement indemnity to which is entitled the employee who has suffered an employment injury.

The employee must sign the forms required for such reimbursement. This waiver shall only be valid for the period during which the school service centre has agreed to pay the benefits.

The employee who must report to the Bureau d'évaluation médicale or the Tribunal administratif du travail shall obtain permission to be absent from work without loss of salary after having informed his or her immediate superior at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the absence and produce proof to this effect.

Right to Return to Work**7-4.14**

An employee who is informed by his or her physician of the date of consolidation of the employment injury he or she has suffered and of the fact that this employee will retain a certain degree of functional disability or that he or she will retain no such disability, shall pass on the information to the school service centre without delay.

7-4.15

The school service centre may temporarily assign work to an employee, with the approval of the employee's physician, while awaiting that the employee again become able to return to his or her position or a suitable or equivalent position, even if his or her employment injury has not consolidated, the foregoing as provided for in the Act.

7-4.16

The employee whose employment injury has consolidated and who is again able to carry out the duties of the position he or she had prior to his or her absence shall be entitled to return to his or her position.

7-4.17

The employee referred to in the preceding clause who is unable to return to his or her position either because it was abolished or the employee was displaced as a result of the application of the agreement shall be entitled to return to an available equivalent position that the school service centre intends to fill, insofar as he or she is entitled to obtain that position as a result of the application of article 7-3.00 of the agreement.

7-4.18

An employee who, although unable to resume his or her duties because of an employment injury but who may be able to use his or her remaining ability and qualifications to work, shall be entitled to hold a suitable available position that the school service centre intends to fill in accordance with clause 7-4.20.

7-4.19

The rights mentioned in clauses 7-4.16, 7-4.17 and 7-4.18 apply subject to article 7-3.00.

If the school service centre does not allow an employee to exercise the rights mentioned in clauses 7-4.16, 7-4.17 and 7-4.18 because he or she would have been displaced, placed in surplus, laid off, fired, dismissed or would have otherwise lost his or her employment had he or she been at work, the relevant provisions of the agreement shall apply as if the employee had been at work at the time of such events; moreover, the exercise of these rights cannot have the effect of cancelling or deferring any suspension imposed pursuant to article 8-4.00 of the agreement.

7-4.20

The exercise of the right mentioned in clause 7-4.18 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A) the position must be filled in accordance with clause 7-1.03 and paragraph A) of clause 7-3.22 of the agreement, subject to any provision contained in this clause;
- B) the employee shall submit his or her application in writing;
- C) as of the application of paragraph A) of clause 7-1.03 and paragraph A) of clause 7-3.22, the employee shall obtain the position if he or she has more seniority than the other employees or persons concerned;
- D) the employee must possess the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the school service centre;
- E) access to this position by the employee cannot constitute a promotion, except in paragraph C) of clause 7-1.03, in paragraph A) and subparagraph b) of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.22;
- F) the right of the employee can only be exercised during the two (2) years immediately following the beginning of his or her absence or in the year following the date of consolidation according to whichever date is later.

However, the school service centre and the union may agree on terms and conditions for the exercise of the right mentioned in clause 7-4.18 other than those prescribed in this clause, provided that this does not have the effect of modifying the provisions concerning security of employment; particularly, the school service centre and the union may agree on a special movement of personnel related to hiring priority.

7-4.21

The employee who obtains a position referred to in clause 7-4.18 shall benefit from an adaptation period of thirty (30) working days; at the end of this period, this employee cannot keep the position if the school service centre deems he or she is unable to perform his or her duties adequately.

If the employee is thus unable to keep his or her position, he or she again becomes eligible for a position in accordance with clause 7-4.18, as if he or she had never exercised the right mentioned in this clause.

7-4.22

The employee who obtains a position referred to in clause 7-4.17 shall receive the salary he or she had before suffering an employment injury.

7-4.23

The employee who obtains a position referred to in clause 7-4.18 shall benefit from paragraph B) of clause 6-2.15 in the case of a demotion or receive the salary related to his or her new position.

However, in the case when an income replacement indemnity is paid to the employee, the amounts payable under paragraph B) of clause 6-2.15 shall be reduced accordingly.

7-4.24

Once the employee who has suffered an employment injury returns to work, the school service centre shall pay him or her the salary as well as the premiums for regional disparities provided for in article 6-9.00 of the agreement to which he or she is entitled, where applicable, for each day or part of day during which the employee must be absent from work to receive treatment or undergo medical examinations related to the employment injury or to carry out an activity of his or her personal rehabilitation program.

7-5.00 PARTIAL DISABILITY**7-5.01**

The tenured employee affected by a permanent partial physical disability and who is therefore unable to meet the requirements of his or her position may, within the framework of article 7-1.00, obtain a position provided that there is an available position that the school service centre intends to fill, that he or she possesses the required qualifications and meets the other requirements determined by the school service centre. He or she shall then receive the salary provided for the new position.

7-5.02

The right mentioned in the preceding clause may be exercised during the period in which the tenured employee benefits from the salary insurance plan provided for in clause 5-3.32.

This right may also be exercised within twenty-four (24) months of the date on which the tenured employee is laid off by the school service centre, where applicable, as a result of his or her physical disability to meet the requirements of his or her former position. During the layoff, the tenured employee shall not receive any salary.

Upon termination of the twenty-four (24)-month period mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the school service centre may terminate the employee's employment.

7-5.03

As of the date on which the employee referred to in clause 7-5.01 becomes unable to meet on a permanent basis the requirements of his or her position, it shall then be considered as permanently vacant unless it was abolished within the framework of article 7-3.00.

7-5.04

The school service centre and the union may agree on other terms and conditions in order to modify or assign a position to an employee affected by a permanent partial physical disability, provided that this not have the effect of modifying the provisions concerning security of employment.

7-5.05

Except for the first paragraph of clause 7-5.02, this article applies to the tenured employee referred to in clause 7-4.18 of the agreement who was unable to be reinstated in a suitable position pursuant to clause 7-4.20.

7-6.00 CONTRACTING OUT

7-6.01

The parties recognize the importance of studying alternatives designed to reduce contract work or to avoid resorting to contracting out. The quality of services, quality of life at work, improved work relations and budgetary constraints must be taken into account in order to attain this objective.

7-6.02

Contracting out must not cause any layoff, placement in surplus or demotion entailing a decrease in salary or a reduction of working hours of the regular employees of the school service centre.

7-6.03

When the school service centre intends to contract out work of an ongoing nature which could be performed by an employee in a class of employment of the Classification Plan, it must inform the union beforehand. The notice must be sent at least forty-five (45) days before the decision is made and shall include the reasons underlying the school service centre's decision.

7-6.04

The Labour Relations Committee shall study the reasons underlying the proposal submitted by the school service centre in accordance with the preceding clause. It shall study solutions which favour the performance of the work by employees. These solutions shall be submitted to the school service centre before it makes its decision.

In the context of this work, the Labour Relations Committee shall determine the information it requires as well as its work schedule.

7-6.05

Any ongoing subcontract must include a clause which stipulates the expiry of the contract at the end of the fiscal year if the rules specified in clauses 7-6.01 to 7-6.04 have not been complied with.

If the rules described in clauses 7-6.01 to 7-6.05 have not been complied with, the school service centre must terminate the contract at the end of the fiscal year.

7-6.06

Moreover, in the case where the number of employees placed in surplus in the relevant classes of employment (including employees in surplus for whom such reassignment would constitute a transfer or involuntary demotion) would permit the abolition of a subcontract of an ongoing nature, the school service centre shall undertake to terminate the contract within the legal framework provided for therein in order to reassign the surplus employees as a replacement for the subcontractor. If the subcontract covers several buildings of the school service centre (e.g. maintenance), the obligation to eliminate the subcontract shall be interpreted per building.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraph, the obligation made to the school service centre shall be valid only if the abolition of the subcontract allows the reassignment to a position considered for tenure on an annual, periodic or seasonal basis of one or more surplus employees.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraphs, it is understood that the obligation to terminate a subcontract also applies when awarding a subcontract provided that all the other conditions prescribed in the said paragraphs are met.

7-6.07

In the case where the number of regular employees laid-off for less than two (2) years, following the application of article 7-3.00 as well as within the framework of clause 7-4.18 or article 7-5.00 who have the skills to work in the relevant classes of employment would permit the abolition of a subcontract of an ongoing nature, the school service centre shall undertake to terminate the said contract within the legal framework provided for therein in order to reassign the employees as a replacement for the subcontractor. If the subcontract covers several buildings of the school service centre (e.g. maintenance), the obligation to terminate the subcontract shall be interpreted per building.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraph, the obligation made to the school service centre shall be valid only if the abolition of the subcontract allows the reassignment to a position considered for tenure on an annual, periodic or seasonal basis of one or more employees.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraphs, it is understood that the obligation to terminate a subcontract also applies when awarding a subcontract provided that all the other conditions prescribed in the said paragraphs are met.

7-6.08

Clauses 7-6.06 and 7-6.07 apply regardless of clause 7-1.03. The employee must have the required qualifications and meet the requirements determined by the school service centre for the position concerned.

7-6.09

For the purpose of applying clause 7-6.07, the employee laid off under clause 7-4.18 or article 7-5.00 must produce a certificate from the attending physician stating that the employee may return to work. The medical certificate must not contain any restrictions with respect to the performance of the tasks required by that position.

7-7.00 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

7-7.01

The school service centre and the union agree to analyse jointly:

- the needs which have been filled to meet increases in workload of a repetitive nature;
- the positions not considered for tenure;
- the workload of personnel;
- the periodic positions;
- the overtime paid;
- the number of hours accumulated in the overtime banks and not taken on the preceding June 30.

As regards maintenance, the school service centre and the union undertake to:

- list the various problems that occurred during the last fiscal year;
- analyse the problems, taking into account, in particular, the physical configuration of the buildings, the maintenance or renovation plans, and the budgetary context.

7-7.02

These analyses shall be conducted once a year and shall begin upon request from one the parties. The parties shall identify the pertinent information and the school service centre shall forward the information to the union at least thirty (30) days before the beginning of the operation.

The school service centre shall also forward the information on subcontracts.

7-7.03

The objective of this operation is to improve the quality of the existing positions and to create, as a priority, positions considered for tenure or, failing this, positions not considered for tenure by combining different compatible needs while taking into account:

- the various categories of employment;
- the needs of schools, centres and departments;
- the different periods during which work must be carried out;
- the change foreseen in the student population;
- the possibility of the school service centre being able to use a surplus employee.

7-7.04

The school service centre must consider the solutions set forth.

CHAPTER 8-0.00 OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS**8-1.00 SENIORITY****8-1.01 At the Coming into Force of the Agreement**

The employee in the employ of the school service centre on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall maintain the seniority acquired on that date as well as the order of seniority.

8-1.02 Order of Seniority

The seniority of the regular employee shall correspond to his or her seniority recognized on the preceding June 30 and shall be expressed in terms of years, months and days. Subject to clauses 8-1.03 and 8-1.04, the employee's order of seniority established in accordance with the present article cannot be modified.

8-1.03 Computing the Order of Seniority for the Employee Acquiring the Status of Regular Employee

When an employee acquires the status of regular employee after the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the school service centre shall compute the seniority he or she has acquired as of June 30 of the preceding year.

Seniority shall be recognized as every period worked for the school service centre before obtaining such a status as an employee referred to in clause 1-2.19 or 1-2.23 or in articles 10-1.00, 10-2.00 or 10-3.00 of a previous collective agreement, retroactively to the first date of hiring, unless there was a work interruption for more than twenty-four (24) months, in which case the time worked before the interruption shall not be counted. The period worked shall be calculated in proportion to the regular working hours.

At the date when this employee acquires the status of regular employee, the school service centre shall enter the employee on the seniority list according to his or her order of seniority. However, when the employee referred to in the first paragraph has not accumulated seniority as of June 30 of the preceding year, the school service centre shall enter the employee at the bottom of the official seniority list.

The school service centre shall inform the employee in writing of his or her seniority, expressed in years, months and days, and of his or her order of seniority, and shall forward a copy to the union. The employee who claims an error in the computing of his or her seniority may submit a grievance in accordance with the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration within forty-five (45) days of the school service centre forwarding the notice.

The employee who belongs to a group of employees different from the one mentioned above and who is integrated into a position belonging to one of the classes of employment provided for in the Classification Plan shall be entered at the bottom of the official seniority list. However, for purposes other than movement of personnel or security of employment, his or her seniority shall correspond to his or her period of employment with the school service centre.

8-1.04 Loss of Seniority and of the Order of Seniority

A regular employee shall lose seniority and his or her order of seniority in the following cases:

- A) when the employee's employment is permanently terminated;
- B) when the employee is laid off for a duration in excess of twenty-four (24) months;
- C) when the employee refuses or fails to return to work without a valid reason within the ten (10) days of a recall to work by registered letter sent to his or her last known address.

8-1.05 Updating the Seniority List

On June 30 of each fiscal year, the school service centre shall update the seniority list for all regular employees already entered on the official list and shall add to each employee an additional year without any prorating.

No later than August 31 of every year, the school service centre shall send a copy of this list to the union and post the list in its buildings for a period of forty-five (45) days.

8-1.06 Official Seniority List

The posted seniority list shall become official upon the expiry of the posting period, subject to the changes resulting from a grievance submitted before the list becomes official. However, a revision requested after the list becomes official cannot have any retroactive effect prior to the filing of the grievance that arose with regard to the list. Any alleged error concerning the updating of the seniority list may be the subject of a grievance, which may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration. The present clause shall apply after each updating of the seniority list.

8-1.07 Employee Absent During the Posting of the Seniority List

When the school service centre posts the seniority list, it shall forward a copy to the employee who is absent for the first four (4) weeks of the posting; however, this fact cannot have the effect of preventing the seniority list from becoming official nor shall it delay or extend the posting period.

8-2.00 WORKWEEK AND WORKING HOURS**8-2.01 Categories of Technical, Paratechnical and Administrative Support Positions Other Than in a Day Care Service and School Setting**

The regular workweek shall be comprised of thirty-five (35) hours from Monday to Friday followed by two (2) consecutive days off. The duration of the regular workday shall be seven (7) hours.

8-2.02 Category of Technical and Paratechnical Support Positions in a Day Care Service and School Setting

The regular workweek shall be comprised of thirty-five hours (35 hours) from Monday to Friday followed by two (2) consecutive days off.

8-2.03

The regular workweek shall be comprised of thirty-eight hours and forty-five minutes (38 h 45 min) from Monday to Friday followed by two (2) consecutive days off. The duration of the regular workday shall be seven hours and forty-five minutes (7 h 45 min).

8-2.04

Notwithstanding clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.03, the regular workweek of certain classes of employment such as stationary engineer and guard may be divided differently according to the needs of the department, subject to clauses 8-2.12, 8-2.13 and 8-2.14. It is agreed that any schedule which includes work on a Saturday or Sunday also includes two (2) consecutive days off.

8-2.05

In the case where the former collective agreement provided for a different number of weekly working hours, the school service centre and the union may agree to maintain this number of hours or to adopt the number of hours provided for in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, and the work schedule shall be adapted accordingly. Failing an agreement, the number of working hours in effect shall be maintained. However, the school service centre shall not be required to maintain a number of regular weekly working hours which exceeds the duration of a regular workweek provided for in the Act respecting labour standards and inherent regulations (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

8-2.06

When creating positions, the school service centre shall create, subject to the needs of the organization, department and students, on one hand, positions that include the greatest number of hours possible, and on the other hand, continuous schedules, notably by merging compatible positions in the same class of employment. The school service centre is not obligated to merge or create positions if it causes travel time, travel costs or a scheduling conflict, or exceeds the regular workweek prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

The workload required of the school setting educator, the attendant for handicapped students and the student supervisor must be a continuous work period of one (1) hour or more if it starts before classes in the morning.

For the purposes of applying this clause, the continuous work period of one (1) hour or more shall include any work performed, regardless of the assignment and class of employment, in line with the characteristic duties of the class of employment.

8-2.07

In establishing the work schedule of a day care service position, the school service centre shall try to maintain the number of children per group at twenty (20).

8-2.08

Day care service and school setting¹ positions must include time when the students are not present, and this time shall be devoted to the planning, preparation and organization required for services rendered to students, meetings with the school team and follow-up with those involved in intervention efforts or with parents.

8-2.09

In establishing special education positions, the school service centre must take into account the services offered to special education students and students with handicaps or learning disabilities attending a day care service.

In addition, special education positions must include time when the students are not present, and this time shall be devoted to the preparation, organization and planning required for services rendered to students, meeting with the school team and follow-up those involved in intervention efforts or with parents. However, this time does not apply to the class of employment of attendant for handicapped students.

8-2.10

In the case where the former collective agreement or a school service centre regulation or resolution in effect in 1975-1976 permitted employees to benefit from a regular workweek with fewer working hours during the summer, this provision shall be maintained under the same conditions for the duration of the agreement.

8-2.11

The employee shall be entitled to a paid fifteen (15)-minute rest period, per half-day of work, taken towards the middle of the period.

For the purposes of applying the present clause, a half-day (1/2) of work means a continuous period of three (3) hours or more. However, the employee whose regular workday includes six (6) hours or work or more shall be entitled to two (2) rest periods.

8-2.12

The school service centre shall maintain the work schedules in effect on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

However, the employee's immediate supervisor and the employee may agree on a specific arrangement for the workday or workweek. Notwithstanding any irreconcilable provision, such arrangement must be compensated by a work time equal to its duration, without resulting in overtime hours.

¹ The positions concerned are those of the following classes of employment: day care service and school setting technician, school setting educator, principal class or school setting educator.

8-2.13 Schedule Modification

The work schedule may be modified following a ten (10)-day notice, if this modification occurs within a sixty (60)-minute range before or after the employee's regular workday. A copy of the notice shall be forwarded to the union. The modification shall meet the following conditions:

- the employee's schedule cannot be modified more than twice (2) in a school year. The second (2nd) time, the schedule modification has to be within a sixty (60)-minute range of the initial schedule;
- the employee must be consulted beforehand as to the modification to his or her schedule and the school service centre must provide reasons for the modification;
- the modification may not cause the employee's workday to be lengthened;
- within a work group of a same class of employment, the schedule modification is offered by order of seniority. However, if only one employee is concerned by a schedule modification, the employee with the least seniority has to accept.

A modification to an employee's work schedule shall end at the latest at the end of the fiscal year.

8-2.14 Schedule Alteration

The work schedules may be altered after written agreement between the union and the school service centre. However, the school service centre may alter the existing work schedules due to administrative or pedagogical needs. The school service centre shall give the union and the employee concerned at least a thirty (30)-day written notice before implementing the new schedule. Either the employee concerned or the union may, within thirty (30) working days of sending the notice, resort to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration.

When the roll is prepared, such grievance shall be entered and heard as a priority.

At the time of arbitration, the burden of proof lies with the school service centre. The arbitrator's mandate shall be to decide whether the changes were necessary; if they were not, the school service centre must reinstate the former schedules and must pay the employees at the overtime rate provided for in article 8-3.00 for all the hours worked outside their regular schedule.

Unless there is a written agreement to the contrary between the union and the school service centre, no modification may cause an employee to work split shifts.

8-2.15

The school service centre shall promote the participation of employees concerned by the development or follow-up of students' intervention plans.

8-2.16

For employees who occupy or hold a position in a day care service or school setting, only clauses 8-2.02, 8-2.06 to 8-2.08, 8-2.11 and 8-2.15 shall apply.

8-3.00 OVERTIME**8-3.01**

Any work specifically required by the immediate superior and performed by an employee, in addition to the hours of his or her regular workweek or regular workday or outside the hours provided by his or her schedule, shall be considered as overtime.

8-3.02

Overtime shall be assigned to the employee who started the work. If the work is not started during the regular working hours, the overtime shall be given to an employee whose class of employment corresponds to the work to be performed.

8-3.03

If the overtime work can be performed by more than one employee in a class of employment, the school service centre shall attempt to distribute it as equitably as possible among the employees in the same office, school, adult education centre, vocational training centre or territorial division.

8-3.04

An employee may be exempted from working overtime, when such work is required, if the school service centre finds another employee in the same class of employment who accepts to perform the overtime work without this hindering the proper progress of the work.

If no other employee in the same class of employment, able to perform the work without interrupting the smooth operation of the work, accepts, the school service centre shall designate an employee who is able to perform the work by taking the inverse order of seniority into account.

8-3.05

For the overtime carried out, the employee shall benefit from the following:

- A) for all the hours worked in addition to the number of hours of his or her regular workday or outside of the hours provided for in his or her schedule and during a weekly day off: from a leave of a duration equal to one and a half the time actually worked as overtime;
- B) for all the hours worked during a paid legal holiday provided for in the agreement in addition to his or her salary for the paid legal holiday: from a leave of a duration equal to one and a half the time actually worked as overtime;
- C) for all the hours worked on Sunday or during the second weekly day off: from a leave of a duration equal to double the time actually worked as overtime.

8-3.06

The school service centre and the employee shall agree on terms and conditions for applying the preceding clause by taking into account the requirements of the department; failing an agreement between the school service centre and the employee, within sixty (60) days of the date on which the overtime work was carried out, on the time when the leave provided for in paragraphs A), B) and C) of the preceding clause may be taken, the overtime shall be remunerated according to the rates provided for in clause 8-3.07.

When the school service centre and the employee have agreed on the time when the leave is to be taken but it cannot be taken at that time either due to the needs of the department or due to circumstances beyond the employee's control, the employee shall then choose to either have the overtime remunerated according to the rates provided for in clause 8-3.07 or take it in time off in accordance with paragraphs A), B) and C) of clause 8-3.05; in this latter case, the school service centre and the employee shall agree on the time when the leave may be taken.

8-3.07

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the school service centre and the employee may agree that the overtime be remunerated according to the following rates:

- A) at one and a half times the hourly rate in the cases provided for in paragraphs A) and B) of clause 8-3.05;
- B) at double the hourly rate in the cases provided for in paragraph C) of clause 8-3.05.

8-3.08

When an employee is recalled from his or her home to perform emergency work, he or she shall benefit from a leave of a minimum duration of four (4) hours taken in accordance with clause 8-3.06 if this is more advantageous than the application of clause 8-3.05 of the agreement, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the school service centre and the employee may agree that these four (4) hours be remunerated at the regular rate.

8-3.09

When overtime is paid in accordance with the foregoing, it must be within a maximum period of one month after the claim duly signed is submitted by the employee and approved by the school service centre. The school service centre shall provide the forms.

8-3.10

Clauses 8-3.05 to 8-3.07 and clause 8-3.09 shall apply to the employee who occupies or holds a position in a day care service and school setting only when he or she has to work more than thirty-five (35)¹ hours or when he or she is required to work at the end of the day after the closing of the day care service.

8-4.00 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**8-4.01**

Every disciplinary measure and the reasons therefore must be set forth in a written notice addressed to the employee concerned. A copy of such a notice must be forwarded to the union within three (3) working days of the sending of the disciplinary measure to the employee concerned.

8-4.02

Except in the case of an indefinite suspension or a dismissal based on a moral or criminal issue, any final decision to dismiss or suspend indefinitely an employee must be preceded, subject to the fourth paragraph of this clause, by a meeting between the school service centre, the union and the employee concerned. During that meeting, the school service centre shall inform the union and the employee of the reasons for such a measure. To this end, the employee must receive at least a forty-eight (48)-hour written notice before the meeting specifying the time and the location where he or she must report and indicating the reason for the summons as well as the fact that he or she must be accompanied by a union representative. A copy of such a notice shall also be forwarded to the union at the same time.

In the case of an indefinite suspension or dismissal based on a moral or criminal issue, the meeting between the school service centre, the employee and the union shall be convened within forty-eight (48) hours of the school service centre's initial decision.

Following any meeting held pursuant to this clause, the school service centre must inform the employee of its final decision, by written notice, within the time limit mentioned in clause 8-4.11. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the union within the same time limit.

The fact that the union or the employee does not attend the meeting duly summoned shall not prevent the school service centre from instituting procedures or imposing a disciplinary measure.

¹ However, any hour that an employee works in addition to the thirty-five (35) hours as a result of the application of clause 8-2.05, or any agreement in lieu thereof, cannot be considered as overtime.

8-4.03

Subject to clause 8-4.02, the school service centre shall convene an employee who is suspended; in this case and in the case where the school service centre decides to convene an employee regarding any other disciplinary measure which concerns him or her, the employee must receive at least a forty-eight (48)-hour written notice specifying the time and the location where he or she must report and indicating the reason for the summons as well as the fact that he or she must be accompanied by a union representative. A copy of the notice shall be forwarded to the union at the same time.

The fact that the union or the employee does not attend the meeting duly summoned shall not prevent the school service centre from instituting procedures or imposing a disciplinary measure.

A disciplinary measure handed directly to an employee shall not constitute a summons as defined in the preceding provisions.

8-4.04

The employee may, after having made an appointment, consult his or her official file twice a year, accompanied if he or she so desires by his or her union representative; moreover, upon the employee's written authorization, the union representative may consult an employee's official file on two (2) other occasions during the year.

8-4.05

An employee who is subject to a disciplinary measure may submit a grievance. However, the employee who is the subject of a dismissal or indefinite suspension may submit his or her grievance directly to arbitration within thirty (30) working days of the receipt of the notice informing him or her of the school service centre's final decision insofar as the meeting provided for in clause 8-4.02 has taken place.

8-4.06

A suspension shall not interrupt the employee's seniority. During the suspension, the employee shall maintain his or her contribution to the various contributory plans provided for in the agreement.

8-4.07

In the event of arbitration, the school service centre must establish that the disciplinary measure was imposed for just and sufficient reason.

8-4.08

The school service centre may only invoke an infraction placed in the official file for which a disciplinary measure has been issued within twelve (12) months of such infraction.

However, if more than one infraction of the same nature was committed within these twelve (12) months, each of these infractions including the first one mentioned in the preceding paragraph may only be invoked within the twenty-four (24) months of each of them. Any disciplinary measure that is void shall be withdrawn from the file.

8-4.09

No disciplinary measure rescinded by the school service centre may be invoked against an employee; the same applies to a disciplinary measure declared unjustified by an arbitrator and the facts giving rise thereto.

8-4.10

The provincial negotiating parties agree to grant priority to dismissal cases when preparing the arbitration roll.

8-4.11

Any disciplinary measure imposed more than thirty (30) days following the incident resulting in such a measure or after the school service centre's cognizance of such an incident shall be null, void and illegal for the purpose of the agreement. However, in the case of modifications to an indefinite suspension, the thirty (30)-day limit does not apply at the time of the modification.

8-4.12

In the case of dismissal, if there is an appeal through the grievance procedure, the school service centre shall not pay the employee concerned the amounts accumulated in the pension fund nor those accumulated in the bank of sick-leave days as long as the grievance has not been settled. An employee shall continue to benefit from the health and life insurance plans provided that the amounts accumulated to his or her credit cover both his or her contribution and that of the school service centre. Failing this, the employee must pay the full premiums in advance.

8-5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

8-6.00 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS

8-6.01

The school service centre shall provide its employees, free of charge, with any uniform, special clothing or safety shoes which it requires them to wear due to the nature of their work as well as any special article or garment required by the Act and the regulations.

Moreover, the school service centre and the union, if they deem it necessary for the performance of duties, may agree that the school service centre provide the employee free of charge with any other clothing, uniform or special article.

8-6.02

The uniforms, clothing, special articles or safety shoes supplied by the school service centre shall remain its property and may only be replaced upon the return of the old uniform, clothing, special article or safety shoes unless the employee is prevented from doing so due to circumstances beyond his or her control. The school service centre shall decide if a uniform, clothing, article or safety shoes must be replaced.

8-6.03

The upkeep of uniforms, clothing, special articles or safety shoes supplied by the school service centre shall be the employee's responsibility except special clothing such as overalls, smocks and other similar items used exclusively on the premises and for working purposes.

8-6.04

In the case where the former collective agreement so provided, the school service centre shall continue to supply the apparel and uniforms according to the conditions specified therein.

8-6.05

Any grievance concerning the application of this article shall be referred to the summary grievance procedure prescribed in article 9-3.00.

8-7.00 TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

CHAPTER 9-0.00 PROCEDURE FOR SETTLING GRIEVANCES, ARBITRATION PROCEDURE, SUMMARY ARBITRATION PROCEDURE AND DISAGREEMENT

9-1.00 PROCEDURE FOR SETTLING GRIEVANCES

9-1.01

Any employee who has a problem concerning his or her working conditions which may give rise to a grievance must discuss it immediately with his or her immediate superior in order to attempt to solve it, accompanied if he or she wishes, by his or her union representative or substitute. Should the union delegate or his or her substitute be unable to act or in their absence, a union representative may accompany the employee if the latter so wishes. However, the fact that the employee has not followed this procedure shall not cause the employee to lose any rights.

When the meeting provided for in the preceding paragraph has taken place with the immediate superior but has not resolved the problem raised, the union representative may, for the purposes of clause 3-1.06, meet with the employee concerned to formulate a grievance, notwithstanding the first paragraph of clause 3-1.06; in this case, the union representative shall not be released after the grievance has been formulated.

9-1.02

It is the express intent of the parties to settle all grievances regarding the application and interpretation of the agreement within the shortest possible time.

9-1.03

In the case of grievances, the school service centre and the union shall comply with the following procedure:

A) Step One

The employee shall submit the grievance, in writing, to the authority designated by the school service centre or to the school service centre, if there has been no such designation, and the union, where applicable, files a copy with the chief registrar by using the electronic form of the Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'éducation (Records Office)¹, within ninety (90)² days of the date of the event that gave rise to the grievance. The union shall indicate on the grievance the date of the fiftieth (50th) working day following the date of the grievance notice.

¹ In the case of a computer problem preventing the use of the form, the union may advise the school service centre and the chief registrar of the grievance, in writing, by registered mail, by certified mail, by hand delivery, by fax, or by bailiff. In such a case, the date of the receipt confirming the use of one of these means constitutes proof to be used to calculate the delay prescribed in this article.

² Read one hundred and twenty (120) days for the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral.

Any grievance related to psychological harassment must be submitted in the two (2) years following the last occurrence of such harassment.

After having registered the grievance notice, the Records Office shall immediately acknowledge receipt to the union. A copy of the acknowledgement of receipt is sent without delay to the Centrale, the Federation, the Ministère and the school service centre concerned.

Within ten (10) working days of receiving a grievance and at the written request of the school service centre or union, the school service centre representative or the union representative must meet to discuss the grievance. However, the fact that they fail to do so shall not cause neither the employee nor the union to lose any rights.

The union representative may be accompanied by the plaintiff who so desires. A maximum of three (3) union representatives may be released without loss of salary nor reimbursement in order to take part in the meeting. In the case of a group grievance, only one plaintiff may attend the meeting.

The school service centre shall give its written reply to the union within the twenty (20) working days of receiving the grievance and shall forward a copy to the employee. This notice must clearly indicate, for information purposes and without prejudice, the main reasons for the decision.

B) Step Two

In the case of an unsatisfactory reply, no reply or the reply of the school service centre was not forwarded within the time limit prescribed, the grievance is considered as having been submitted to arbitration fifty (50) working days from the filing by the union.

9-1.04

The union may file and submit a grievance on behalf of an employee, a group of employees or all employees. In this case, the union must comply with the procedure provided for in clause 9-1.03.

9-1.05

The time limits referred to in this article shall be compulsory. However, the school service centre and the union may agree in writing to extend the time limits.

Failure to comply with the time limits provided for in this article shall render the grievance null, void and illegal for the purpose of the agreement.

However, the rejection of a grievance cannot as such be considered as an acknowledgment by the union of the school service centre's allegations and may not be invoked as a precedent.

9-1.06

The grievance notice shall contain a summary account of the facts so as to be able to identify the problem raised. This notice shall also contain, for information purposes and without prejudice, the clauses concerned and the corrective measures required.

No grievance must be rejected because of faulty drafting. The grievance may be amended provided that the amendment does not alter the nature of the grievance. If such an amendment is submitted within the five (5) working days preceding the hearing date, the school service centre shall obtain, upon request, a postponement.

9-1.07

An employee must in no way be penalized, harassed or distressed due to his or her involvement in a grievance.

9-2.00 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**9-2.01**

For the term of this agreement, the chief arbitrator of the Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'éducation (Records Office) is Mr. André G. Lavoie, Esq.

Any grievance submitted to arbitration shall be decided by an arbitrator included in the list determined by the parties in accordance with Appendix 30, and submitted to the Records Office.

However, the arbitrator shall proceed with the arbitration with assessors if, when the grievance is entered on the monthly arbitration roll or within the fifteen (15) days that follow, there is a request to this effect by the representative of the Centrale, the Fédération or the Ministère.

9-2.02

In the event of arbitration with assessors, an assessor shall be appointed by the Centrale and another appointed jointly by the Fédération and the Ministère within the time limit provided for in the last paragraph of clause 9-2.01 to assist the arbitrator and represent each party during the hearing of the grievance and the deliberation.

The assessor thus appointed shall be deemed competent to sit whatever his or her past or present activities, interests in the dispute or duties in the union, school service centre or elsewhere.

9-2.03

Upon his or her appointment, the chief arbitrator, before acting, shall take an oath or shall pledge on his or her honour before a Superior Court judge to perform his or her duties according to the law and to the agreement.

Upon their appointment, each of the arbitrators shall take an oath or pledge on their honour before the chief arbitrator for the term of the agreement, to render their decisions in conformity with the law and the agreement.

9-2.04

The chief arbitrator or, in his or her absence, the chief records clerk under the authority of the chief arbitrator shall:

- A) prepare the monthly arbitration roll in the presence of the representatives of the parties to the provincial agreement;
- B) appoint an arbitrator in accordance with clause 9-2.01;
- C) set the time, date and place of the first arbitration session. However, arbitration shall take place in the territory of the school service centre when agreed to by the school service centre and the union;
- D) indicate for each grievance whether the arbitration is referred to a single arbitrator or an arbitrator assisted by assessors according to the procedure described in this article, to a single arbitrator according to the summary arbitration procedure prescribed in article 9-3.00 or to an arbitrator according to the accelerated procedure described in Appendix 16.

The Records Office shall notify the arbitrators, the assessors, the parties concerned, the Centrale, the Fédération and the Ministère.

9-2.05

The single arbitrator appointed to hear a grievance according to the summary arbitration procedure prescribed in article 9-3.00 shall be so informed by the Records Office.

The same applies to the arbitrator appointed to hear a grievance according to the accelerated procedure described in Appendix 16 or to act as a mediator in the prearbitration mediation.

9-2.06

Subsequently, the arbitrator shall set the time, date and place of the subsequent sessions and shall so inform the Records Office; the Records Office shall notify the assessors, the parties concerned, the Centrale, the Fédération and the Ministère. The arbitrator shall also set the time, date and place of the deliberation sessions and shall so inform the assessors.

9-2.07

If the arbitrator is unable to act because he or she resigns, refuses to act or for other reasons, he or she shall be replaced according to the procedure established for the original appointment.

If the assessor is unable to act because he or she resigns, refuses to act or for other reasons, the party which designated him or her shall appoint a replacement.

9-2.08

The arbitrator may proceed with the arbitration if the party that the assessor represents does not designate a replacement within the time limits he or she prescribes.

9-2.09

The arbitrator shall proceed with all dispatch with the investigation of the grievance according to the procedure and evidence he or she deems appropriate.

The arbitrator shall ensure that the operating rules of the Records Office are complied with, particularly those found in Appendix 16.

9-2.10

At any time before the end of the hearings, the provincial negotiating union group, the Fédération and the Ministère may individually or collectively intervene and may make any representation to the arbitrator that they deem appropriate or relevant.

However, if one of the parties mentioned in the preceding paragraph wishes to intervene, it must so inform the other parties.

9-2.11

The arbitration sessions shall be public. The arbitrator may, however, on his or her own initiative or at the request of one of the parties, order the sessions to be held in camera.

9-2.12

The arbitrator may deliberate in the absence of an assessor provided that he or she has been informed at least seven (7) days in advance in accordance with clause 9-2.06.

9-2.13

The arbitrator must render his or her decision within the forty-five (45) days that follow the end of the hearing, except in the case of the presentation of written notes, in which case the school service centre and the union may agree to extend the time limit. However, the decision shall not be null for the sole reason that it was rendered after the expiry of the time limits.

The chief arbitrator may not assign a grievance to an arbitrator who has not rendered a decision within the time limit allotted as long as the decision has not been rendered.

9-2.14

The arbitration decision shall state the reasons therefore and shall be signed by the arbitrator.

The assessor may draft a separate report which shall be attached to the decision.

The arbitrator shall file the original signed copy of the decision at the Records Office.

The Records Office, under the responsibility of the arbitrator or the chief arbitrator shall forward a copy of the said decision to the assessors, the parties involved, the Centrale, the Fédération and the Ministère and shall file for and on behalf of the arbitrator two (2) certified copies at the Minister of Labour.

9-2.15

At any time before the final decision, an arbitrator may render any provisional or interlocutory decision which he or she deems just and useful.

The arbitration decision shall be final, executory and shall bind the parties.

When the decision includes a time limit in which to comply with an obligation, the time limit shall begin on the day the decision was sent by the Records Office, unless the arbitrator decides otherwise in the decision.

9-2.16

An arbitrator may not, by his or her decision, subtract from, add to or modify the clauses of the agreement.

9-2.17

Subject to articles 2-1.00, 9-1.00, 9-2.00 and 9-3.00, a grievance filed by an employee who is no longer in the employ of the school service centre or by the union for an employee who is no longer in the employ of the school service centre shall be considered as validly submitted to arbitration, provided that the facts which gave rise to the grievance occurred during the period of employment or as a result of his or her departure and entitles him or her to a monetary claim.

9-2.18

As regards a disciplinary measure, the arbitrator may uphold, modify or annul the decision of the school service centre. All compensation must take into account the amounts earned by the said employee during the period in which he or she should not have been suspended or dismissed.

9-2.19

The chief arbitrator shall choose the chief records clerk.

9-2.20**A) Fees and Expenses of the Arbitrator or Mediator**

In the case of an arbitration, the fees and expenses shall be paid by the party who submitted the grievance if the latter is dismissed or by the party to whom the grievance was submitted if the latter is accepted.

If the grievance is partially upheld, the arbitrator shall determine the proportion of the fees and expenses to be paid by each party.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, in the case of a grievance regarding a dismissal, the arbitrator's fees and expenses are borne by the Ministère.

In the event of a settlement, whatever the number of grievances concerned and the nature of the settlement, the allowance to be reimbursed as cancellation costs as well as the fees and expenses of the arbitrator, if applicable, shall be shared equally between the parties or according to the modalities of the settlement.

Upon request from one of the parties, the arbitrator who takes note of the settlement can determine another sharing.

When the grievance remains unresolved, the allowance to be paid as cancellation costs shall be assumed by the party cancelling the grievance or the party that allows the grievance.

When there is a postponement, the party requesting the postponement of a hearing shall bear the fees and expenses incurred because of the postponement, if applicable; if this is a joint request, the fees and expenses are shared equally.

The allowance to be paid when cancelling a hearing shall be of four hundred dollars (\$400) and shall only apply when the request to cancel the hearing is presented to the arbitrator within thirty (30) days or less of the hearing.

In the case of a mediation, whatever the form, the mediator's fees and expenses shall be shared equally between the parties. In the event the role of the mediator changes to that of arbitrator in a given case, the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be assumed according to the regulations provided for in this clause. The conditions concerning the allowance to be reimbursed as cancellation costs for the arbitration shall apply, when applicable, to mediations.

B) Terms and Conditions

Paragraph A) shall only apply to any grievance filed as of February 1, 2006. Any grievance filed before this date shall be settled as prescribed in clause 9-2.22 of the 2000-2002 collective agreement.

C) Expenses of the Records Office

The expenses of the Records Office and the salaries of the Records Office personnel shall be borne by the Ministère.

The arbitration hearings and deliberations shall be held on premises free of rental costs.

9-2.21

The assessors shall be remunerated and their expenses reimbursed by the party they represent.

9-2.22

The stenography costs shall be assumed by the party which requires it.

If there is a transcript of the official stenographic notes, a copy thereof shall be forwarded by the stenographer, without cost, to the arbitrator and the assessors before the beginning of the deliberation.

9-2.23

At the request of a party or on his or her own initiative, the arbitrator shall transmit or otherwise serve any order or document and may summon a witness as provided for in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

9-3.00 SUMMARY ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

9-3.01

The school service centre and the union may agree to specifically refer a grievance to the summary arbitration procedure.

9-3.02

In this case, a notice signed jointly by the representatives of the parties of their intent shall be sent to the Records Office in the delay prescribed in paragraph B) of clause 9-1.03. If it cannot be included with the arbitration notice, it must be sent to the Records Office seven (7) days before the grievance is entered on the arbitration roll.

Should the school service centre and the union fail to sign a joint notice expressing their intent to submit a grievance to the summary arbitration procedure, the school service centre or the union may individually express its intent by forwarding a separate written notice to the Records Office to this effect.

In this latter case, the Records Office must receive both the written notice of the union and that of the school service centre seven (7) days before the grievance is entered on the arbitration roll.

9-3.03

Any grievance referred to the summary arbitration procedure shall be heard by an arbitrator named in accordance with clause 9-2.01 of the agreement.

9-3.04

The arbitrator must hear the grievance promptly and render his or her decision within fifteen (15) days after the end of the hearing.

9-3.05

The arbitrator must hear the grievance on the merits before rendering a decision on the preliminary objections, unless he or she can dispose of it at once. In that case, he or she must then base his or her decision on the objection.

9-3.06

The decision must contain a summary description of the dispute and a brief account of the reasons in support thereof. The decision may not be cited or used for any other grievance submitted to arbitration, unless it deals with the same facts and clauses between the same school service centre and the same union.

9-3.07

Article 9-2.00 of the agreement applies to the summary arbitration procedure by making the necessary changes, except for clauses 9-2.02, 9-2.08, 9-2.10, 9-2.12, the first paragraph of clause 9-2.13, the first paragraph of clause 9-2.14 and clause 9-2.22.

9-4.00 DISAGREEMENT**9-4.01**

All disagreements, as defined in clause 1-2.13, shall be referred to the Labour Relations Committee prescribed in article 4-1.00 of the agreement.

CHAPTER 10-0.00 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**10-1.00 DEPOSITS TO A SAVINGS INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION**

This matter shall be negotiated and agreed upon at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

Since February 1, 2006, the text of this article as referred to in Appendix 21 of the agreement shall constitute the text agreed upon by the school service centre and the union as long as it is not modified, repealed or replaced.

10-2.00 PUBLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT**10-2.01**

The provincial negotiating employer group shall make available the text of the agreement as well as the Classification Plan in electronic format on the website of the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF).

10-2.02

An English version of the agreement shall also be made available on the CPNCF website for the employees and unions concerned.

10-2.03

The deadlines prescribed in the agreement in which to submit a grievance shall be extended until the publication of the agreement in electronic format on the CPNCF website.

10-3.00 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**10-3.01**

The school service centre and the union may agree on local arrangements according to the procedure prescribed in this article.

In accordance with section 70 of the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2), the provincial negotiating parties may adapt the agreement by replacing or implementing clauses in keeping with the characteristics of the various workplaces.

However, the following subjects are excluded from the application of the preceding paragraph:

- salaries and salary scales;
- salary insurance quantum;
- parental rights quantum;
- vacation quantum;
- overtime quantum;

- acquisition of tenure;
- regional disparities (except for clause 6-9.13);
- priority of employment;
- security of employment.

10-3.02

No local arrangement may directly or indirectly modify a provision of the agreement which cannot be the subject of a local arrangement.

As of the coming into force of the agreement and until a local arrangement is replaced, the parties agree to conform to the same provisions as those prescribed in the former local arrangement.

10-3.03

Failing a local arrangement on a subject for which the agreement or the law so provides, the agreement applies.

10-3.04

The school service centre or the union may give an eight (8)-day written notice of its intention to meet the other party for the purpose of discussing the replacement of one or more provisions of the agreement which could be the subject of local arrangements.

10-3.05

To be considered valid, any agreement constituting a local arrangement under this article must meet the following requirements:

- A) it must be in writing;
- B) the school service centre and the union must sign it through their authorized representatives;
- C) any article thus modified must appear in the agreement;
- D) it must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27);
- E) the date of the application of the agreement must be stipulated therein and may in no case be prior to the coming into force of the agreement and, unless otherwise provided, this agreement shall be in effect until it is replaced or, at the latest, until the coming into force of new stipulations negotiated and agreed at the provincial level.

10-3.06

No provision of this article may give rise to the right to strike or to lockout nor may it lead to a dispute as defined in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

10-3.07

A local arrangement may be cancelled or replaced by a written agreement between the school service centre and the union. Such agreement must fulfill the requirements of clause 10-3.05.

10-3.08

At the union's request, the school service centre shall release, without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement, a maximum of three (3) employees designated by the union in order to participate in the joint meetings required to discuss the provisions arising from this article. The employee must notify his or her immediate superior before the leave.

10-4.00 APPENDICES**10-4.01**

Unless otherwise stipulated, the appendices are an integral part of the agreement.

10-5.00 INTERPRETATION OF TEXTS**10-5.01**

The French text shall constitute the official text of the agreement.

10-5.02

Whenever, in the agreement, reference is made to the 1989-1991 collective agreement, it includes the collective agreement and its extensions.

10-5.03

For the purposes of the wording of the agreement, the parties have established the rules of drafting that are found in Appendix 9 (applicable to French text only).

The application of these rules does not have the effect of granting different rights or benefits to women or to men, unless the context indicates otherwise.

10-5.04

On the one hand, the Ministère and the Fédération and, on the other hand, the provincial negotiating union group, shall agree on an English translation of the official text of the agreement.

10-5.05

The provincial negotiating employer group, the Fédération and the Ministère agree that, in the event of a change in status or in the role of the provincial negotiating employer group that makes it unable to carry out the obligations incurred in the agreement, the Fédération and the Ministère shall assume those obligations as if they themselves acquiesce in the terms and conditions of this agreement.

10-5.06

For the purposes of this agreement, unless otherwise noted, the use of email shall constitute, in all cases, a valid method for transmitting any written communication.

10-6.00 COMING INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT**10-6.01**

The agreement shall have no retroactive effect other than that provided for in the clauses and articles listed in clause 10-6.07 and, unless otherwise stipulated, it shall come into force on the date of signature.

10-6.02

The agreement expires on March 31, 2028.

However, the working conditions provided for in the agreement shall continue to apply until the signing of a new collective agreement.

10-6.03

Unless otherwise provided, the agreement shall replace any former collective agreement concluded between the school service centre and the union.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement negotiated and agreed at the local or regional level in accordance with the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2) shall continue to be in force as long as they are not modified, repealed or replaced by agreement between the school service centre and the union in accordance with the law.

10-6.04

Within sixty (60) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the employees in the employ of the school service centre shall be entitled to receive the payment of the amounts provided for in clause 10-6.07.

10-6.05

Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the school service centre shall provide the union with the list of employees in the employ of the school service centre between April 1, 2023 and the date of signature of the agreement, and who were no longer employed on that date, as well as their last known address.

The employee concerned must make a written request to the school service centre for the amounts owing under clause 10-6.07 within one hundred and twenty (120) days following receipt of this list by the union. In the case of an employee's death, the request may be made by his or her legal heirs.

The amounts provided for in the present clause shall be paid within sixty (60) days of receiving the employee's request.

10-6.06

The school service centre shall provide employees with a copy of the statement of the retroactive payment calculations along with the retroactive payment, and forward a copy to the union.

10-6.07 RETROACTIVITY

The employee in the employ of the school service centre between April 1, 2023 and the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall be entitled to a retroactive payment equal to the difference, if it is positive, between the salary or, as the case may be, the amount he or she would have been entitled to taking into account his or her active service or the number of hours remunerated during the period under the following provisions:

5-3.32 A), 5-3.44, 5-4.12, 5-4.13, 5-4.14, 5-4.20, 5-4.21, 5-4.23, 5-4.43, 6-1.00, 6-2.00, 6-3.00, 6-4.00, 6-5.00, 6-8.00, 6-9.00, 6-10.00, 7-4.12, 8-3.00 as well as the provisions 10-1.01 and 10-2.01 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement;

and

the amounts already paid by the school service centre to this effect between April 1, 2023 and the date of signature of the agreement.

10-6.08

The school service centre shall apply the new salary scales and rates provided for in Appendix 1 within forty-five (45) days of the date of signature of the agreement.

10-6.09

Strikes and lock-outs are forbidden to any person as of the date of coming into force of the agreement as long as the right to strike and lock-out has not been acquired in accordance with the provisions of the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in Québec, the provisions negotiated and agreed upon between the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF) and the Fédération du personnel de soutien scolaire (FPSS-CSQ) on this 9th day of the month of June 2024.

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HOURLY SALARY SCALES AND RATES

I- CATEGORY OF TECHNICAL AND PARATECHNICAL SUPPORT POSITIONS

I-1 Subcategory of Technical Support Positions

Class of employment: **Nurse (4206)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	27.36	28.13	28.86	29.58	30.62
2	28.17	28.96	29.71	30.45	31.52
3	29.03	29.84	30.62	31.39	32.49
4	29.91	30.75	31.55	32.34	33.47
5	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
6	31.75	32.64	33.49	34.33	35.53
7	32.71	33.63	34.50	35.36	36.60
8	33.70	34.64	35.54	36.43	37.71
9	34.70	35.67	36.60	37.52	38.83
10	35.43	36.42	37.37	38.30	39.64
11	36.47	37.49	38.46	39.42	40.80
12	37.60	38.65	39.65	40.64	42.06
13	38.73	39.81	40.85	41.87	43.34
14	39.71	40.82	41.88	42.93	44.43
15	40.69	41.83	42.92	43.99	45.53
16	41.74	42.91	44.03	45.13	46.71
17	42.80	44.00	45.14	46.27	47.89
18	43.87	45.10	46.27	47.43	49.09

Class of employment: **Social Work Technician (4208)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
2	27.23	27.99	28.72	29.44	30.47
3	28.27	29.06	29.82	30.57	31.64
4	29.30	30.12	30.90	31.67	32.78
5	30.37	31.22	32.03	32.83	33.98
6	31.50	32.38	33.22	34.05	35.24
7	32.66	33.57	34.44	35.30	36.54
8	33.87	34.82	35.73	36.62	37.90
9	34.91	35.89	36.82	37.74	39.06
10	35.61	36.61	37.56	38.50	39.85
11	36.70	37.73	38.71	39.68	41.07
12	37.81	38.87	39.88	40.88	42.31

Class of employment: **Laboratory Technician (4209)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
2	26.44	27.18	27.89	28.59	29.59
3	27.22	27.98	28.71	29.43	30.46
4	28.03	28.81	29.56	30.30	31.36
5	28.89	29.70	30.47	31.23	32.32
6	29.72	30.55	31.34	32.12	33.24
7	30.63	31.49	32.31	33.12	34.28
8	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
9	32.28	33.18	34.04	34.89	36.11
10	32.72	33.64	34.51	35.37	36.61
11	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
12	34.26	35.22	36.14	37.04	38.34

Class of employment: **Administration Technician (4211)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
2	26.44	27.18	27.89	28.59	29.59
3	27.22	27.98	28.71	29.43	30.46
4	28.03	28.81	29.56	30.30	31.36
5	28.89	29.70	30.47	31.23	32.32
6	29.72	30.55	31.34	32.12	33.24
7	30.63	31.49	32.31	33.12	34.28
8	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
9	32.28	33.18	34.04	34.89	36.11
10	32.72	33.64	34.51	35.37	36.61
11	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
12	34.26	35.22	36.14	37.04	38.34

Class of employment: **Graphic Arts Technician (4279)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.89	25.59	26.26	26.92	27.86
2	25.62	26.34	27.02	27.70	28.67
3	26.37	27.11	27.81	28.51	29.51
4	27.17	27.93	28.66	29.38	30.41
5	27.95	28.73	29.48	30.22	31.28
6	28.82	29.63	30.40	31.16	32.25
7	29.46	30.28	31.07	31.85	32.96
8	30.11	30.95	31.75	32.54	33.68
9	30.78	31.64	32.46	33.27	34.43
10	31.16	32.03	32.86	33.68	34.86

Class of employment: **Audiovisual Technician (4212)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.89	25.59	26.26	26.92	27.86
2	25.62	26.34	27.02	27.70	28.67
3	26.37	27.11	27.81	28.51	29.51
4	27.17	27.93	28.66	29.38	30.41
5	27.95	28.73	29.48	30.22	31.28
6	28.82	29.63	30.40	31.16	32.25
7	29.46	30.28	31.07	31.85	32.96
8	30.11	30.95	31.75	32.54	33.68
9	30.78	31.64	32.46	33.27	34.43
10	31.16	32.03	32.86	33.68	34.86

Class of employment: **Building Technician (4213)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.82	26.54	27.23	27.91	28.89
2	26.71	27.46	28.17	28.87	29.88
3	27.63	28.40	29.14	29.87	30.92
4	28.54	29.34	30.10	30.85	31.93
5	29.52	30.35	31.14	31.92	33.04
6	30.50	31.35	32.17	32.97	34.12
7	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
8	32.61	33.52	34.39	35.25	36.48
9	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
10	34.09	35.04	35.95	36.85	38.14
11	35.03	36.01	36.95	37.87	39.20
12	35.99	37.00	37.96	38.91	40.27

Class of employment: **Documentation Technician (4205)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **Braille Technician (4228)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.89	25.59	26.26	26.92	27.86
2	25.62	26.34	27.02	27.70	28.67
3	26.37	27.11	27.81	28.51	29.51
4	27.17	27.93	28.66	29.38	30.41
5	27.95	28.73	29.48	30.22	31.28
6	28.82	29.63	30.40	31.16	32.25
7	29.46	30.28	31.07	31.85	32.96
8	30.11	30.95	31.75	32.54	33.68
9	30.78	31.64	32.46	33.27	34.43
10	31.16	32.03	32.86	33.68	34.86

Class of employment: **Special Education Technician (4207)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
2	27.23	27.99	28.72	29.44	30.47
3	28.27	29.06	29.82	30.57	31.64
4	29.30	30.12	30.90	31.67	32.78
5	30.37	31.22	32.03	32.83	33.98
6	31.50	32.38	33.22	34.05	35.24
7	32.66	33.57	34.44	35.30	36.54
8	33.87	34.82	35.73	36.62	37.90
9	34.91	35.89	36.82	37.74	39.06
10	35.61	36.61	37.56	38.50	39.85
11	36.70	37.73	38.71	39.68	41.07
12	37.81	38.87	39.88	40.88	42.31

Class of employment: **Electronics Technician (4277)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
2	26.44	27.18	27.89	28.59	29.59
3	27.22	27.98	28.71	29.43	30.46
4	28.03	28.81	29.56	30.30	31.36
5	28.89	29.70	30.47	31.23	32.32
6	29.72	30.55	31.34	32.12	33.24
7	30.63	31.49	32.31	33.12	34.28
8	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
9	32.28	33.18	34.04	34.89	36.11
10	32.72	33.64	34.51	35.37	36.61
11	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
12	34.26	35.22	36.14	37.04	38.34

Class of employment: **Vocational Training Technician (4281)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **Food Management Technician (4276)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **Data Processing Technician (4204)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
2	26.44	27.18	27.89	28.59	29.59
3	27.22	27.98	28.71	29.43	30.46
4	28.03	28.81	29.56	30.30	31.36
5	28.89	29.70	30.47	31.23	32.32
6	29.72	30.55	31.34	32.12	33.24
7	30.63	31.49	32.31	33.12	34.28
8	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
9	32.28	33.18	34.04	34.89	36.11
10	32.72	33.64	34.51	35.37	36.61
11	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
12	34.26	35.22	36.14	37.04	38.34

Class of employment: **Data Processing Technician, principal class (4278)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
2	27.23	27.99	28.72	29.44	30.47
3	28.27	29.06	29.82	30.57	31.64
4	29.30	30.12	30.90	31.67	32.78
5	30.37	31.22	32.03	32.83	33.98
6	31.50	32.38	33.22	34.05	35.24
7	32.66	33.57	34.44	35.30	36.54
8	33.87	34.82	35.73	36.62	37.90
9	34.91	35.89	36.82	37.74	39.06
10	35.61	36.61	37.56	38.50	39.85
11	36.70	37.73	38.71	39.68	41.07
12	37.81	38.87	39.88	40.88	42.31

Class of employment: **Recreational Activities Technician (4214)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **School Organization Technician (4215)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **Psychometry Technician (4216)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.25	25.96	26.63	27.30	28.26
2	26.01	26.74	27.44	28.13	29.11
3	26.79	27.54	28.26	28.97	29.98
4	27.59	28.36	29.10	29.83	30.87
5	28.41	29.21	29.97	30.72	31.80
6	29.25	30.07	30.85	31.62	32.73
7	30.13	30.97	31.78	32.57	33.71
8	30.81	31.67	32.49	33.30	34.47
9	31.55	32.43	33.27	34.10	35.29
10	31.93	32.82	33.67	34.51	35.72
11	32.67	33.58	34.45	35.31	36.55

Class of employment: **Day Care Service and School Setting Technician (4285)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
2	26.44	27.18	27.89	28.59	29.59
3	27.22	27.98	28.71	29.43	30.46
4	28.03	28.81	29.56	30.30	31.36
5	28.89	29.70	30.47	31.23	32.32
6	29.72	30.55	31.34	32.12	33.24
7	30.63	31.49	32.31	33.12	34.28
8	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
9	32.28	33.18	34.04	34.89	36.11
10	32.72	33.64	34.51	35.37	36.61
11	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
12	34.26	35.22	36.14	37.04	38.34

NOTE: From the date of entry into force of the agreement, the title "Day Care Service Technician" of the class of employment 4285 is replaced.

Class of employment: **School Transportation Technician (4280)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.89	25.59	26.26	26.92	27.86
2	25.62	26.34	27.02	27.70	28.67
3	26.37	27.11	27.81	28.51	29.51
4	27.17	27.93	28.66	29.38	30.41
5	27.95	28.73	29.48	30.22	31.28
6	28.82	29.63	30.40	31.16	32.25
7	29.46	30.28	31.07	31.85	32.96
8	30.11	30.95	31.75	32.54	33.68
9	30.78	31.64	32.46	33.27	34.43
10	31.16	32.03	32.86	33.68	34.86

Class of employment: **Interpreter-Technician (4230)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	25.82	26.54	27.23	27.91	28.89
2	26.71	27.46	28.17	28.87	29.88
3	27.63	28.40	29.14	29.87	30.92
4	28.54	29.34	30.10	30.85	31.93
5	29.52	30.35	31.14	31.92	33.04
6	30.50	31.35	32.17	32.97	34.12
7	31.56	32.44	33.28	34.11	35.30
8	32.61	33.52	34.39	35.25	36.48
9	33.50	34.44	35.34	36.22	37.49
10	34.09	35.04	35.95	36.85	38.14
11	35.03	36.01	36.95	37.87	39.20
12	35.99	37.00	37.96	38.91	40.27

I-2 Subcategory of Paratechnical Support PositionsClass of employment: **Laboratory Attendant (4218)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.20	23.85	24.47	25.08	25.96
2	23.59	24.25	24.88	25.50	26.39
3	23.96	24.63	25.27	25.90	26.81
4	24.35	25.03	25.68	26.32	27.24
5	24.75	25.44	26.10	26.75	27.69

Class of employment: **School Setting Educator (4284)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

NOTE: From the date of entry into force of the agreement, the title "Day Care Service Educator" of the class of employment 4284 is replaced.

Class of employment: **School Setting Educator, principal class (4288)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.51	25.20	25.86	26.51	27.44
2	25.12	25.82	26.49	27.15	28.10
3	25.77	26.49	27.18	27.86	28.84
4	26.45	27.19	27.90	28.60	29.60
5	27.11	27.87	28.59	29.30	30.33
6	27.80	28.58	29.32	30.05	31.10
7	28.49	29.29	30.05	30.80	31.88
8	29.26	30.08	30.86	31.63	32.74
9	30.01	30.85	31.65	32.44	33.58

NOTE: From the date of entry into force of the agreement, the title "Day Care Service Educator, principal class" of the class of employment 4288 is replaced.

Class of employment: **Nursing Assistant (or those possessing a Diploma in Health Assistance and Nursing Care) (4217)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

Class of employment: **School Transportation Inspector (4282)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

Class of employment: **Printing Operator (4221)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.20	23.85	24.47	25.08	25.96
2	23.59	24.25	24.88	25.50	26.39
3	23.96	24.63	25.27	25.90	26.81
4	24.35	25.03	25.68	26.32	27.24
5	24.75	25.44	26.10	26.75	27.69

Class of employment: **Printing Operator, principal class (4229)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

Class of employment: **Data Processing Operator, class I (4202)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.70	24.36	24.99	25.61	26.51
2	24.23	24.91	25.56	26.20	27.12
3	24.79	25.48	26.14	26.79	27.73
4	25.33	26.04	26.72	27.39	28.35
5	25.91	26.64	27.33	28.01	28.99
6	26.50	27.24	27.95	28.65	29.65

Class of employment: **Data Processing Operator, principal class (4201)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	24.18	24.86	25.51	26.15	27.07
2	24.76	25.45	26.11	26.76	27.70
3	25.41	26.12	26.80	27.47	28.43
4	26.03	26.76	27.46	28.15	29.14
5	26.68	27.43	28.14	28.84	29.85
6	27.34	28.11	28.84	29.56	30.59
7	27.99	28.77	29.52	30.26	31.32
8	28.73	29.53	30.30	31.06	32.15

Class of employment: **Attendant for Handicapped Students (4286)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.20	23.85	24.47	25.08	25.96
2	23.59	24.25	24.88	25.50	26.39
3	23.96	24.63	25.27	25.90	26.81
4	24.35	25.03	25.68	26.32	27.24
5	24.75	25.44	26.10	26.75	27.69

Class of employment: **Binder (4283)**

Week: 35 hours

Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79

Class of employment: **Student Supervisor (4223)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.51	24.17	24.80	25.42	26.31
2	24.01	24.68	25.32	25.95	26.86
3	24.52	25.21	25.87	26.52	27.45
4	25.03	25.73	26.40	27.06	28.01
5	25.58	26.30	26.98	27.65	28.62

Class of employment: **Swimming Pool Supervisor (4226)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.20	23.85	24.47	25.08	25.96
2	23.59	24.25	24.88	25.50	26.39
3	23.96	24.63	25.27	25.90	26.81
4	24.35	25.03	25.68	26.32	27.24
5	24.75	25.44	26.10	26.75	27.69

II- CATEGORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT POSITIONSClass of employment: **Buyer (4107)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	24.18	24.86	25.51	26.15	27.07
2	24.76	25.45	26.11	26.76	27.70
3	25.41	26.12	26.80	27.47	28.43
4	26.03	26.76	27.46	28.15	29.14
5	26.68	27.43	28.14	28.84	29.85
6	27.34	28.11	28.84	29.56	30.59
7	27.99	28.77	29.52	30.26	31.32
8	28.73	29.53	30.30	31.06	32.15

Class of employment: **Office Agent, class II (4103)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.03	23.67	24.29	24.90	25.77
2	23.34	23.99	24.61	25.23	26.11
3	23.67	24.33	24.96	25.58	26.48
4	24.01	24.68	25.32	25.95	26.86

Class of employment: **Office Agent, class I (4102)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.70	24.36	24.99	25.61	26.51
2	24.23	24.91	25.56	26.20	27.12
3	24.79	25.48	26.14	26.79	27.73
4	25.33	26.04	26.72	27.39	28.35
5	25.91	26.64	27.33	28.01	28.99
6	26.50	27.24	27.95	28.65	29.65

Class of employment: **Office Agent, principal class (4101)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.51	25.20	25.86	26.51	27.44
2	25.12	25.82	26.49	27.15	28.10
3	25.77	26.49	27.18	27.86	28.84
4	26.45	27.19	27.90	28.60	29.60
5	27.11	27.87	28.59	29.30	30.33
6	27.80	28.58	29.32	30.05	31.10
7	28.49	29.29	30.05	30.80	31.88
8	29.26	30.08	30.86	31.63	32.74
9	30.01	30.85	31.65	32.44	33.58

Class of employment: **Office Assistant (4114)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	22.88	23.52	24.13	24.73	25.60

Class of employment: **Storekeeper, class II (4110)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	22.83	23.47	24.08	24.68	25.54
2	23.04	23.69	24.31	24.92	25.79
3	23.21	23.86	24.48	25.09	25.97
4	23.38	24.03	24.65	25.27	26.15

Class of employment: **Storekeeper, class I (4109)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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1	23.51	24.17	24.80	25.42	26.31
2	24.01	24.68	25.32	25.95	26.86
3	24.52	25.21	25.87	26.52	27.45
4	25.03	25.73	26.40	27.06	28.01
5	25.58	26.30	26.98	27.65	28.62

Class of employment: **Storekeeper, principal class (4108)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.18	24.86	25.51	26.15	27.07
2	24.76	25.45	26.11	26.76	27.70
3	25.41	26.12	26.80	27.47	28.43
4	26.03	26.76	27.46	28.15	29.14
5	26.68	27.43	28.14	28.84	29.85
6	27.34	28.11	28.84	29.56	30.59
7	27.99	28.77	29.52	30.26	31.32
8	28.73	29.53	30.30	31.06	32.15

Class of employment: **Reprography Operator (4118)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.20	23.85	24.47	25.08	25.96
2	23.59	24.25	24.88	25.50	26.39
3	23.96	24.63	25.27	25.90	26.81
4	24.35	25.03	25.68	26.32	27.24
5	24.75	25.44	26.10	26.75	27.69

Class of employment: **Reprography Operator, principal class (4117)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

Class of employment: **Secretary (4113)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.51	24.17	24.80	25.42	26.31
2	24.01	24.68	25.32	25.95	26.86
3	24.52	25.21	25.87	26.52	27.45
4	25.03	25.73	26.40	27.06	28.01
5	25.58	26.30	26.98	27.65	28.62

Class of employment: **School or Centre Secretary (4116)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	24.18	24.86	25.51	26.15	27.07
2	24.76	25.45	26.11	26.76	27.70
3	25.41	26.12	26.80	27.47	28.43
4	26.03	26.76	27.46	28.15	29.14
5	26.68	27.43	28.14	28.84	29.85
6	27.34	28.11	28.84	29.56	30.59
7	27.99	28.77	29.52	30.26	31.32
8	28.73	29.53	30.30	31.06	32.15

Class of employment: **Executive Secretary (4111)**

Week: 35 hours

Step	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	23.89	24.56	25.20	25.83	26.73
2	24.45	25.13	25.78	26.42	27.34
3	25.06	25.76	26.43	27.09	28.04
4	25.66	26.38	27.07	27.75	28.72
5	26.27	27.01	27.71	28.40	29.39
6	26.91	27.66	28.38	29.09	30.11
7	27.56	28.33	29.07	29.80	30.84

III- CATEGORY OF LABOUR SUPPORT POSITIONS**III-1 Subcategory of Qualified Workman Positions**

Week: 38.75 hours

Classes of employment	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
Trade Apprentice, 1st year (5133)	20.42	20.99	21.53	22.08	22.85
Trade Apprentice, 2nd year (5134)	21.12	21.71	22.28	22.84	23.64
Trade Apprentice, 3rd year (5135)	21.82	22.44	23.02	23.60	24.43
Trade Apprentice, 4th year (5136)	22.53	23.16	23.76	24.36	25.22
Cabinetmaker (5102)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Electrician (5104)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Electrician, principal class (5103)	30.27	31.12	31.93	32.72	33.87
Master Pipe Mechanic (5114)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Stationary Engineer, class IV (5110)	27.16	27.92	28.65	29.37	30.39
Stationary Engineer, class III (5109)	27.16	27.92	28.65	29.37	30.39
Stationary Engineer, class II (5108)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Stationary Engineer, class I (5107)	29.24	30.05	30.83	31.60	32.71
Mechanic, class II (5137)	27.16	27.92	28.65	29.37	30.39
Mechanic, class I (5106)	29.24	30.05	30.83	31.60	32.71
Carpenter (5116)	27.16	27.92	28.65	29.37	30.39
Certified Maintenance Workman (5117)	27.16	27.92	28.65	29.37	30.39

Week: 38.75 hours

Classes of employment	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
Painter (5118)	24.63	25.32	25.98	26.62	27.56
Locksmith (5120)	26.24	26.97	27.68	28.37	29.36
Welder (5121)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Specialized Shop Mechanic (5125)	29.24	30.05	30.83	31.60	32.71
Pipe Fitter (5115)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Glazier-Installer-Mechanic (5126)	26.24	26.97	27.68	28.37	29.36

III-2 Subcategory of Maintenance and Service Positions

Week: 38.75 hours

Classes of employment	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
Heavy Vehicle Driver Assistant (5309)	23.35	24.00	24.62	25.24	26.12
Trades Helper (5334)	22.88	23.52	24.13	24.73	25.60
General Kitchen Helper (5306)	22.88	23.52	24.13	24.73	25.60
Laundryman (5307)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22
Caretaker, class II (5302)	23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79
Caretaker, class I (5301)	24.63	25.32	25.98	26.62	27.56
Night Caretaker, class II (5304)	23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79
Night Caretaker, class I (5303)	24.63	25.32	25.98	26.62	27.56
Light Vehicle Driver (5310)	23.35	24.00	24.62	25.24	26.12
Heavy Vehicle Driver (5308)	24.63	25.32	25.98	26.62	27.56
Cook, class III (5313)	25.42	26.14	26.81	27.48	28.44
Cook, class II (5312)	28.16	28.95	29.70	30.45	31.52
Cook, class I (5311)	29.24	30.05	30.83	31.60	32.71
Guard (5316)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22
Gardener (5321)	25.42	26.14	26.81	27.48	28.44
Maintenance Workman, class III (5319) (Domestic Help)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22
Maintenance Workman, class II (5318) (Domestic Help)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22

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Week: 38.75 hours

Classes of employment	Rate 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rate 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rate as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
Maintenance Workman. class I (5317) (Window Installer, Tile Setter, Sander, Metal Locker Repairman)	23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79

APPENDIX 2 SALARY STRUCTURE FOR THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES, SCHOOL BOARDS AND COLLEGES SECTORS

Salary rates and scales as of April 1, 2023

Rankings	Steps																		Rankings	Single rates
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	22.24																		1	22.24
2	22.55																		2	22.55
3	22.67	22.79	22.89																3	22.88
4	22.83	23.04	23.21	23.38															4	23.35
5	23.03	23.34	23.67	24.01															5	23.95
6	23.20	23.59	23.96	24.35	24.75														6	24.63
7	23.51	24.01	24.52	25.03	25.58														7	25.42
8	23.70	24.23	24.79	25.33	25.91	26.50													8	26.24
9	23.89	24.45	25.06	25.66	26.27	26.91	27.56												9	27.16
10	24.18	24.76	25.41	26.03	26.68	27.34	27.99	28.73											10	28.16
11	24.51	25.12	25.77	26.45	27.11	27.80	28.49	29.26	30.01										11	29.24
12	24.89	25.62	26.37	27.17	27.95	28.82	29.46	30.11	30.78	31.16									12	30.27
13	25.25	26.01	26.79	27.59	28.41	29.25	30.13	30.81	31.55	31.93	32.67								13	31.49
14	25.66	26.44	27.22	28.03	28.89	29.72	30.63	31.56	32.28	32.72	33.50	34.26							14	32.74
15	25.82	26.71	27.63	28.54	29.52	30.50	31.56	32.61	33.50	34.09	35.03	35.99							15	34.16
16	26.27	27.23	28.27	29.30	30.37	31.50	32.66	33.87	34.91	35.61	36.70	37.81							16	
17	26.73	27.80	28.91	30.07	31.25	32.51	33.82	35.15	36.34	37.18	38.43	39.74							17	
18	26.91	28.08	29.34	30.63	31.98	33.38	34.86	36.38	37.75	38.79	40.24	41.76							18	
19	27.36	28.17	29.03	29.91	30.81	31.75	32.71	33.70	34.70	35.43	36.47	37.60	38.73	39.71	40.69	41.74	42.80	43.87	19	
20	27.79	28.70	29.62	30.57	31.57	32.56	33.62	34.70	35.83	36.61	37.81	39.02	40.30	41.40	42.53	43.69	44.87	46.10	20	
21	28.26	29.19	30.21	31.24	32.32	33.42	34.57	35.76	36.98	37.87	39.18	40.51	41.92	43.14	44.41	45.72	47.05	48.44	21	
22	28.70	29.71	30.80	31.92	33.08	34.30	35.53	36.81	38.17	39.16	40.58	42.07	43.60	44.95	46.36	47.82	49.32	50.86	22	
23	29.11	30.22	31.37	32.60	33.86	35.14	36.50	37.88	39.35	40.46	42.01	43.64	45.30	46.83	48.40	50.01	51.70	53.41	23	
24	30.03	31.22	32.45	33.73	35.06	36.43	37.87	39.37	40.92	42.12	43.77	45.52	47.29	48.94	50.64	52.37	54.16	56.05	24	
25	30.45	31.73	33.04	34.42	35.84	37.33	38.86	40.50	42.18	43.48	45.29	47.17	49.14	50.92	52.79	54.72	56.71	58.80	25	
26	31.13	32.47	33.88	35.32	36.84	38.45	40.09	41.83	43.62	45.06	46.99	49.01	51.12	53.06	55.09	57.20	59.37	61.63	26	
27	31.81	33.24	34.68	36.26	37.86	39.56	41.35	43.18	45.09	46.64	48.72	50.88	53.16	55.27	57.46	59.74	62.12	64.56	27	
28	32.21	33.73	35.29	36.92	38.65	40.46	42.36	44.32	46.40	48.06	50.32	52.67	55.14	57.43	59.82	62.31	64.90	67.63	28	

Notes: The salary rates take into account the increases set out in paragraph A) of clause 6-3.02.
Single rates are calculated on the basis of a career gain of 33 years.

Salary rates and scales as of April 1, 2024

Rankings	Steps																		Rankings	Single rates
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	22.86																		1	22.86
2	23.18																		2	23.18
3	23.30	23.43	23.53																3	23.52
4	23.47	23.69	23.86	24.03															4	24.00
5	23.67	23.99	24.33	24.68															5	24.62
6	23.85	24.25	24.63	25.03	25.44														6	25.32
7	24.17	24.68	25.21	25.73	26.30														7	26.14
8	24.36	24.91	25.48	26.04	26.64	27.24													8	26.97
9	24.56	25.13	25.76	26.38	27.01	27.66	28.33												9	27.92
10	24.86	25.45	26.12	26.76	27.43	28.11	28.77	29.53											10	28.95
11	25.20	25.82	26.49	27.19	27.87	28.58	29.29	30.08	30.85										11	30.05
12	25.59	26.34	27.11	27.93	28.73	29.63	30.28	30.95	31.64	32.03									12	31.12
13	25.96	26.74	27.54	28.36	29.21	30.07	30.97	31.67	32.43	32.82	33.58								13	32.37
14	26.38	27.18	27.98	28.81	29.70	30.55	31.49	32.44	33.18	33.64	34.44	35.22							14	33.66
15	26.54	27.46	28.40	29.34	30.35	31.35	32.44	33.52	34.44	35.04	36.01	37.00							15	35.12
16	27.01	27.99	29.06	30.12	31.22	32.38	33.57	34.82	35.89	36.61	37.73	38.87							16	
17	27.48	28.58	29.72	30.91	32.13	33.42	34.77	36.13	37.36	38.22	39.51	40.85							17	
18	27.66	28.87	30.16	31.49	32.88	34.31	35.84	37.40	38.81	39.88	41.37	42.93							18	
19	28.13	28.96	29.84	30.75	31.67	32.64	33.63	34.64	35.67	36.42	37.49	38.65	39.81	40.82	41.83	42.91	44.00	45.10	19	
20	28.57	29.50	30.45	31.43	32.45	33.47	34.56	35.67	36.83	37.64	38.87	40.11	41.43	42.56	43.72	44.91	46.13	47.39	20	
21	29.05	30.01	31.06	32.11	33.22	34.36	35.54	36.76	38.02	38.93	40.28	41.64	43.09	44.35	45.65	47.00	48.37	49.80	21	
22	29.50	30.54	31.66	32.81	34.01	35.26	36.52	37.84	39.24	40.26	41.72	43.25	44.82	46.21	47.66	49.16	50.70	52.28	22	
23	29.93	31.07	32.25	33.51	34.81	36.12	37.52	38.94	40.45	41.59	43.19	44.86	46.57	48.14	49.76	51.41	53.15	54.91	23	
24	30.87	32.09	33.36	34.67	36.04	37.45	38.93	40.47	42.07	43.30	45.00	46.79	48.61	50.31	52.06	53.84	55.68	57.62	24	
25	31.30	32.62	33.97	35.38	36.84	38.38	39.95	41.63	43.36	44.70	46.56	48.49	50.52	52.35	54.27	56.25	58.30	60.45	25	
26	32.00	33.38	34.83	36.31	37.87	39.53	41.21	43.00	44.84	46.32	48.31	50.38	52.55	54.55	56.63	58.80	61.03	63.36	26	
27	32.70	34.17	35.65	37.28	38.92	40.67	42.51	44.39	46.35	47.95	50.08	52.30	54.65	56.82	59.07	61.41	63.86	66.37	27	
28	33.11	34.67	36.28	37.95	39.73	41.59	43.55	45.56	47.70	49.41	51.73	54.14	56.68	59.04	61.49	64.05	66.72	69.52	28	

Notes: The salary rates take into account the increases set out in paragraph B) of clause 6-3.02.
Single rates are calculated on the basis of a career gain of 33 years.

Salary rates and scales as of April 1, 2025

Rankings	Steps																		Rankings	Single rates
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	23.45																		1	23.45
2	23.78																		2	23.78
3	23.91	24.04	24.14																3	24.13
4	24.08	24.31	24.48	24.65															4	24.62
5	24.29	24.61	24.96	25.32															5	25.26
6	24.47	24.88	25.27	25.68	26.10														6	25.98
7	24.80	25.32	25.87	26.40	26.98														7	26.81
8	24.99	25.56	26.14	26.72	27.33	27.95													8	27.68
9	25.20	25.78	26.43	27.07	27.71	28.38	29.07												9	28.65
10	25.51	26.11	26.80	27.46	28.14	28.84	29.52	30.30											10	29.70
11	25.86	26.49	27.18	27.90	28.59	29.32	30.05	30.86	31.65										11	30.83
12	26.26	27.02	27.81	28.66	29.48	30.40	31.07	31.75	32.46	32.86									12	31.93
13	26.63	27.44	28.26	29.10	29.97	30.85	31.78	32.49	33.27	33.67	34.45								13	33.21
14	27.07	27.89	28.71	29.56	30.47	31.34	32.31	33.28	34.04	34.51	35.34	36.14							14	34.53
15	27.23	28.17	29.14	30.10	31.14	32.17	33.28	34.39	35.34	35.95	36.95	37.96							15	36.03
16	27.71	28.72	29.82	30.90	32.03	33.22	34.44	35.73	36.82	37.56	38.71	39.88							16	
17	28.19	29.32	30.49	31.71	32.97	34.29	35.67	37.07	38.33	39.21	40.54	41.91							17	
18	28.38	29.62	30.94	32.31	33.73	35.20	36.77	38.37	39.82	40.92	42.45	44.05							18	
19	28.86	29.71	30.62	31.55	32.49	33.49	34.50	35.54	36.60	37.37	38.46	39.65	40.85	41.88	42.92	44.03	45.14	46.27	19	
20	29.31	30.27	31.24	32.25	33.29	34.34	35.46	36.60	37.79	38.62	39.88	41.15	42.51	43.67	44.86	46.08	47.33	48.62	20	
21	29.81	30.79	31.87	32.94	34.08	35.25	36.46	37.72	39.01	39.94	41.33	42.72	44.21	45.50	46.84	48.22	49.63	51.09	21	
22	30.27	31.33	32.48	33.66	34.89	36.18	37.47	38.82	40.26	41.31	42.80	44.37	45.99	47.41	48.90	50.44	52.02	53.64	22	
23	30.71	31.88	33.09	34.38	35.72	37.06	38.50	39.95	41.50	42.67	44.31	46.03	47.78	49.39	51.05	52.75	54.53	56.34	23	
24	31.67	32.92	34.23	35.57	36.98	38.42	39.94	41.52	43.16	44.43	46.17	48.01	49.87	51.62	53.41	55.24	57.13	59.12	24	
25	32.11	33.47	34.85	36.30	37.80	39.38	40.99	42.71	44.49	45.86	47.77	49.75	51.83	53.71	55.68	57.71	59.82	62.02	25	
26	32.83	34.25	35.74	37.25	38.85	40.56	42.28	44.12	46.01	47.52	49.57	51.69	53.92	55.97	58.10	60.33	62.62	65.01	26	
27	33.55	35.06	36.58	38.25	39.93	41.73	43.62	45.54	47.56	49.20	51.38	53.66	56.07	58.30	60.61	63.01	65.52	68.10	27	
28	33.97	35.57	37.22	38.94	40.76	42.67	44.68	46.74	48.94	50.69	53.07	55.55	58.15	60.58	63.09	65.72	68.45	71.33	28	

Notes: The salary rates take into account the increases set out in paragraph C) of clause 6-3.02.
Single rates are calculated on the basis of a career gain of 33 years.

Salary rates and scales as of April 1, 2026

Rankings	Steps																		Rankings	Single rates
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	24.04																		1	24.04
2	24.37																		2	24.37
3	24.51	24.64	24.74																3	24.73
4	24.68	24.92	25.09	25.27															4	25.24
5	24.90	25.23	25.58	25.95															5	25.89
6	25.08	25.50	25.90	26.32	26.75														6	26.62
7	25.42	25.95	26.52	27.06	27.65														7	27.48
8	25.61	26.20	26.79	27.39	28.01	28.65													8	28.37
9	25.83	26.42	27.09	27.75	28.40	29.09	29.80												9	29.37
10	26.15	26.76	27.47	28.15	28.84	29.56	30.26	31.06											10	30.45
11	26.51	27.15	27.86	28.60	29.30	30.05	30.80	31.63	32.44										11	31.60
12	26.92	27.70	28.51	29.38	30.22	31.16	31.85	32.54	33.27	33.68									12	32.72
13	27.30	28.13	28.97	29.83	30.72	31.62	32.57	33.30	34.10	34.51	35.31								13	34.04
14	27.75	28.59	29.43	30.30	31.23	32.12	33.12	34.11	34.89	35.37	36.22	37.04							14	35.39
15	27.91	28.87	29.87	30.85	31.92	32.97	34.11	35.25	36.22	36.85	37.87	38.91							15	36.93
16	28.40	29.44	30.57	31.67	32.83	34.05	35.30	36.62	37.74	38.50	39.68	40.88							16	
17	28.89	30.05	31.25	32.50	33.79	35.15	36.56	38.00	39.29	40.19	41.55	42.96							17	
18	29.09	30.36	31.71	33.12	34.57	36.08	37.69	39.33	40.82	41.94	43.51	45.15							18	
19	29.58	30.45	31.39	32.34	33.30	34.33	35.36	36.43	37.52	38.30	39.42	40.64	41.87	42.93	43.99	45.13	46.27	47.43	19	
20	30.04	31.03	32.02	33.06	34.12	35.20	36.35	37.52	38.73	39.59	40.88	42.18	43.57	44.76	45.98	47.23	48.51	49.84	20	
21	30.56	31.56	32.67	33.76	34.93	36.13	37.37	38.66	39.99	40.94	42.36	43.79	45.32	46.64	48.01	49.43	50.87	52.37	21	
22	31.03	32.11	33.29	34.50	35.76	37.08	38.41	39.79	41.27	42.34	43.87	45.48	47.14	48.60	50.12	51.70	53.32	54.98	22	
23	31.48	32.68	33.92	35.24	36.61	37.99	39.46	40.95	42.54	43.74	45.42	47.18	48.97	50.62	52.33	54.07	55.89	57.75	23	
24	32.46	33.74	35.09	36.46	37.90	39.38	40.94	42.56	44.24	45.54	47.32	49.21	51.12	52.91	54.75	56.62	58.56	60.60	24	
25	32.91	34.31	35.72	37.21	38.75	40.36	42.01	43.78	45.60	47.01	48.96	50.99	53.13	55.05	57.07	59.15	61.32	63.57	25	
26	33.65	35.11	36.63	38.18	39.82	41.57	43.34	45.22	47.16	48.71	50.81	52.98	55.27	57.37	59.55	61.84	64.19	66.64	26	
27	34.39	35.94	37.49	39.21	40.93	42.77	44.71	46.68	48.75	50.43	52.66	55.00	57.47	59.76	62.13	64.59	67.16	69.80	27	
28	34.82	36.46	38.15	39.91	41.78	43.74	45.80	47.91	50.16	51.96	54.40	56.94	59.60	62.09	64.67	67.36	70.16	73.11	28	

Notes: The salary rates take into account the increases set out in paragraph D) of clause 6-3.02. They do not take into account any salary adjustment which would result, where applicable, from the application of the adjustment clause set out in clause 6-3.03.
Single rates are calculated on the basis of a career gain of 33 years.

Salary rates and scales of April 1, 2027

Rankings	Steps																		Rankings	Single rates
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
1	24.88																		1	24.88
2	25.22																		2	25.22
3	25.37	25.50	25.61																3	25.60
4	25.54	25.79	25.97	26.15															4	26.12
5	25.77	26.11	26.48	26.86															5	26.79
6	25.96	26.39	26.81	27.24	27.69														6	27.56
7	26.31	26.86	27.45	28.01	28.62														7	28.44
8	26.51	27.12	27.73	28.35	28.99	29.65													8	29.36
9	26.73	27.34	28.04	28.72	29.39	30.11	30.84												9	30.39
10	27.07	27.70	28.43	29.14	29.85	30.59	31.32	32.15											10	31.52
11	27.44	28.10	28.84	29.60	30.33	31.10	31.88	32.74	33.58										11	32.71
12	27.86	28.67	29.51	30.41	31.28	32.25	32.96	33.68	34.43	34.86									12	33.87
13	28.26	29.11	29.98	30.87	31.80	32.73	33.71	34.47	35.29	35.72	36.55								13	35.23
14	28.72	29.59	30.46	31.36	32.32	33.24	34.28	35.30	36.11	36.61	37.49	38.34							14	36.64
15	28.89	29.88	30.92	31.93	33.04	34.12	35.30	36.48	37.49	38.14	39.20	40.27							15	38.22
16	29.39	30.47	31.64	32.78	33.98	35.24	36.54	37.90	39.06	39.85	41.07	42.31							16	
17	29.90	31.10	32.34	33.64	34.97	36.38	37.84	39.33	40.67	41.60	43.00	44.46							17	
18	30.11	31.42	32.82	34.28	35.78	37.34	39.01	40.71	42.25	43.41	45.03	46.73							18	
19	30.62	31.52	32.49	33.47	34.47	35.53	36.60	37.71	38.83	39.64	40.80	42.06	43.34	44.43	45.53	46.71	47.89	49.09	19	
20	31.09	32.12	33.14	34.22	35.31	36.43	37.62	38.83	40.09	40.98	42.31	43.66	45.09	46.33	47.59	48.88	50.21	51.58	20	
21	31.63	32.66	33.81	34.94	36.15	37.39	38.68	40.01	41.39	42.37	43.84	45.32	46.91	48.27	49.69	51.16	52.65	54.20	21	
22	32.12	33.23	34.46	35.71	37.01	38.38	39.75	41.18	42.71	43.82	45.41	47.07	48.79	50.30	51.87	53.51	55.19	56.90	22	
23	32.58	33.82	35.11	36.47	37.89	39.32	40.84	42.38	44.03	45.27	47.01	48.83	50.68	52.39	54.16	55.96	57.85	59.77	23	
24	33.60	34.92	36.32	37.74	39.23	40.76	42.37	44.05	45.79	47.13	48.98	50.93	52.91	54.76	56.67	58.60	60.61	62.72	24	
25	34.06	35.51	36.97	38.51	40.11	41.77	43.48	45.31	47.20	48.66	50.67	52.77	54.99	56.98	59.07	61.22	63.47	65.79	25	
26	34.83	36.34	37.91	39.52	41.21	43.02	44.86	46.80	48.81	50.41	52.59	54.83	57.20	59.38	61.63	64.00	66.44	68.97	26	
27	35.59	37.20	38.80	40.58	42.36	44.27	46.27	48.31	50.46	52.20	54.50	56.93	59.48	61.85	64.30	66.85	69.51	72.24	27	
28	36.04	37.74	39.49	41.31	43.24	45.27	47.40	49.59	51.92	53.78	56.30	58.93	61.69	64.26	66.93	69.72	72.62	75.67	28	

Notes: The salary rates take into account the increases set out in paragraph E) of clause 6-3.02. They do not take into account any salary adjustment which would result, where applicable, from the application of the adjustment clause set out in clause 6-3.03.
Single rates are calculated on the basis of a career gain of 33 years.

APPENDIX 3 RANKING OF CLASSES OR GROUPS OF EMPLOYMENT – SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Class or group of employment #	Title of class or group of employment ¹	Rankings ²	Single rate
4107	Buyer	10	
4161	Buyer, principal class (CSDM)	11	
4102	Office Agent, class I	8	
4103	Office Agent, class II	5	
4101	Office Agent, principal class	11	
2152	Speech and Hearing Correction Officer	20	
2143	Development Officer	22	
2118	Finance Officer	20	
2106	Rehabilitation Officer	21	
2151	Functional Rehabilitation Officer	20	
2149	Social Services Officer	22	
5334	Trades Helper	3	X
5306	General Kitchen Assistant	3	X
5309	Heavy Vehicle Driver Assistant	4	X
2120	Analyst	21	
2156	Information Technology (IT) Analyst ³	23	
2107	Student Life Animator	20	
2141	Spiritual Care and Guidance. and Community Involvement Animator ⁴	20	
4218	Laboratory Attendant	6	
2148	Architect	22	
2121	Administration Officer	20	
4114	Office Assistant	3	X
2144	Lawyer	22	
2102	Librarian	21	
5307	Laundryman	2	X
5303	Night Caretaker. class I	6	X
5304	Night Caretaker. class II	5	X
5301	Caretaker. class I	6	X
5302	Caretaker. class II	5	X
5310	Light Vehicle Driver	4	X
5308	Heavy Vehicle Driver	6	X
2147	Preschool Education Consultant	21	

Class or group of employment #	Title of class or group of employment ¹	Rankings ²	Single rate
2142	Personal Development and Community Involvement Counsellor ⁴	22	
2109	Guidance Counsellor	22	
2155	Nutrition Consultant	19	
2119	Communication Consultant	20	
2153	Counsellor in Academic Training	21	
2114	Academic and Vocational Information Counsellor	20	
2103	Measurement and Evaluation Counsellor	21	
2154	Counsellor in Reeducation	22	
2157	Material Resources Consultant	23	
2104	Education Counsellor	22	
5311	Cook. class I	11	X
5312	Cook. class II	10	X
5313	Cook. class III	7	X
5336	Mover - CSDM	3	X
2115	Dietician/Nutritionist	20	
5102	Cabinet Maker	10	X
4284	School Setting Educator	9	
4288	School Setting Educator, principal class	11	
5104	Electrician	10	X
5103	Electrician, principal class	12	X
0310	Teacher	22	
2116	Occupational Therapist	23	
5316	Guard	2	X
4206	Nurse	19	
4217	Nursing Assistant (or those Possessing a Diploma in Health. Assistance and Nursing Care)	9	
2122	Engineer	22	
4282	School Transportation Inspector	9	
5321	Gardener	7	X
4109	Storekeeper, class I	7	
4110	Storekeeper, class II	4	
4108	Storekeeper, principal class	10	
5114	Master Pipe Mechanic	10	X
5107	Stationary Engineer, class I	11	X
5108	Stationary Engineer, class II	10	X

Class or group of employment #	Title of class or group of employment ¹	Rankings ²	Single rate
5109	Stationary Engineer, class III	9	X
5110	Stationary Engineer, class IV	9	X
5106	Mechanic, class I	11	X
5137	Mechanic, class II	9	X
5116	Carpenter	9	X
2145	Notary	22	
4221	Printing Operator	6	
4229	Printing Operator, principal class	9	
4202	Data Processing Operator, class I	8	
4201	Data Processing Operator, principal class	10	
4118	Reprography Operator	6	
4117	Reprography Operator, principal class	9	
2123	Remedial Teacher	22	
2112	Speech Therapist or Audiologist	23	
5117	Certified Maintenance Workman	9	X
5317	Maintenance Workman, class I (Window Installer, Tile Setter, Sander, Metal Locker Repairman)	5	X
5318	Maintenance Workman, class II	2	X
5319	Maintenance Workman, class II (Domestic Help)	2	X
5118	Painter	6	X
4286	Attendant for Handicapped Students	6	
2150	Psychoeducator	22	
2113	Psychologist	24	
4283	Binder	5	X
4113	Secretary	7	
4111	Executive Secretary	9	
4163	Executive Secretary, adm. and regional centres-CSDM	9	
4116	School or Centre Secretary	10	
5120	Locksmith	8	X
5121	Welder	10	X
5125	Specialized Shop Mechanic	11	X
2105	Specialist in Teaching Methods and Techniques	21	
4223	Student Supervisor	7	
4226	Swimming Pool Supervisor	6	
4208	Social Work Technician	16	
4209	Laboratory Technician	14	

Class or group of employment #	Title of class or group of employment¹	Rankings²	Single rate
4211	Administration Technician	14	
4279	Graphic Arts Technician	12	
4212	Audiovisual Technician	12	
4213	Building Technician	15	
4205	Documentation Technician	13	
4228	Braille Technician	12	
4207	Special Education Technician	16	
4277	Electronics Technician	14	
4281	Vocational Training Technician	13	
4276	Food Management Technician	13	
4204	Data Processing Technician	14	
4278	Data Processing Technician, principal class	16	
4214	Recreational Activities Technician	13	
4215	School Organization Technician	13	
4216	Psychometric Technician	13	
4285	Day Care Service and School Setting Technician	14	
4280	School Transportation Technician	12	
4230	Interpreter-Technician	15	
2140	Translator	19	
2146	Certified Translator	19	
2111	Social Worker	22	
5115	Pipe Fitter	10	X
5126	Glazier-Installer-Mechanic	8	X

¹ For the interpretation and application of this appendix, in the event of discrepancies in the title of a class or group of employment, the number of the class or group of employment prevails. To obtain the titles of the classes or groups of employment, refer to the Classification Plan.

² Subject to provisions set in other agreements, the rankings for the classes or groups of employment of this appendix are those applicable at the date of signing of the collective agreement.

³ To know the date of creation of the class or group of employment, refer to the agreements.

⁴ To know the date of modification of the class or group of employment, refer to the agreements.

APPENDIX 4 TOW-CLAUSE JOBS. SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Class Titles# ¹	Class Titles	Class of employment	Reference Class Titles ²	Adjustment %
5133	Trade Apprentice, 1 st year	0	2-5104; 2-5115; 3-6354; 3-6359; 4-C702; 4-C706	72.5
5134	Trade Apprentice. 2 nd year	0		75.0
5135	Trade Apprentice. 3 rd year	0		77.5
5136	Trade Apprentice. 4 th year	0		80.0

Notes:

- ¹ For the school service centres, the term "employment titles" refers to the term "class of employment".
- ² Employment titles reference: 2 – School service centres and school boards; 3 – Health and social services; 4 – Colleges.

APPENDIX 5 MOVING EXPENSES

- 1) The provisions of this appendix aim to determine that to which the employee who can benefit from a reimbursement of his or her moving costs is entitled as moving expenses within the framework of relocation as provided for in article 7-3.00.
- 2) Moving expenses shall not be applicable to the employee unless the Bureau national de placement accepts that the relocation of this employee necessitates his or her moving.

Moving shall be deemed necessary if it takes place and if the distance between the employee's new place of work and his or her former domicile is greater than sixty-five (65) kilometres.

Transportation Costs of Furniture and of Personal Effects

- 3) The school service centre shall assume, upon presentation of supporting vouchers, the costs incurred for the transportation of the furniture and personal effects of the employee concerned, including the wrapping, unwrapping and the costs of the insurance premium, or the costs of towing a mobile home, on the condition that he or she supply, in advance, at least two (2) detailed quotations of the costs to be incurred.
- 4) However, the school service centre shall not pay the cost of transporting the employee's personal vehicle unless the location of his or her new domicile is inaccessible by road. Moreover, the cost of transporting a boat, a canoe, etc. shall not be reimbursed by the school service centre.

Storage

- 5) When the move from one domicile to another cannot take place directly because of uncontrollable reasons, other than the construction of a new domicile, the school service centre shall pay the costs of storing the employee's furniture and personal effects and those of his or her dependents, for a period not exceeding two (2) months.

Concomitant Moving Expenses

- 6) The school service centre shall pay a moving allowance of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) to any married employee who is displaced or of two hundred dollars (\$200) if he or she is single, in compensation for the concomitant moving expenses (carpets, draperies, disconnection and installation of electrical appliances, cleaning, babysitting fees, etc.), unless the employee is assigned to a location where complete facilities are placed at his or her disposal by the school service centre.

Nevertheless, the seven hundred and fifty dollar (\$750)-moving allowance payable to the displaced married employee is also payable to the single employee who maintains a domicile.

Compensation for Lease

- 7) The employee referred to in paragraph 1) shall also be entitled, where applicable, to the following compensation: for the abandonment of a dwelling without a written lease, the school service centre shall pay the equivalent of one month's rent. If there is a lease, the school service centre shall indemnify the employee who must terminate his or her lease and for which the landlord demands compensation to a maximum of three (3) months' rent. In both cases, the employee must attest that the landlord's request is well-founded and present supporting vouchers.
- 8) If the employee chooses to sublet his or her dwelling himself or herself, reasonable costs for advertising the sublet shall be assumed by the school service centre.

Reimbursement of Expenses Inherent to the Sale or the Purchase of a House

- 9) The school service centre shall reimburse, relative to the sale of the relocated employee's principal house-residence, the following expenses:
 - a) the real estate agent's fees upon presentation of the contract with the real estate agent immediately after its signing, of the sales contract and the account of the agent's fees;
 - b) the cost of notarized deeds chargeable to the employee for the purchase of a house for the purpose of residence at his or her assignment on the condition that the employee is already the proprietor of his or her house at the time of the transfer and that the said house be sold;
 - c) the penalty for breach of mortgage, if need be;
 - d) the proprietor's transfer tax, if need be.
- 10) When the house of the relocated employee, although it has been put up for sale at a reasonable price, is not sold at the time when the employee must enter a new agreement for lodging, the school service centre shall not reimburse the costs for looking after the unsold house. However, in this case, upon presentation of supporting vouchers, the school service centre shall reimburse, for a period not exceeding three (3) months, the following expenses:
 - a) municipal and school taxes;
 - b) the interest on the mortgage;
 - c) the cost of the insurance premium.

- 11) In the case where a relocated employee chooses not to sell his or her principal house-residence, he or she may benefit from the provisions of this paragraph in order to avoid a double financial burden due to the fact that his or her principal house-residence is not rented at the time when he or she must assume new obligations to live in the area of his or her assignment. The school service centre shall pay him or her, for the period in which his or her principal house-residence is not rented, the amount of the new rent, up to a period of three (3) months, upon presentation of the leases. Moreover, the school service centre shall reimburse him or her for the reasonable costs of advertisement and the costs of no more than two (2) trips incurred for the renting of his or her principal house-residence, upon presentation of supporting vouchers and in accordance with the regulation concerning travel expenses in effect at the school service centre.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

- 12) When the move from one domicile to another cannot take place directly because of uncontrollable reasons, other than the construction of a new residence, the school service centre shall reimburse the employee for his or her accommodation expenses for himself or herself and his or her family in accordance with the regulation concerning travel expenses in effect at the school service centre, for a period not exceeding two (2) weeks.
- 13) If the move is delayed with the authorization of the school service centre, or if the married employee's family is not relocated immediately, the school service centre shall assume the employee's transportation costs to visit his or her family every two (2) weeks, up to five hundred (500) kilometres, if the distance to be covered is equal to or less than five hundred (500) kilometres return trip, and, once a month if the return trip to be covered exceeds five hundred (500) kilometres. up to a maximum of sixteen hundred (1600) kilometres.
- 14) Moving expenses provided for in this appendix shall be reimbursed within sixty (60) days of the employee's presentation of supporting vouchers to the school service centre that engages him or her.

APPENDIX 6

SABBATICAL LEAVE WITH DEFERRED SALARY

CONTRACT CONCLUDED

BETWEEN

_____ SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRE

HEREINAFTER CALLED THE SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRE

AND

SURNAME: _____ GIVEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HEREINAFTER CALLED THE EMPLOYEE

SUBJECT: SABBATICAL LEAVE WITH DEFERRED SALARY**I- Duration of Contract**

This contract comes into force on _____ and expires on _____.

It may expire on a different date under the circumstances and according to the terms and conditions provided for in sections V to XII herein.

II- The Sabbatical Leave and Certain Inherent Terms and Conditions

The duration of the sabbatical leave shall be _____, that is, from _____ to _____.

- a) On returning to the school service centre, the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position, If his or her position was abolished or if the employee was displaced in accordance with the agreement, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits he or she would have received had he or she been at work.
- b) In the case of a surplus employee who is relocated to another employer during the term of this contract, the contract shall be transferred to the new employer, unless the latter refuses, in which case the provisions of section V herein shall apply; however, the school service centre, in applying section V, shall not claim any money from the employee who must reimburse the school service centre with which he or she signed this contract.
- c) The duration of the leave must be for at least six (6) consecutive months and cannot be interrupted under any circumstances regardless of the duration provided for in clause 5-10.05.
- d) During the sabbatical leave, the employee cannot receive any remuneration from the school service centre or from another person or company with which the school service centre has ties other than the amount corresponding to the percentage of his or her salary determined in section III for the duration of the contract.
- e) Notwithstanding any benefit and condition of which the employees may avail himself or herself during the contract, the sabbatical leave must start no later than six (6) years from the date on which the employee's salary began to be deferred.

III- Salary

During each of the years referred to in this contract, the employee shall receive _____ % of the salary he or she would have received under the agreement.

(The percentage applicable is indicated in clause 5-10.05 of the agreement.)

IV- Benefits

- a) During each of the years of this contract, the employee shall benefit, insofar as he or she is normally entitled to it, from the following:
 - life insurance plan;
 - health insurance plan;
 - accumulation of sick-leave days, where applicable, according to the percentage of the salary to which he or she is entitled under the provisions of section III herein;
 - accumulation of seniority;
 - accumulation of experience.
- b) During the sabbatical leave, the employee shall not be entitled to any of the premiums provided for in the agreement. During each of the other months of this contract, he or she shall be entitled, where applicable, to all of these premiums, without taking into account the decrease in his or her salary pursuant to section III.
- c) For the purposes of vacation, the sabbatical leave constitutes active service. It is understood that, during the term of the contract, including the sabbatical leave, vacation shall be remunerated at the salary rate provided for in section III herein. The vacation deemed used during the sabbatical leave shall be in proportion to the duration of the leave.
- d) Each of the years referred to in this contract shall count as a period of service for the purposes of the pension plans currently in force and the average salary shall be determined on the basis of the salary that the employee would have received had he or she not taken part in the sabbatical leave with deferred salary.
- e) During each of the years of this contract, the employee shall be entitled to all the other benefits of his or her agreement which are not incompatible with the provisions of this contract.
- f) The school service centre shall maintain its contribution to the Québec Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, Québec Parental Insurance Plan, the Quebec Health Insurance Plan, and the Occupational Health and Safety Plan for the duration of the leave.

V- Retirement, Withdrawal or Resignation of the Employee

In the event of the retirement, withdrawal or resignation of the employee, this contract shall expire on the date of such event under the conditions described hereinafter:

A) The employee has already taken a sabbatical leave (salary paid in excess).

The employee shall reimburse¹ the school service centre an amount equal to the difference between the salary received during the term of the contract and the salary to which he or she would be entitled for the same period had his or her leave not been remunerated.

The amount reimbursed shall not include any interest.

B) The employee has not taken a sabbatical leave (salary not paid).

The school service centre shall reimburse the employee, without interest, for the term of the contract, an amount equal to the difference between the salary to which he or she would have been entitled under the agreement had he or she not signed the contract and the salary received under this contract.

C) The sabbatical leave is in progress.

The amount owing by one party or the other shall be calculated in the following manner:

Salary received by the employee during the term of the contract minus the salary to which he or she would have been entitled for the same period had his or her leave (elapsed period) not been remunerated. If the result obtained is positive, the employee shall reimburse the amount to the school service centre; if the result obtained is negative, the school service centre shall reimburse the amount to the employee.

The amount reimbursed shall not include any interest.

VI- Layoff or Dismissal of the Employee

In the event of the layoff or dismissal of the employee, this contract shall expire on the effective date of such event. The conditions provided for in paragraph A), B) or C) of section V shall then apply.

¹ The school service centre and the employee may agree on the terms and conditions of reimbursement.

VII- Leave Without Salary and Temporary Layoff

During the term of the contract, the total of one or more leaves without salary and of one or more temporary layoffs authorized in accordance with the agreement cannot exceed twelve (12) months. In this case, the duration of this contract shall be extended accordingly.

However, if the total of this or these leaves without salary and of this or these temporary layoffs exceeds twelve (12) months, the agreement shall expire on the date the duration reaches the twelfth (12th) month and the provisions of section V of this contract apply.

VIII- Placement in Surplus of the Employee

An employee who is placed in surplus during the contract shall continue to participate in the plan.

In the case of an employee relocated to another employer in the education sector, paragraph c) of section II herein concerning the relocated employee applies.

IX- Death of the Employee

In the event of the employee's death during the term of this contract, the contract shall expire on the date of the event and the conditions provided for in section V shall apply by making the necessary changes. However, the school service centre shall not make any monetary claim, if the employee is required to reimburse the school service centre as a result of the application of the provisions of section V.

X- Disability**A) Disability develops during the sabbatical leave**

For the purposes of applying the provisions of clause 5-3.32, disability shall be considered as beginning on the date an employee returns to work and not during the sabbatical leave.

However, the employee shall be entitled, during his or her sabbatical leave, to the salary based on the percentage determined in this contract.

At the end of the leave, the employee who is still disabled shall be entitled to a salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.32 based on the salary determined in this contract. Should the employee still be disabled at the expiry of this contract, he or she shall receive a salary insurance benefit based on his or her regular salary.

B) Disability develops after the employee has taken his or her leave

The employee shall continue to participate in this contract and the salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.32 shall be based on the salary determined in this contract. Should he or she still be disabled at the expiry of this contract, he or she shall then receive a salary insurance benefit based on his or her regular salary.

C) Disability develops before the leave is taken and still exists at the time when the leave is supposed to take place

In this case, the employee concerned may avail himself or herself of one of the following choices:

- 1° He or she may continue to participate in this contract and defer the leave until such time as he or she is no longer disabled. The employee shall then receive his or her salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.32 based on the salary determined in this contract.

In the event that the disability still exists during the last year of the contract, the contract may then be interrupted as of the beginning of the last year until the end of the disability. During the interruption, the employee shall be entitled to the salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.32 based on his or her regular salary.

- 2° An employee may terminate the contract and thus receive the salary that has not been paid (paragraph B) of section V). The salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.32 shall be based on his or her regular salary.

D) The disability lasts for more than two (2) years

At the end of the two (2)-year period, this contract shall expire and the conditions prescribed in section V shall then apply by making the necessary changes. However, the school service centre shall not make any monetary claim, if the employee is required to reimburse the school service centre as a result of the application of the provisions of section V.

XI- Work Accident or Employment Injury

In the case of a work accident or employment injury, the employee may avail himself or herself of one of the following choices:

- 1° Interrupt the contract until he or she returns to work; however, the contract shall expire after a two (2)-year interruption.
- 2° Terminate the contract on the date of the event.

Article 7-4.00 applies on the date of the event.

Section V herein applies when the employee has availed himself or herself of his or her choice.

XII- Maternity Leave [twenty-one (21) weeks or twenty (20) weeks]. Paternity Leave [five (5) weeks] and Leave for Adoption [five (5) weeks]

- 1° If the maternity leave, paternity leave or leave for adoption takes place before or after the leave is taken, the employee shall interrupt his or her participation for a maximum period of twenty-one (21) or twenty (20) weeks, as the case may be for the maternity leave, or of five (5) weeks for the paternity leave, or of five (5) weeks for the leave for adoption or of ten (10) weeks for the leave for adoption. The contract shall then be extended accordingly, the provisions of article 5-4.00 shall apply, and the benefits provided for in this article shall be established on the basis of the regular salary.
- 2° However, if the maternity leave, paternity leave or leave for adoption takes place before the leave is taken, the employee may terminate this contract and thus receive the salary that has not been paid (paragraph B) of section V). The benefits provided for in article 5-4.00 shall be based on his or her regular salary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in _____ on this ____ day of the month of _____ 202_.

For the school service centre

Employee

c.c.: Union

APPENDIX 7 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPLYING THE PROGRESSIVE RETIREMENT PLAN

- 1) The progressive retirement plan, hereinafter called the “plan”, is intended to enable an employee to reduce his or her time worked for a period of one (1) to five (5) years. The proportion of the number of hours worked per week must not be less than forty percent (40%) of the regular workweek provided for his or her class of employment.¹

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the school service centre and the employee may agree that the number of hours worked be scheduled other than on a weekly basis.

In accordance with the letter of intent of Appendix 31:

The employee and the employer may agree, in writing and more than six (6) months² before the end date of the agreement, to extend said agreement. Any extension must be for a minimum of twelve (12) months and a maximum of sixty (60) months. Despite any extension, the total duration of the agreement cannot exceed seven (7) years.

- 2) Only the regular employee who holds a position considered for tenure or the regular employee who holds a position not considered for tenure and whose regular workweek is greater than forty percent (40%) of the regular workweek provided for his or her class of employment, and who is a member of one of the pension plans currently in force (Civil Service Superannuation Plan (CSSP), Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP) and Teachers Pension Plan (TPP)) may benefit from the plan but only once.
- 3) For the purpose of this appendix, the agreement found herein is an integral part of the appendix.
- 4) To be eligible for the progressive retirement plan, the employee must first verify with Retraite Québec that in all likelihood he or she will be entitled to a pension on the date on which the agreement expires.

The employee shall sign the form required by Retraite Québec and shall forward a copy to the school service centre.

Any modification to the dates set for the beginning and the end of the agreement must be accepted by Retraite Québec beforehand.

¹ In the case where an employee occupies a position of a cyclical or seasonal nature, the number of hours worked cannot be less than forty percent (40%) of the regular hours worked on an annual basis.

² In the case of a gradual retirement agreement for which the expiry date is planned for the start date of the present amendment and for nine (9) months following this date, there will be no deadline to observe for the employee to come to an agreement with the employer to extend this agreement.

- 5)
 - A) The employee who wishes to avail himself or herself of the plan must forward a written request to the school service centre at least ninety (90) days in advance. This deadline may be shortened upon agreement with the school service centre.
 - B) The request must specify the period during which the employee intends to avail himself or herself of the progressive retirement plan as well as the distribution of the working time.
 - C) The employee shall also forward to the school service centre, at the same time as the request, an attestation from Retraite Québec confirming that in all likelihood he or she will be entitled to a pension on the date on which the agreement expires.
- 6) Approval of the request for a progressive retirement shall be subject to a prior agreement with the school service centre, which shall take into account the needs of the department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre.
- 7) During the progressive retirement period, the employee shall receive his or her salary, including the premiums to which he or she is entitled in proportion to the hours worked.
- 8) During the progressive retirement period, the employee shall accumulate seniority and experience as if he or she had not availed himself or herself of the plan.
- 9) During the progressive retirement period, the school service centre shall pay its share of the contribution to the health insurance plan on the basis of the employee's time worked prior to the agreement. The employee shall pay his or her share of the contribution. For the term of the agreement, the employee shall be entitled to the life insurance plan to which he or she was entitled prior to the agreement.
- 10) The school service centre and the employee shall sign, where applicable, the agreement stipulating the terms and conditions relating to progressive retirement.
- 11) During the progressive retirement period, the pensionable salary for the purpose of the pension plans (CSSP, RREGOP and TPP) for the years or parts of years covered by the agreement is the salary which an employee would have received or for a period during which benefits under the salary insurance plan were paid to which he or she would have been entitled had he or she not availed himself or herself of the plan. The service credited for the purpose of the pension plans (CSSP, RREGOP and TPP) is that which would have been credited to the employee had he or she not availed himself or herself of the plan.
- 12) For the term of the agreement, the employee and the school service centre must pay their share of the contributions to the pension plan on the basis of the applicable salary as if the employee had not availed himself or herself of the plan.
- 13) Except for the preceding provisions, the employee who avails himself or herself of the progressive retirement plan shall be governed by the provisions of the agreement applying to an employee whose regular workweek is comprised of a lesser number of hours than the one prescribed in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be.

- 14) Where applicable, the number of weekly hours not worked by the employee participating in the plan shall be filled according to the provisions of clause 7-1.22 or 7-1.25 depending on the sector concerned.
- 15) Should the employee not be entitled to his or her pension upon the expiry of the agreement due to circumstances beyond his or her control as stipulated by regulation, the agreement shall be extended to the date on which the employee will be entitled to his or her pension, even though the total progressive retirement period exceeds five (5) years.

Any changes to the dates set for the beginning and expiry of the agreement must have been approved by Retraite Québec beforehand, except in the case of an extension as provided for by article 1) of this appendix.

- 16)
 - A) In the event of the retirement, resignation, layoff, dismissal, death of the employee or, where applicable, upon expiry of the extension agreed to under article 15), the agreement shall terminate on the date on which such event occurs.
 - B) The same applies in the event of the employee's withdrawal, which can only occur with consent of the school service centre.
 - C) The agreement shall also terminate if the employee is relocated to another employer as a result of the application of the provisions of the agreement, unless the new employer agrees to continue the agreement and provided that such continuation meets the approval of Retraite Québec.
 - D) If the agreement becomes null or terminates due to circumstances mentioned previously or which are stipulated by regulation, the pensionable salary, the credited service and the contributions shall be determined, for each of these circumstances, in the manner prescribed by regulation.
- 17) For each of the years stipulated in the agreement, the employee shall be entitled to all the benefits of the agreement which are not incompatible with the provisions of the agreement.
- 18) Upon the expiry of the agreement, the employee shall be considered as having resigned and shall be pensioned off.

PROGRESSIVE RETIREMENT PLAN

AGREEMENT CONCLUDED

BETWEEN

_____ SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRE

hereinafter called the school service centre

AND

SURNAME: _____ GIVEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

hereinafter called the employee

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE RETIREMENT PLAN

1) Period Covered by the Progressive Retirement Plan

This agreement comes into force on _____ and expires on _____.

The agreement may expire on another date under the circumstances and according to the terms and conditions prescribed in articles 15) and 16) of Appendix 7.

2) Time Worked

For the duration of the agreement, the number of hours worked and the scheduling of those hours shall be:

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the school service centre and the employee may agree to change the number of hours worked and the schedule, provided, however, that the number of hours worked is not less than forty percent (40%) of the regular workweek prescribed for the employee's class of employment.

3) Other Terms and Conditions for Applying the Plan Agreed to with the Employee

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in _____ on this ____ day of the month of _____ 202_.

For the school service centre

Employee

**APPENDIX 8 LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING FAMILY
RESPONSIBILITIES**

The negotiating union group CSQ-CNTU-QFL, on the one hand, and the Government of Quebec represented by the Conseil du trésor, on the other hand, recognize herein the close relationship between family and work. In this respect, the parties agree to take into account family and work responsibilities in the organization of work.

For this purpose, the parties shall encourage the local, regional or sectorial parties, as the case may be, to strike a better balance between parental and family responsibilities and work-related responsibilities in determining the working conditions and their application.

APPENDIX 9 FEMINIZATION OF TEXTS

The rules for a nonsexist style of writing apply to the French text only.

APPENDIX 10 MEDIATION ARBITRATION

- 1) Pursuant to clause 9-2.20, the school service centre and the union that agree, in writing, on a mediation-arbitration procedure shall so advise the Records Office as soon as possible and shall indicate, if applicable, any previous grievance or grievances for which mediation arbitration was used.
- 2) The parties agree on the person who must act as mediator-arbitrator from the list of arbitrators determined in accordance with clause 9-2.01 and shall so advise the Records Office. Failing agreement, the mediator-arbitrator shall be appointed, at the request of either party, by the chief arbitrator from the same list.
- 3) The mediator-arbitrator shall attempt to bring the parties to a solution. To this end, he or she shall be able to use the powers of conciliation.

If a settlement is reached at this stage, it shall be confirmed in writing and shall bind the parties.

- 4) Failing a settlement, the mediator-arbitrator must dispose of the grievance in accordance with clauses 9-3.04 and 9-3.05 as well as article 9-2.00 which are not incompatible with this appendix.

APPENDIX 11 REASSIGNMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE BEYOND THE 50-KM RADIUS

At the request of either party, the provincial negotiating parties shall set up a parity committee.

The committee's mandate shall be:

- 1) to study the cases of employees who are obliged to be relocated for a second time as a result of the application of article 7-3.00;
- 2) to make recommendations to the Bureau national de placement concerning the aforementioned cases.

The committee shall be composed of six (6) members:

- three (3) representatives appointed by the provincial negotiating employer group;
- three (3) representatives appointed by the provincial negotiating union group.

The Bureau national de placement must apply the unanimous recommendations that have been submitted in writing by the committee members.

APPENDIX 12 GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION

Any arbitrator appointed under this agreement shall be deemed competent to hear any grievance which arose prior to the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

Any grievance which legally arose before the expiry of the 2020-2023 collective agreement and was submitted to arbitration after its expiry within the time limits prescribed in the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be deemed validly submitted to arbitration. To this end, the school service centre, the Fédération and the Ministère shall renounce raising the objection of the nonarbitrability on the basis of the nonexistence of working conditions following the expiry of the agreement.

APPENDIX 13 CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

This appendix applies solely to the employees for whom this agreement constitutes a first agreement and to the employees who receive a first accreditation before the date of termination of the agreement.

In these cases, the school service centre shall send the employee, within sixty (60) days of the date of his or her accreditation, a notice confirming the class of employment and the step he or she holds and shall also send a copy to the union.

The employee whose classification (class of employment and step) has been confirmed and who claims that the duties which he or she is required to perform principally and customarily by the school service centre correspond to a class of employment which differs from the one assigned or who claims that the step assigned to him or her does not correspond to that to which he or she is entitled may submit a classification grievance within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the notice of classification. This grievance may also be lodged by the union and must state, whenever possible, the reasons for the disagreement. The school service centre shall forward its reply to the employee and a copy shall be sent to the union within thirty (30) working days of the receipt of the classification grievance.

In the case of an unsatisfactory reply or failing a reply within the time limit prescribed, the employee or union may, within twenty (20) working days following the expiry of the time limit prescribed for the reply, submit the grievance to arbitration according to the procedure provided for in article 9-2.00. In the event of arbitration, clause 6-1.15 applies.

In this case, the arbitrator may only determine the class of employment in the Classification Plan and the salary step in which the employee should have been classified. If the arbitrator cannot establish similarity between the characteristic duties which the employee is required to perform principally and customarily by the school service centre and a class of employment provided for in the Classification Plan, clauses 6-1.09 and 6-1.11 to 6-1.16 inclusively apply by making the necessary changes.

The application of these provisions cannot have the effect of causing the demotion of the employee concerned.

APPENDIX 14 PARENTAL RIGHTS

This appendix applies to the temporary employees referred to in subparagraph b) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01.

The employees referred to in this appendix shall benefit from article 5-4.00 of the agreement subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A) The duration of the maternity leave of the employee eligible for benefits from the Québec Parental Insurance Plan shall be of twenty-one (21) weeks. However, to benefit from the allowance prescribed in clause 5-4.12, the employee must have worked at least twenty (20) weeks during the twelve (12) months preceding the leave.

The duration of the maternity leave of the employee eligible for benefits from the Employment Insurance Plan shall be of twenty (20) weeks. However, to benefit from the allowance prescribed in clause 5-4.13, the employee must have worked at least twenty (20) weeks during the twelve (12) months preceding the leave.

The duration of the maternity leave of the employee who is ineligible to benefits from either plan shall be of twenty (20) weeks. However, to benefit from the allowance prescribed in clause 5-4.14, the employee must have worked at least twenty (20) weeks during the twelve (12) months preceding the leave.

For the paternity or adoption leave, the employee who has not worked at least twenty (20) weeks for the school service centre shall not be entitled to the allowance prescribed in clauses 5-4.25, 5-4.26, 5-4.41 and 5-4.42.

- B) An employee shall benefit from parental rights only for the period during which he or she would have actually worked.
- C) Following a written request presented to the school service centre at least two (2) weeks in advance, the employee who wishes to extend her maternity leave, the employee who wishes to extend his paternity leave and the employee who wishes to extend a leave for adoption shall benefit from paragraph A) of clause 5-4.48 according to the terms and conditions prescribed.
- D) For these employees, the special leave provided for in clause 5-4.21 of the agreement shall be without salary but the five (5) days to which the employee may be entitled are paid, where applicable, under paragraph c) of clause 5-4.21.
- E) For the purpose of applying paragraph D) of clause 5-4.15, the twenty (20)-week period prior to the employee's maternity leave shall exclude all layoffs when calculating the average basic weekly salary.

APPENDIX 15 LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF WORKING COMMITTEE ON PARENTAL RIGHTS

Within thirty (30) days following the date of coming into force of the collective agreement, the parties shall agree to create a working committee under the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor. concerning parental rights.

Mandate of the committee

This committee's mandate shall be:

- 1) To analyze the provisions related to parental rights provided for in the collective agreement in order to:
 - a) Ensure that the terms used are written in an inclusive manner and are consistent with those used in legislative texts;
 - b) Ensure that the provisions are consistent with the legal and regulatory framework regarding surrogacy.
- 2) Identify the modifications to be made to the master document on parental rights.

At the end of the work, the working committee shall submit to the negotiating parties its suggestions for modification to the document on parental rights. Subject to the acceptance of the modification suggestions by all unions¹, the negotiating parties shall agree on letters of agreement in order to amend the collective agreements' provisions on parental rights.

Composition of the committee

The working committee shall consist of a maximum of 4 representatives from the employer party and one representative from each of the following unions: the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ), the Fédération des travailleuses et travailleurs du Québec (FTQ) and the Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS).

¹ In addition to the organizations referred to in this letter of agreement, the acceptance of the following organizations is required: the Fédération interprofessionnelle du Québec (FIQ), the Fédération autonome de l'enseignement (FAE), the Syndicat de professionnelles et professionnels du Gouvernement du Québec (SPGQ) and the Syndicat de la fonction publique et parapublique du Québec (SFPQ).

APPENDIX 16 SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES

In order to increase the effectiveness of the arbitration system, to reduce costs and to enable the local parties to assume greater responsibility for arbitration files, the provincial negotiating parties agree, while complying with the current arbitration procedures prescribed in the agreement, to set up a provincial committee for settling grievances and to implement two new methods for settling grievances, namely: prearbitration mediation and accelerated arbitration of a “small claims” nature.

I- MANDATE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE FOR SETTLING GRIEVANCES

The provincial committee for settling grievances composed of one representative of the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF) and one representative of the Fédération du personnel de soutien scolaire (CSQ) shall have, in particular, the following mandate:

- conduct operations aimed at reducing, as much as possible, the number of grievances accumulated according to the priorities and procedures determined by the committee;
- intervene, prior to entering a file, with the local parties in order to help them resolve the issue;
- guide the parties towards the appropriate method for resolving grievances;
- encourage a better use of the time allotted to hearings and a reduction in their duration.

II- PREARBITRATION MEDIATION

The school service centre and the union may agree to proceed with prearbitration mediation in dealing with certain grievances. To do so, the parties shall forward a joint notice to the Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'éducation (Records Office). The Records Office shall recommend to the parties a list of mediators chosen from the list determined by the parties in accordance with Appendix 30 and submitted to the Records Office. Once the parties have approved a name from this list, the records office shall set the date, as quickly as possible, of the first mediation session.

Only an employee of the school service centre, a person or an elected member of the union may represent his or her respective party; they may, however, after having informed the other party, call upon an advisor.

The mediator shall attempt to help the parties reach a settlement. If a settlement is reached, the mediator shall take note thereof, draft it and file a copy at the Records Office. The settlement shall bind the parties.

The Records Office shall file two (2) certified copies at the Minister of Labour. The procedure shall apply for every group of grievances agreed to by the school service centre and the union.

In the event that a number of grievances included in the prearbitration-mediation process are unresolved, those remaining shall be dealt with according to the arbitration procedure provided for in Chapter 9-0.00 of the agreement or in this appendix, as agreed to between the parties. Failing agreement, the grievances shall be referred to the arbitration procedure prescribed in article 9-2.00 of the agreement.

The mediator cannot act as an arbitrator in any grievance not settled in the prearbitration-mediation process, unless the parties agreed otherwise, in writing, prior to mediation.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator who is mandated to act as a mediator shall be borne as prescribed in paragraph A) of clause 9-2.20.

III- ACCELERATED ARBITRATION PROCEDURE OF A “SMALL CLAIMS” NATURE

1- Admissible grievances

Any grievance may be referred to this procedure provided that the school service centre and the union explicitly agree to do so. In this case, a notice, signed jointly by the authorized representatives of the parties, of their intent, shall be forwarded to the Records Office.

Failure on the part of the school service centre and the union to sign a joint notice of their intent to refer a grievance to the accelerated arbitration procedure, the school service centre or the union may indicate separately such intent by forwarding a separate written notice to this effect to the Records Office along with a certified copy to the other party.

In this latter case, the Records Office must receive both the written notice of the union and that of the school service centre at least seven (7) days prior to entering the grievance in question on the arbitration roll.

2- Arbitrator

The arbitrator shall be appointed by the Records Office; he or she shall conduct an investigation, interrogate the parties and witnesses previously identified to the other party and may attempt to reconcile the parties either at their request or with their consent.

3- Representation

Only an employee of the school service centre, a person or an elected member of the union may represent his or her respective party; however, either party may, after having informed the other, call upon an advisor.

4- Duration of hearing

In general, a hearing usually lasts one hour.

5- Award

The arbitration award must contain a brief description of the dispute and a summary of the reasons in support thereof (approximately two pages). This decision may not be cited or used by anyone as regards the arbitration of any other grievance, unless this grievance is related to an identical dispute between the same school service centre and the same union and deals with the same facts and clauses.

The arbitrator shall render his or her decision and shall forward a copy to the parties no later than five (5) working days after the hearing. He or she shall also file the signed original copy at the Records Office.

- 6-** Articles 9-1.00 and 9-2.00 apply by making the necessary changes to the accelerated arbitration procedure provided for in this appendix. except for clause 9-202, the second paragraph of clause 9-2.07, clauses 9-2.08, 9-2.10, 9-2.12, the first paragraph of clause 9-2.13, the first, second and third paragraphs of clause 9-2.14, the first paragraph of clause 9-2.15 and clauses 9-2.21 and 9-2.22.

IV- OTHER MEASURES CONTRIBUTING TO REDUCING THE COSTS OF THE ARBITRATION SYSTEM AND TO INCREASING ITS EFFECTIVENESS

- A) In order to reduce the amounts earmarked for the expenses and fees of arbitrators and to resolve a greater number of grievances, the provincial negotiating parties agree to:
- encourage the local parties to use the prearbitration-mediation procedure and the accelerated arbitration procedure of a “small claims” nature;
 - keep an updated list of joint requests of the local parties as regards prearbitration mediation and accelerated arbitration of a “small claims” nature;
 - submit this list on a regular basis to the chief arbitrator or chief records clerk to enable him or her to set the date of the first meeting.
- B) Holding of hearings in keeping with article 9-2.00:
- the lawyers assigned to every grievance file shall inform the arbitrator and each other of the nature of the preliminary methods they intend to raise one week prior to the hearing;
 - every hearing shall be scheduled for 9:30 a.m., the lawyers, assessors, where applicable, and the arbitrator must however use the first half-hour for a private preparatory session.

The purpose of the preparatory session is to:

- improve the arbitration process. to better use the available time invested therein and to accelerate the holding of hearings;
- allow the parties to declare, if not already done, the means they intend to use to plead the case other than those mentioned in the preliminary remarks;
- outline the dispute and identify the issues to be discussed in the course of the hearing;
- ensure the exchange of documentary evidence;
- plan the presentation of evidence to be produced in the course of the hearing;
- study the admissibility of certain facts;
- analyze any other question which could simplify or accelerate the hearings.

APPENDIX 17**LIFE, HEALTH AND SALARY INSURANCE PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ARTICLE 10-1.00 OF THE
2020-2023 COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

In the context of the personal group insurance contract concluded between the Insurance Committee of the Centrale and the insurer Beneva, the school service centre is authorized by the union, as of the first day of classes in August 1997, to deduct premiums from the pay of employees covered by this insurance plan under the conditions prescribed in the insurance contract.

The administrative procedures associated with the application of the plan are those agreed to by the parties to this agreement as specified in the information document sent by the insurer dated July 9, 1997.

The administrative procedures for which the school service centre is responsible with respect to the application of this insurance plan cannot be modified without the consent of the provincial negotiating employer group.

The parties at the provincial level shall meet to resolve any problem that may arise concerning this plan.

APPENDIX 18 SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES PER REGION¹

Regions	School Service Centres
Region 01 Du Bas-Saint-Laurent et de la Gaspésie— Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Chic-Chocs (des) Fleuve-et-des-Lacs (du) Monts-et-Marées (des) Phares (des) Îles (des) Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup (de) René-Lévesque
Region 02 Du Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean	De La Jonquière Lac-Saint-Jean (du) Pays-des-Bleuets (du) Rives-du-Saguenay (des)
Region 03 De la Capitale-Nationale et de la Chaudière-Appalaches	Appalaches (des) Beauce-Etchemin (de la) Capitale (de la) Charlevoix (de) Côte-du-Sud (de la) Découvreurs (des) Navigateurs (des) Portneuf (de) Premières-Seigneuries (des)
Region 04 De la Mauricie et du Centre-du-Québec	Bois-Francs (des) Chemin-du-Roy (du) Chênes (des) Énergie (de l') Riveraine (de la)
Region 05 De l'Estrie	Hauts-Cantons (des) Région-de-Sherbrooke (de la) Sommets (des)
Region 06.1 De Laval, des Laurentides et de Lanaudière	Affluents (des) Laurentides (des) Laval (de) Hautes-Laurentides (des) Rivière-du-Nord (de la) Samares (des) Mille-Îles (des)

¹ As established by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Regions	School Service Centres
Region 06.2 De la Montérégie	Grandes-Seigneuries (des) Hautes-Rivières (des) Marie-Victorin Patriotes (des) Saint-Hyacinthe (de) Sorel-Tracy (de) Trois-Lacs (des) Val-des-Cerfs (du) Vallée-des-Tisserands (de la)
Region 06.3 De Montréal	Marguerite-Bourgeoys Montréal (de) Pointe-de-l'Île (de la)
Region 07 De l'Outaouais	Coeur-des-Vallées (au) Draveurs (des) Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais (des) Portages-de-l'Outaouais (des)
Region 08 De l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue et du Nord-du-Québec	Baie-James (de la) Harricana Lac-Abitibi (du) Lac-Témiscamingue (du) Or-et-des-Bois (de l') Rouyn-Noranda (de)
Region 09 De la Côte-Nord	Estuaire (de l') Fer (du) Littoral (du) Moyenne-Côte-Nord (de la)

APPENDIX 19**MOVE OF THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRE DU LITTORAL; SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRE DE LA BAIE-JAMES IN THE TERRITORY OF THE LG-2, LG-3 AND LG-4 SITES**

In the event of the move of the head office of the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral or the suspension of the activities of the Centre de services scolaire de la Baie-James in the territory of the LG-2, LG-3 and LG-4 sites during the term of this agreement, the provincial negotiating parties agree to apply paragraph B) of clause 7-3.36 by making the necessary changes.

**APPENDIX 20 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS DEALING WITH THE CENTRE DE SERVICES
SCOLAIRE DU LITTORAL**

The provincial negotiating parties agree that the local arrangement signed on May 5, 2000 by the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral concerning professional improvement activities for certain employees shall be an integral part of this agreement.

The same shall apply for a local arrangement that would be signed at the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral during the application of the present agreement as replacement of the arrangement provided for in the preceding paragraph.

APPENDIX 21**APPENDIX ON THE MATTERS RELATED TO PROVISIONS
NEGOTIATED AND AGREED UPON AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

1. In accordance with article 57 of the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2), the provincial negotiating parties agree that the subjects listed below constitute, since February 1, 2006, matters related to the provisions negotiated and agreed upon at the local level.
2. As long as the school service centre and the union have not modified, repealed or replaced the text of the subjects concerned by the present appendix, in accordance with article 60 of the Act, the text of each article as written below constitute the text agreed upon by the union and the school service centre.
3. The school service centre shall provide for union leaves related to the negotiation of new local matters without loss of salary or reimbursement.

1-3.00 RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**1-3.01**

The school service centre and the union recognize every employee's right to exercise, in complete equality, the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms (CQLR, chapter C-12).

The school service centre expressly agrees to respect in its actions, attitudes and decisions, the practice, in full equality, of all employees' rights and freedoms without distinction, exclusion or preference which could lead to discrimination within the meaning of the Charter mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

1-3.02

There shall be no threat, constraint or reprisal against an employee because of the exercise of a right that is granted to him or her under the agreement or by law.

1-4.00 SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE**1-4.01**

Harassment in the workplace consists of any vexatious behaviour in the form of repeated and hostile or unwanted conduct, verbal comments, actions or gestures, that affects an employee's dignity or psychological or physical integrity and that results in a harmful work environment for the employee.

1-4.02

Employees shall have the right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment; to this end, the school service centre shall take reasonable measures in order to promote a working environment free from sexual harassment and to stop any sexual harassment brought to its attention.

1-4.03

The employee who claims to have been harassed shall contact a school service centre representative in order to try to find a solution to his or her problem by applying, if needed, the procedure and conditions prescribed in the school service centre policy.

1-4.04

The plaintiff or the union, with the plaintiff's consent, may file a grievance according to the procedure prescribed in articles 9-1.00 and 9-2.00. This grievance is heard as a priority.

3-2.00 JOINT COMMITTEES**3-2.01**

Any union representative appointed to a joint committee provided for in the agreement may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement in order to attend the meetings of the committee or to carry out work required by the parties on the committee.

3-2.02

Any union representative appointed to a joint committee, not provided for in the agreement but the creation of which is approved by the school service centre and the union or the provincial negotiating parties, may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement in order to attend the meetings of the committee or to carry out work required by the parties on the committee.

3-2.03

The expenses incurred by the union representative appointed to a joint committee shall be reimbursed by the party he or she represents. unless otherwise provided. He or she shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration on this account.

3-2.04

The union representative must inform his or her immediate superior in advance of the name of the committee on which he or she is requested to sit or to carry out work and of the anticipated duration of his or her absence.

3-2.05

The meetings of the joint committee shall normally be held during working hours at times agreed to by the parties on the committee.

3-4.00 POSTING AND DISTRIBUTION**3-4.01**

The school service centre shall place bulletin boards at the disposal of the unions in prominent locations in its buildings, usually those or near those used by the school service centre for its own documents or near the employees' entrance and exit areas.

3-4.02

The union may use these bulletin boards to post a notice of a meeting or any other document issued by the union provided that it is signed by a union representative and that a certified true copy is given to the person designated by the school service centre.

3-4.03

The union may distribute any document of a union or professional nature to each employee in the workplace but outside of the working hours during which each of these employees performs his or her work.

The union may place any document of a union or professional nature in the employees' mailboxes, if available.

The union may use the internal mail service set up by the school service centre as long as such service is already at the disposal of the union on December 16, 2005. If this is not the case, the school service centre and the union may agree, in writing, on terms and conditions regarding the use of the internal mail service by the union.

3-5.00 UNION MEETINGS AND USE OF SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRE PREMISES FOR UNION PURPOSES**3-5.01**

All union meetings must be held outside the regular working hours of the group of employees concerned.

3-5.02

With the consent of the school service centre or its designated representative, an employee who must usually work during a meeting of his or her union may be absent from work to attend the meeting provided that he or she make up the hours during which he or she was absent in addition to the number of hours of his or her regular workweek or regular workday or outside the hours provided for in his or her work schedule. The employee shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration on this account.

3-5.03

Moreover, when, at the request of the school service centre or the competent authority mandated by it or with its express approval, a union meeting involving employees is held during working hours, the employees may attend the meeting without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, if any, or reimbursement for the duration of the meeting.

3-5.04

At the union's written request, the school service centre shall provide free of charge, if available, a suitable room in one of its buildings for the union meetings of the members of the bargaining unit. The school service centre must receive the request forty-eight (48) hours in advance. It shall be the union's responsibility to see that the room used is left in the condition in which it was found.

3-5.05

The school service centre which already provides a room for a union secretariat shall continue to do so under the same conditions. However, these conditions may be modified by the school service centre after consultation with the union.

In other cases, the school service centre shall provide the union with a room, if available, for a secretariat to be used exclusively by the union and accessible at all times according to the terms and conditions to be agreed by the school service centre and the union.

The use of such a room may be withdrawn for administrative or pedagogical needs provided that the school service centre give the union a fifteen (15)-working day notice. In this case, the school service centre shall provide another available room, if any, according to the terms and conditions to be agreed by the school service centre and the union, which must not be more onerous in general to the union than those in force prior to the withdrawal of the room.

3-8.00 DOCUMENTATION**3-8.01**

In addition to the documentation that must be provided according to the other provisions of the agreement, the school service centre and the union shall provide the documentation specified in this article.

3-8.02

No later than October 31 of each year, the school service centre shall provide the union with the complete list of employees in alphabetical order to whom the agreement applies and shall indicate for each: his or her surname and given name, status (probationary, regular, tenured or temporary), department, position held, classification, salary, premiums to which he or she is entitled, where applicable, date of birth, home address and telephone number, the foregoing as brought to the school service centre's attention as well as any other information previously furnished.

3-8.03

The school service centre shall provide the following information monthly:

- A) the names of new employees, the date on which they were hired and the information specified in clause 3-8.02;
- B) the names of employees leaving the employment of the school service centre and the termination date;
- C) the names of employees who changed positions, the title of the new position, the date on which the change took place and the salary;
- D) the changes of address and telephone number of employees brought to its attention;
- E) any other information agreed to by the school service centre and the union, especially overtime.

3-8.04

At the same time, the school service centre shall forward to the union a copy of all the directives dealing with the application of the agreement and addressed directly or through the immediate superior to an employee, a group of employees or to all the employees.

3-8.05

The school service centre shall forward to the union a copy of all regulations or resolutions, within fifteen (15) days of their adoption, concerning an employee, a group of employees or all the employees to whom the agreement applies.

3-8.06

These documents cannot be used against the employee concerned until such time as the school service centre has forwarded the documents mentioned in clauses 3-8.04 and 3-8.05 to the union.

3-8.07

Within sixty (60) days of April 30, 2006, the board shall forward to the union, for information purposes, a copy of every management policy or regulation or extracts from regulations or policies concerning the personnel covered by the agreement. The school service centre shall subsequently forward to the union amendments to these regulations or policies or a copy of every new policy or new regulation concerning personnel management.

3-8.08

The union shall provide the school service centre with the names of its representatives within fifteen (15) days of their appointment as well as their job titles, the name of the committee provided for in the agreement or set up by virtue of the agreement on which they sit, where applicable and shall advise the school service centre of any change.

3-8.09

The school service centre shall forward to the union the names of the employees who obtain a leave of absence without salary of more than one month or a leave provided for in article 5-4.00 and shall indicate the anticipated duration of the absence. The union shall be notified of any extension.

3-8.10

The school service centre shall inform the union at the same time as it informs the employee of any salary cut ensuing from the application of the agreement.

3-8.11

In the case where the school service centre already does so, it shall continue to provide the union with a copy of the minutes of the decision-making bodies: council of commissioners and executive committee.

In the other cases, the school service centre recognizes for the union all the rights of a taxpayer as regards the obtaining of minutes and the consultation of the minute book of the school service centre.

5-5.00 PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**5-5.01**

The school service centre recognizes the same rights for an employee to participate in public affairs as those recognized for all citizens.

5-5.02

The regular employee who is a candidate in a municipal, school, provincial or federal election shall obtain, upon request, a leave of absence without salary which could extend from the date of the declaration of the elections to the tenth (10th) day which follows the election day.

5-5.03

A regular employee who does not report to work within the time allotted shall be considered as having resigned, unless the reason for which he or she does not report to work is one of the reasons for absence provided for in the agreement. In that case, the employee must notify the school service centre and, except if it is impossible for him or her to report to work on the first working day following such leave, he or she shall be considered as having resigned as of that day.

5-5.04

A regular employee elected in a municipal or school election or to the board of directors of a hospital or a local community service centre may benefit from a leave of absence without salary in order to carry out the duties of his or her position according to the terms and conditions prescribed by the school service centre; the school service centre cannot refuse the leave without a valid reason.

5-5.05

The regular employee elected in a provincial or federal election shall remain on leave without salary for the duration of his or her mandate.

5-5.06

Within the twenty-one (21) days following the expiry of his or her mandate, the employee must inform the school service centre of his or her decision to return to work; failing this, he or she shall be considered as having resigned.

On returning to the school service centre, he or she shall be reinstated in his or her position, if it is available, subject to Chapter 7-0.00.

5-9.00 LEAVES WITHOUT SALARY**5-9.01**

The school service centre may grant a regular employee a full-time or part-time leave without salary for reasons which it deems valid for a maximum duration of twelve (12) consecutive months; this leave may be renewed. In the case of a part-time leave, the pertinent provisions of the agreement shall apply to the employee.

5-9.02

The school service centre shall grant a leave without salary to enable a regular employee to accompany his or her spouse whose place of work changes temporarily or permanently for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months.

5-9.03

The school service centre shall grant a regular employee who so requests a full-time or part-time leave without salary if the granting of such a leave permits the use of the services of a person in surplus.

5-9.04

Subject to the second paragraph of clause 5-9.05, the school service centre shall grant a regular employee a full-time or a part-time leave without salary for studies leading to a diploma in an officially recognized institution for a period not exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months.

5-9.05

The school service centre shall grant a regular employee a full-time or part-time leave without salary of a minimum duration of one month without exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months. The regular employee may benefit from such a leave every time he or she has accumulated at least five (5) years of seniority.

The school service centre shall not be required to grant such a leave for or during the same period to more than one employee at a time per Department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre; in this case, the employee with the most seniority shall have priority. Also, the school service centre may refuse a request for a leave if it does not find a replacement, where applicable.

5-9.06

An employee who is suffering from a prolonged illness, attested to by a medical certificate accepted by the school service centre, shall obtain, if he or she has exhausted the benefits prescribed in clauses 5-3.32 and 5-3.45, a full-time leave without salary for the remainder of the fiscal year.

5-9.07

The request to obtain or renew every leave without salary must be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the leave except in the case provided for in clause 5-9.03; the request shall be made in writing and must specify the reasons as well as the dates of the beginning and end of the leave. Moreover, any request for a part-time leave without salary must specify the schedule of the leave.

5-9.08

In the case where a part-time leave without salary is provided for in this article, there must be an agreement between the school service centre and the employee on the schedule of this leave and on the other terms and conditions of application.

5-9.09

During his or her absence, the employee's seniority shall be calculated in accordance with article 8-1.00 of the agreement; he or she shall continue to participate in the health insurance plan and shall pay all the required premiums and contributions including the tax on the amount, where applicable; he or she may also participate in the complementary plans, provided that he or she pay the entire amount of the required premiums and contributions if the regulations of the said plans permit.

5-9.10

Upon a prior written notice of at least thirty (30) days, the employee may, on reasonable grounds, terminate any leave without salary before the date foreseen.

5-9.11

On the employee's return, he or she shall be reinstated in the position held upon his or her departure, subject to article 7-3.00 of the agreement.

5-9.12

In the case of a resignation during or at the end of a leave, the employee shall reimburse the school service centre for any amount paid for and in his or her name.

5-9.13

The employee who uses the leave for purposes other than those for which he or she obtained it shall be considered as having resigned as of the beginning of the leave.

6-11.00 PAYMENT OF SALARY**6-11.01**

Employees shall be paid at his or her place of work by cheque in a sealed envelope every second Thursday. Moreover, employees shall receive a paycheque to cover the period ending June 30. If a Thursday falls on a paid legal holiday, employees shall be paid on the preceding working day.

An employee must receive his or her first paycheque within a maximum period of one (1) month after he or she is hired.

6-11.02

The pay slip must contain, in particular, the following information:

- A) the name of the school service centre;
- B) the employee's surname and given name;
- C) the employee's class of employment;
- D) the number of hours paid at the regular rate;
- E) the number of overtime hours plus the applicable increase, if any;
- F) the gross salary and net salary;
- G) the premiums;
- H) the union dues;
- I) the income tax deductions;
- J) the pension plan contributions;
- K) the contributions to the Québec Pension Plan;
- L) the employment insurance contributions;
- M) the period concerned;
- N) the deductions to a credit union;
- O) the accumulated earnings and deductions and any other information as long as it was already provided by the school service centre on the date of the signing of the agreement;

P) any other information already provided by the school service centre on December 16, 2005.

6-11.03

Before claiming the amounts paid in excess to an employee, the school service centre shall reach an agreement with the employee and the union regarding the method of reimbursement. Failing an agreement, the school service centre shall determine the terms and conditions of reimbursement which may include a deduction from the employee's pay. Such terms and conditions must not cause an employee to reimburse more than ten percent (10%) of his or her gross salary per pay.

6-11.04

In the event where the school service centre omits to pay an employee on the date prescribed or pays him or her amounts which are less than the amounts owing, it shall, upon a request from the employee concerned, take the necessary interim measures, without delay, to pay the amounts owing.

6-11.05

The school service centre shall send a signed statement of the amounts owing to the employee within fifteen (15) days of his or her departure.

The school service centre shall remit or forward to the employee, within thirty (30) days of his or her departure, a cheque for the amounts owing.

6-11.06

The school service centre shall inform the employee in writing of the amount collected in his or her name from the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST).

6-11.07

The school service centre shall indicate on the appropriate tax forms the total amounts paid by an employee in union dues during the corresponding calendar year.

8-5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY**8-5.01**

The school service centre and the union shall collaborate through the Labour Relations Committee or a specific health and safety committee to maintain working conditions that ensure the health, safety and physical well-being of employees.

8-5.02

The employee must:

- A) take the necessary measures to protect his or her health, safety or physical well-being;
- B) see to it that he or she does not endanger the health, safety or physical well-being of other persons who are on the work premises or near the work premises;
- C) undergo health examinations required by the application of the Act and the regulations applicable to the school service centre.

8-5.03

Insofar as it is provided for by the Act and the regulations applicable to it, the school service centre must take the measures necessary to protect the health and ensure the safety and physical well-being of employees; it must, in particular:

- A) see to it that the buildings under its jurisdiction are equipped and laid out in such a way as to protect the employees;
- B) ensure that the organization of the work and the methods and techniques used to carry out the work are safe and do not endanger the health of employees;
- C) provide suitable lighting, ventilation and heating;
- D) provide safe material and ensure that it is kept in good condition;
- E) allow an employee to undergo health examinations required for the application of the Act and the regulations applicable to the school service centre;
- F) implement safety measures for the employees who are working on evening or night shifts.

8-5.04

When it becomes necessary by virtue of the Act and regulations applicable to the school service centre to place individual or group safety means and equipment at the disposal of employees in order to meet their specific needs, this must not reduce in any way the efforts required by the school service centre, the union and the employees to eliminate at the source dangers to their health, safety and physical well-being.

8-5.05

When an employee exercises the right of refusal provided for in the Act respecting occupational health and safety (CQLR, chapter S-2.1), he or she must notify his or her immediate superior or a representative authorized by the school service centre immediately.

As soon as the immediate superior is notified or, where applicable, the representative authorized by the school service centre shall convene the union representative mentioned in clause 8-5.09 if he or she is available or, in the case of an emergency, the union delegate of the building concerned; the purpose of this summons is to assess the situation and the corrective measures that the immediate superior or authorized representative of the school service centre intends to apply.

For the purpose of the meeting following the summons, the union representative or, where applicable, the union delegate, may temporarily interrupt his or her work, without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, or reimbursement.

8-5.06

The right of an employee mentioned in clause 8-5.05 shall be exercised subject to the relevant provisions of the Act and regulations concerning occupational health and safety applicable to the school service centre and subject to the terms and conditions specified therein, where applicable.

8-5.07

The school service centre cannot impose a layoff, a move, a disciplinary or discriminatory measure due to the fact that the employee exercised in good faith the right provided for in clause 8-5.05.

8-5.08

Nothing in the agreement shall prevent the union representative or, where applicable, the union delegate from being accompanied by a union adviser at the meeting provided for in clause 8-5.05; however, the school service centre or its representatives must be informed of the presence of the adviser before the meeting is held.

8-5.09

The union may expressly designate one of its representatives to the Labour Relations Committee or to the specific health and safety committee, where applicable, to deal with health and safety matters; the representative may be absent temporarily from his or her work, after having informed his or her immediate superior, without loss of salary, including applicable premiums, or reimbursement, in the following cases:

- A) to attend a meeting provided for in the third paragraph of clause 8-5.05;

- B) to accompany an inspector of the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) during an inspection visit to the school service centre in connection with a matter dealing with the health, safety or physical well-being of an employee.

8-7.00 TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES

8-7.01

For the purpose of this article, the expression "technological changes" means the changes resulting from the introduction of new equipment or its modification, used to produce goods or services and which either modifies the duties entrusted to an employee or causes the abolition of one or more positions.

8-7.02

The school service centre shall inform the union in writing of its decision to introduce a technological change at least ninety (90) days before the date foreseen for the implementation of such a change.

8-7.03

The notice mentioned in the preceding clause contains the following information:

- A) nature of the change;
- B) department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre concerned;
- C) date foreseen for the implementation;
- D) employee or group of employees concerned.

8-7.04

At the union's request, the school service centre shall inform the union of the effects of the technological changes foreseen on the working conditions or the security of employment, where applicable, of the employees concerned; moreover, at the union's request, the school service centre shall forward to the union the technical sheet of the new equipment, if it is available.

8-7.05

The school service centre and union shall agree to meet within forty-five (45) days of the notice mentioned in clause 8-7.02; on this occasion, the school service centre shall consult the union on the effects of the technological changes foreseen on the organization of work.

8-7.06

The employee whose duties are modified as a result of the implementation of a technological change shall benefit, if necessary, from the appropriate training or professional improvement, taking into account his or her skills. The costs of the training or professional improvement shall be borne by the school service centre and shall usually be offered during working hours.

8-7.07

This article shall not have the effect of preventing the application of other provisions of the agreement. notably Chapter 7-0.00.

11-1.00¹ DEPOSITS TO A SAVINGS INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION**11-1.01**

The union shall notify the school service centre of its choice of a single savings institution or credit union for its members. It shall forward to the school service centre a standard form authorizing deduction.

11-1.02

The school service centre shall collaborate in facilitating this operation.

11-1.03

Thirty (30) days after this savings institution or credit union has forwarded the authorizations for deductions to the school service centre, the latter shall deduct from each salary payment of the employee who has signed such an authorization the amount that he or she has indicated as a deduction for deposit in the said savings institution or credit union.

11-1.04

The amounts thus deducted at source shall be forwarded to the savings institution or credit union concerned within eight (8) days of their deduction.

11-1.05

The list of changes to be made in deductions shall be accepted only between October 1 and 31 and between February 1 and 28 of each year.

11-1.06

Thirty (30) days after the employee has forwarded a written notice to this effect, the school service centre shall cease to deduct the amount mentioned in clause 11-1.03.

¹ The clauses of chapter 11-0.00 now refer to chapter 10-0.00 of the current collective agreement.

APPENDIX 22 WORK TIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

1. The work time reduction program is created to provide employees with a better quality of life and to allow the school service centre to protect employment, optimize the use of employees in surplus, promote work sharing, and save money.
2. This is a voluntary program and eligible employees are the regular tenured employees who are not entitled to another leave under the agreement at the moment they adhere to the program.
3. Following a written request from the employee to the school service centre, the latter can, while taking into account the requirements of the concerned Department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, grant the employee a work time reduction on a weekly or an annual basis, for a maximum of one (1) year.

The leave can be renewed at the same conditions and under the same terms than those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

4. The school service centre, the union and the employee shall agree on the work time reduction and its schedule. The work time reduction cannot exceed twenty percent (20%) of the employee's work time.
5. The school service centre and the union agree on the terms and conditions that allow an employee to end his or her participation to the program.
6. During such participation in the program, the employee shall keep his or her status and will be entitled, prorated to the time worked, to the advantages and benefits to which he or she is entitled under the agreement.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, article 8-3.00 (Overtime) of the agreement shall apply to the employee. based on his or her work time before adhering to the program.

7. During the work time reduction period agreed to under the program, the school service centre shall continue to pay its share of the contributions to Retraite Québec and the employee shall continue to pay his or her required dues, in accordance with the applicable pension plan, as if there had been no work time reduction.
8. To be entitled to the pension plan benefits related to the work time reduction program, the employee shall have to have worked at least thirty-six (36) months for an employer (school service centre or another) concerned with the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP), the Teachers Pension Plan (TPP) or the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (CSSP).

Furthermore, the employee's cumulative leaves without pay cannot exceed five (5) years during his or her period of employment. However, maternity, paternity or adoption leaves that were taken by the employee shall not be calculated in this period, up to a maximum of three (3) years.

9. The work time reduction program is temporary and shall stay in force until the renewal of the agreement.

APPENDIX 23 COMMITTEE CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH HANDICAPS. SOCIAL MALADJUSTMENTS OR LEARNING DISABILITIES

Within sixty (60) days of the signature of the agreement, a provincial parity committee shall be created. It shall be composed, on the one hand, of representatives of the Ministère and of the Fédération and, on the other hand, of union representatives from each of the three federations of the school network (FPPE, FPSS, FSE) affiliated to the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ).

The mandate of the provincial parity committee shall be to make recommendations to the parties concerned by the agreement. in particular on:

- a) the services to be provided to students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning disabilities in order to promote educational success;
- b) the conditions and work organization of educational staff working with these students.

This appendix is not an integral part of the agreement.

APPENDIX 24 LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ATTRACTION AND RETENTION PREMIUM TO SOLVE LABOUR SHORTAGES PAID FOR CERTAIN CLASS TITLES¹ OF SPECIALIZED WORKMEN

Considering the shortage of qualified workers in the labour market for the class titles covered by the premium, which was identified in the recent work of the National Work Committee regarding specialized workers and as indicated in the joint report;

Considering that the work done allows for the confirmation of a labour shortage for the class titles of cabinetmaker / carpenter cabinet maker and refrigerated machine mechanic / refrigerationist / refrigeration mechanic according to the indicators used;

Considering the attraction and retention problems identified for some class titles of specialized workers;

Considering the need to monitor the evolution of the job market in the coming years.

1. Premium paid to some class titles of specialized workers

- 1.1 A premium of 15% shall be paid to employees in the following specialized class titles and shall stay in force until the eve of the renewal of the collective agreements.

<u>Class Titles</u>	<u>Health and Social Services</u>	<u>School Service Centres and School Boards</u>	<u>Colleges</u>
Electrician	3-6354	2-5104	4-C702
Machinist, Millwright / Millwright Specialist / Machinist	3-6353	2-5125	
Master Electrician / Electrician, principal class / Chief Electrician	3-6356	2-5103	4-C704
Stationary Engineer	3-6383	2-5107 to 2-5110	4-C726 to 4-C742
Carpenter / Shop Carpenter / Carpenter-Joiner	3-6364	2-5116	4-C707
Painter	3-6362	2-5118	4-C709
Plumber / Pipe Mechanic / Pipe Mechanic / Plumbing and Heating Mechanic	3-6359	2-5115	4-C706
Maintenance Mechanic / Millwright Equipment Maintenance Mechanic	3-6360		4-C719
Heavy Vehicle Driver / Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Driver, class II	3-6355	2-5308	4-C926

¹ For school service centres, the expression “class titles” refers to “classes of employment”.

<u>Class Titles</u>	<u>Health and Social Services</u>	<u>School Service Centres and School Boards</u>	<u>Colleges</u>
Mechanic, class I		2-5106	
Garage Mechanic / Mechanic, class II	3-6380	2-5137	
Refrigerated Machine Mechanic / Refrigerationist / Refrigeration Mechanic	3-6352		
Cabinetmaker / Carpenter-cabinetmaker	3-6365	2-5102	4-C716

1.2 This premium shall also be paid to the employee holding the class title of general caretaker (3-6388) or certified maintenance workman (2-5117/4-C708), provided that the employer certifies that the employee carries out the characteristic duties of one of the class titles mentioned in paragraph 1.1 regardless of diplomas or their equivalence¹.

1.3 For an employee in a merged position where one of the regular components of the position is one of the class titles mentioned in paragraph 1.1, the following condition shall apply for purposes of eligibility to the premium:

- Hours worked shall be paid at the highest salary rate plus the 15% premium, provided that the employee has actually performed the characteristic duties of a class title mentioned in paragraph 1.1 for a minimum of 15 hours during the pay period.

1.4 The premium shall be applied on the salary rate as well as on the provisions of the collective agreement that stipulate continued salary payment during certain leaves.

1.5 The provisions set out in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.4 come into effect on the date of signature of the collective agreement.

2. Creation of a parity working committee

2.1 Within 180 days before the expiry of the collective agreement, the parties shall create a provincial parity committee, under the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor, to address the shortage of skilled labour as well as the attraction and retention of employees for the following class titles of specialized workers:

¹ However, for class titles in the fields of electricity, stationary engineering, and piping, the employee must hold a certificate of qualification.

#	Class Titles	Health and Social Services	School Service Centres and School Boards	Colleges
1	Insulator	3-6395		
2	Heavy Vehicle Driver / Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Driver, class II	3-6355	2-5308	4-C926
3	Cabinetmaker / Carpenter Cabinetmaker	3-6365	2-5102	4-C716
4	Electrician	3-6354	2-5104	4-C702
5	Tinsmith	3-6369		
6	Machinist, Millwright / Millwright Specialist / Machinist	3-6353	2-5125	
7	Master Electrician / Electrician, principal class / Chief Electrician	3-6356	2-5103	4-C704
8	Master Mechanic of Refrigerated Machines	3-6366		
9	Master Plumber / Master Pipe Mechanic	3-6357	2-5114	
10	Mechanic, class I		2-5106	
11	Garage Mechanic / Mechanic, class II	3-6380	2-5137	
12	Stationary Engineer	3-6383	2-5107 to 2-5110	4-C726 to 4-C744
13	Refrigerated Machine Mechanic / Refrigerationist / Refrigeration Mechanic	3-6352		
14	Maintenance Mechanic / Millwright	3-6360		4-C719
15	Carpenter / Shop Carpenter / Carpenter-joiner	3-6364	2-5116	4-C707
16	General Maintenance Workman / Certified Maintenance Workman	3-6388	2-5117	4-C708
17	Painter	3-6362	2-5118	4-C709
18	Plasterer	3-6368		
19	Plumber / Pipe-mechanic / Pipe Mechanic / Plumbing and Heating Mechanic	3-6359	2-5115	4-C706
20	Locksmith	3-6367	2-5120	
21	Welder / Blacksmith-welder	3-6361	2-5121	
22	Glass-fitting Mechanic		2-5126	
23	Electrical Mechanic	3-6423		

2.2 The mandate of the provincial working committee shall be:

- a. To analyze the effects of the premium on the attraction and retention of the class titles covered by the premium, based on quantitative and qualitative analyses, more specifically by consulting the unions and the management of the institutions, and by analyzing the following indicators:
 - i. the evolution of the number of workers;

- ii. the retention rate;
 - iii. the unemployment rate;
 - iv. the overtime.
 - b. To analyze the attraction and retention of employees in the class titles mentioned in paragraph 2.1 that are not covered by the premium according to organizational needs of a significant proportion of institutions of the parapublic sector;
 - c. To analyze the evolution of the labour shortage observed in the specialized worker labour market on the basis of quantitative and qualitative data, more specifically by updating the indicators used by the " Provincial working committee on the labour situation of specialized workers in the Quebec labour market" formed in the context of 2020-2023 collective agreement;
 - d. To evaluate the relevance of maintaining or modifying the 15% premium after its expiry date, or of opening it to some class titles as set out in paragraph 2.1, where applicable;
 - e. To make recommendations, either jointly or not, to be presented to the negotiating parties, no later than 90 days before the expiry of the collective agreement.
- 2.3 The provincial working committee shall consist of 6 representatives from the employer party and 2 representatives from each of the following unions: the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ) and the Fédération des travailleuses et travailleurs du Québec (FTQ).

APPENDIX 25 SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES

A dedicated recurrent budget of \$400 000 per fiscal year shall be available to the Labour Relations Committee for the supervision of trainees;

In accordance with the provisions of article 5-7.00. the committee is responsible for:

- Helping to develop and implement measures related to the supervision of trainees and methods of compensation. To this end. the committee shall issue recommendations to the school service centre.

Amounts not used during the fiscal year in which they were allocated shall be transferred to the following year.

APPENDIX 26 LETTER OF AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO GLOBAL HEALTH

The negotiating parties at the provincial level agree to the use of the non-recurring amount of \$0.353M as of the 2023-2024 fiscal year and for each fiscal year of the 2023-2028 agreement in order to promote the global health of employees. These non-recurring amounts are distributed between the school service centres in proportion to the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs)¹.

The school service centres and unions recognize the importance of promoting global health and maintaining healthy and safe work environments, free of physical and psychological violence, more specifically from the clientele to be served.

As such, the local parties agree to discuss problems and issues identified in order to support the roll-out of means taking the form, amongst other things, of activities regarding prevention and awareness, information, support and all other measures meeting the needs in question, while understanding that the implementation of such projects is under the scope of the school service centres.

Within thirty (30) days following the entry into force of the agreement, the Labour Relations Committee or another local committee set up specifically by the local parties shall meet to start exchanging on this issue.

If the annual amounts set for a fiscal year have not been used or spent, the unused or unspent amounts for a fiscal year shall be added to the next fiscal year. These amounts may not be used or spent past June 30, 2028.

¹ FTE means the total hours of the workweek for all employees divided by the regular workweek set in clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02 or 8-2.03, as the case may be, in accordance with the latest available data.

APPENDIX 27 CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

In the event that an employee is the subject of criminal charges for sexual misconduct, the school service centre may suspend the employee from his or her duties without pay until a final decision from the Court has been rendered.

The employee may submit a grievance directly to arbitration within thirty (30) working days following the receipt of a notice advising the employee of the school service centre's decision to suspend him or her pursuant to the previous paragraph.

Any such suspended employee must inform the school service centre of the Court's final decision within twenty (20) days following the date of the decision.

The employee and the union must be advised of the school service centre's decision to maintain or not the employment ties within seventy (70) days following the date of service of the Court's final decision. If the school service centre does not terminate the employment ties within said delay, the employee shall not suffer any loss of salary, including the applicable premiums, where applicable, and recover all his or her rights as if he or she had never been suspended from his or her duties.

For the purposes of this clause, the term "Court's final decision" includes, more specifically, a conviction, a verdict of acquittal and a decision confirming the withdrawal or rejection of charges, including the appeal and review processes, where applicable.

APPENDIX 28 LETTER OF AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE DAY CARE SERVICE RATIO

The negotiating parties at the provincial level agree to create, within sixty (60) days from the date of entry into force of the agreement, a working committee composed of three (3) representatives from the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de service scolaires francophones and three (3) representatives from the Fédération du personnel de soutien scolaire de la Centrale des syndicats du Québec (FPSS-CSQ). The union leaves for the representatives of the FPSS-CSQ are borne by the union.

The mandate of the committee is to:

- a) identify, assess and analyze the issues raised, where applicable, related to the day care service ratios;
- b) recommend to the negotiating parties at the provincial level solutions that may contribute to reduce the impacts related to this issue.

The parties shall present a report, jointly or not, as well as their recommendations, at the latest one year before the expiry of the agreement, except if the negotiating parties at the provincial level agree otherwise.

APPENDIX 29 ROLL-OUT OF 4 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTEs) IN CLASS SUPPORT FOR 5-YEAR-OLDS PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY LEVELS

GENERAL TERMS

1. The roll-out covered by this appendix is pursuant to the class support pilot projects (200) implemented in various elementary schools during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.
2. This appendix takes into account the parties' discussions and exchanges.
3. This appendix states various parametres and guidelines related to the roll-out of 4 000 FTEs in elementary schools and in schools where classes for the 5-year-olds preschool level are given.

The goal is to guide local parties and other stakeholders in the implementation of services to be rendered by support staff members who are called to offer class support in the most harmonious, efficient and consistent manner possible, while taking into account the specific needs of each school or even each class.

OBJECTIVES

4. As part of recognizing the value of the support staff, the roll-out of 4 000 FTEs indicated in this appendix has the following objectives:
 - a) to promote and improve the educational success of students;
 - b) to improve student support by adding a significant resource in the classroom, thereby contributing to an atmosphere conducive to learning;
 - c) to allow or improve the integration of certain support staff members to the school team, namely school setting educators;
 - d) to utilize the skills, expertise and knowledge of the support staff, thereby maximizing the collective workforce;
 - e) to enable the creation of full-time positions according to the needs and available resources;
 - f) to enable continuous schedules, namely, by offering hours for class support and hours in the day care service.

ROLL-OUT OF 4 000 FTEs AS CLASS SUPPORT

5. The Ministère undertakes to progressively roll-out, starting with the 2024-2025 school, year, the equivalent of 4 000 FTEs that may be called to offer class support for 5-year-olds preschool and elementary levels.

6. This roll-out of resources covers all of the school service centres and school boards.
7. The distribution of the amounts between the school service centres and school boards shall be done according to the parameters determined by the Ministère.
8. The school service centres or the school boards shall divide the FTEs between schools which have classes with specific challenges or those where teachers at the beginning of their careers are assigned.

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

9. The roll-out of 4 000 FTEs represents an important attraction and retention measure for the support staff.
10. Employees in the class of employment of school setting educator shall be first considered to offer class support services.
11. Services offered by employees called to give class support are supplementary to other special education support services available to students and teachers.
12. Class support services are mainly offered to the student group and not to one particular student or to the whole school.
13. The supervision of the person called to offer class support is the school administration's responsibility.

Within that context, it is the responsibility of the school administration, particularly in collaboration with the persons called to offer class support and the teachers, to determine the terms and conditions for the division and execution of class support services.

14. It is the responsibility of the school administration to create positions through which an employee is called to offer class support services.
15. In fulfilling this responsibility, the school administration shall promote on one hand, the creation of positions which include the most amount of hours possible, and on the other hand, continuous schedules according to the needs and available resources.
16. The filling or assignment of positions for which an employee is called to offer class support, shall be done according to the relevant provisions of the applicable collective agreement.
17. The provisions of the applicable collective agreement, where applicable, to take into account the planning, preparation and organization time for activities when creating certain positions, shall also apply for positions for which an employee may be called to offer class support.
18. The duties executed by the person called to offer class support must be compatible with the nature of the work and the characteristic responsibilities of his or her class of employment in accordance with the Classification Plan.
19. A healthy collaboration between all stakeholders is essential to an efficient roll-out of the 4 000 FTEs called to offer class support.

20. Only the Principles and Guidelines section of this appendix may be the subject of a grievance according to the procedure provided for in the collective agreement.
21. In the event of interpretation discrepancies, the provisions of the collective agreement shall prevail.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR CLASS SUPPORT SERVICES

22. The Management Committee undertakes, after consulting with the union party at the provincial level, to develop, for the benefit of the local parties, an implementation guide for the class support services.
23. The objective of such a guide, which indicates the willingness of the parties to share a common understanding regarding the implementation of class support services, is to facilitate the roll-out of 4 000 FTEs in schools while taking into account the specific needs and available resources of each environment, or each school, or even each class.
24. In this guide, the general parameters and orientations related to the roll-out of 4 000 FTEs shall be specified. The guide shall include, in a manner compatible with the Classification Plan, as non-exhaustive examples, a list of duties that may be executed by employees called to offer class support.

FOLLOW-UP OF THE ROLL-OUT

25. At the request of one of the parties, the negotiating parties at the provincial level agree to meet to ensure a follow-up of the roll-out of the 4 000 FTEs concerned and to discuss any questions or issues related to the employees called to offer class support.

APPENDIX 30 PROCEDURE FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS

- a) For the purposes of updating the list of arbitrators as well as the list of classification arbitrators, the negotiating parties at the provincial level shall hold one (1) meeting per year. This meeting shall take place before the first fixed date for the next school year.
- b) For the purposes of this meeting, the negotiating parties at the provincial level shall mandate the Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'Éducation (Records Office) to proceed with a call for candidates and the recruitment of arbitrators.
- c) All the candidacies received by the Records Office shall be forwarded to the negotiating parties at the provincial level.
- d) The negotiating parties at the provincial level shall review the candidacies received from the Records Office during said meeting. Moreover, either of the parties may submit other candidacies to be reviewed during the meeting.
- e) Upon invitation, the chief arbitrator takes part in the meetings to present the candidacies received. However, he may not participate in the deliberations and decisions.
- f) Following an agreement by the parties during said meeting, the lists put together are those used for the purposes of applying clauses 6-1.15 and 9-2.01.
- g) The parties shall inform the Records Office of the new lists and their dates of entry into force, subject to clause 9-2.03.
- h) The updated lists of arbitrators shall be published on the website of the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF).
- i) When either party experiences issues related to an arbitrator included on the list, it may, at any time, call upon the chief arbitrator or, as needed, deal with the issues during the meeting provided for in this appendix.

APPENDIX 31 **LETTER OF INTENT CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN (RREGOP) FOR THE EMPLOYEES CONCERNED BY THIS PLAN BY VIRTUE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN ACT (RREGOP)**

1. Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

The Government shall adopt the necessary draft regulations and propose to the National Assembly the adoption of the legislative provisions to make the amendments set out in articles 2 and 3 of the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP).

2. Progressive Retirement

The initial duration of an agreement for progressive retirement is maintained for a period of at least one year and a maximum of 5 years. However, starting from the date of presentation of the bill to the National Assembly to implement this modification, or, at the latest on June 30, 2024, an employee who is part of such an agreement may agree with their employer, in writing, and more than 6 months before the end date of the agreement, to extend said agreement. It is possible to extend the agreement more than once, but the employee and the employer must agree to do so in writing each time and more than 6 months before the end of the extension. Any extension of the agreement must be for at least one year and a maximum of 5 years.

The duration of the extended agreement can exceed 5 years, but despite any extension, the total duration of the agreement cannot exceed 7 years.

In the case where of an agreement for progressive retirement for which the expiry is planned for the date of coming into force of this modification and in the nine (9) months following this date, there is no deadline that the employee must abide by to come to an agreement with their employer to extend the agreement.

3. Maximum Age to Participate in the Pension Plan

As of January 1, 2025, the maximum age to participate in the plan is increased to correspond by December 30 of the year during which the participant reaches the age of 71 years old.

The modification described in article 3 of this letter of intent also applies to the Pension Plan for Some Teachers (Régime de retraite de certains enseignants / RRCE) with the necessary adjustments.

APPENDIX 32 LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A WORKING COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF THE PARTICIPANTS' FUND OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN (RREGOP)

Within 90 days following the date of entry into force of the collective agreements, the parties agree to form a working committee, under the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor, concerning the financing of the participants' fund of the RREGOP.

Mandates of the Committee

The committee's mandates shall be to:

- 1) Review and compare the financing methods regarding the risks related to the maturity of the RREGOP, in particular the enhanced differentiation method and the integration of a dynamic margin for adverse deviations;
- 2) Assess the relevance of modifying the financing method of the RREGOP while taking into account the analyses made;
- 3) Undertake a global review of the financing policy of the participants' fund of the RREGOP and suggest modifications to same if applicable, in view of its update.

If the representatives of the working committee agree on joint recommendations, they shall present a report to the negotiating parties.

The negotiating parties shall agree to reassess the relevance of maintaining the working committee at the time of renewal of the collective agreements.

Composition and Functioning of the Committee

The working committee shall be composed of a maximum of 6 representatives from the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor and of one representative from each of the following union organizations: the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), the Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ), the Fédération des travailleuses et travailleurs du Québec (FTQ), the Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS), the Fédération interprofessionnelle du Québec (FIQ), the Fédération autonome de l'enseignement (FAE), the Syndicat de professionnelles et professionnels du Gouvernement du Québec (SPGQ) and the Syndicat de la fonction publique et parapublique du Québec (SFPQ).

Each organization can enlist the services of an expert advisor if needed.

The members of the committee can use the services of representatives from Retraite Québec to receive support in their work.

APPENDIX 33 TRANSITORY MEASURES – REVIEW OF THE STATUSES OF EMPLOYMENT AND INTEGRATION OF CHAPTER 10-1.00

Section I Entry Into Force Following the Review of the Statuses of Employment

- 1) The modifications which follow a review of the statuses of employment of the agreement shall apply as of July 1, 2024, except if otherwise provided for in this appendix. The provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement regarding the statuses of employment and the related benefits shall continue to apply until June 30, 2024.

Surplus Employees

- 2) By October 30, 2024, at the latest, the Comité patronal de négociation pour les centres de services scolaires francophones (CPNCF) shall forward to the union negotiating party at the provincial level, a list of surplus employees entered into the Bureau national de placement as of October 15, 2024.

As long as these employees remain on the list of surplus employees added into the Bureau national de placement, subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 7-3.31 shall not apply to these employees and the salary protection provided for in the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall remain.

Acquisition of Tenure

- 3) The acquisition of tenure shall apply according to the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement only regarding job security for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Regarding job security for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the reasons not to abolish a position indicated in clause 7-3.14 shall apply according to the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

Regarding job security for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and by April 1, 2025, at the latest, the school service centre shall, exceptionally, forward to the union the list of employees who have acquired tenure through interim measures. To that end, the school service centres shall determine the time already completed and constituting active service as of June 30, 2024, for the calculation of tenure according to the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement. The time allowing for the acquisition of tenure shall be added according to the provisions of the 2023-2028 collective agreement as of July 1, 2024.

Vacation, Special Leaves, Paid Legal Holidays and Life, Health and Salary Insurance Plans

- 4) Employees¹ who had accumulated vacation days on June 30, 2024, and who will now receive a salary increase in lieu of vacation as of July 1, 2024, shall take them as planned during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The remuneration for these vacation days does not include the salary increase provided for in subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01 of the 2023-2028 agreement in lieu of vacation.

The employees shall continue to benefit from special leaves, paid legal holidays and the life, health and salary insurance plans provided for in clauses 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement until the last day of the pay period which includes January 3, 2025.

From the first day of the complete pay following January 3, 2025, the employees shall cease to benefit from special leaves, paid legal holidays and the life, health and salary insurance plans provided for in clauses 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement and shall have their salary rate increased by twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%) in lieu of the fringe benefits provided for in clauses 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement. As an exception, this excludes:

- the employee who benefits from salary insurance benefits in accordance with clause 5-3.32 of the agreement on the last day of the pay period which includes January 3, 2025;
- the employee who returns from a disability leave but who is still in the period set in clause 5-3.04.

The excluded employees shall have their salary rate increased in accordance with the 2023-2028 agreement upon their return to work for the duration of their regular workweek following the end of their period of disability.

Section II Induction of Employees Covered by Chapter 10-0.00**Particularities of Clause 10-1.00**

- 5) Clause 10-1.00 shall apply until June 30, 2024

An extraordinary staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and exclusive to employees concerned by clause 10-1.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be done.

- A) Employees who have completed their probation period in accordance with clause 10-1.10 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement before July 1, 2024, shall obtain the status of regular employee.

¹ The employees concerned are regular employees who held a part-time position of fifteen (15) hours or more but less than twenty (20) hours, the temporary employees who were hired for a planned duration of more than six (6) months, of fifteen (15) hours or more but less than twenty (20) hours as well as temporary employees who worked at least six (6) months since their hire or in the case of several continuous hirings and of fifteen (15) hours or more.

If the position occupied by the employee on June 30, 2024, is renewed for the 2024-2025 school year, the employee is considered, on July 1, 2024, as having the post which becomes a position.

If the position occupied by an employee ends between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, because this position is associated to a periodical need or is not renewed for the 2024-2025 school year, the employees are considered laid off regular employees for less than two (2) years, as if they would have been through the application of clause 7-3.00 as of July 1, 2024.

- B) Employees who have not completed their probation period in accordance with clause 10-1.10 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement before July 1, 2024, those who have been hired as such to execute a replacement, for an increase of workload, or those whose position is not renewed will be laid off by June 30, 2024, at the latest, and shall now be considered in the sequences to fill a position after the persons listed on the hiring priority list and before outside persons for the 2024-2025 school year, and only according to their duration of employment. If they obtain a position definitely vacant or newly created, they must then start the probation period according to clause 1-2.17 of the agreement, except employees who have completed their probation period during the replacement.
- C) When the extraordinary staffing plan is established for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the union shall be informed fifteen (15) days before July 1, 2024, of the positions renewed and not renewed (classes of employment concerned, number of hours, place of work), of the names of the employees occupying these positions and of the acquisition or not of their probation period. This information is submitted for information purposes only.

Particularities of Clause 10-2.00

- 6) Clause 10-2.00 shall apply until June 30, 2024.

The employees covered by clause 10-2.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement are laid off as indicated in clause 10-2.06 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

An extraordinary staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and exclusive to employees concerned by clause 10-2.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be done.

- A) For the 2024-2025 school year, the school service centre shall carry out a recall as indicated in the second and third paragraphs of clause 10-2.06 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

“In the case of a recall, the school service centre shall proceed first by place of work, class of employment and according to the duration of employment of the employees who have been laid off for less than eighteen (18) months and, secondly, by class of employment and duration of employment according to a list maintained at the school service centre level on which the school service centre registered the employees who were laid off for less than eighteen (18) months and who requested to be registered on the list in writing.”

To benefit from this right of recall, the employee must have completed the probation period referred to in clause 10-2.05. ”

- B) Employees who have completed their probation period according to clause 10-2.05 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement before July 1, 2024, are considered as having the post obtained during the recall which becomes a “position” and obtain the status of regular employee.
 - C) After the recall, employees who have not completed their probation period before July 1, 2024, and those who are not recalled during the above-mentioned procedure, shall be considered in the sequences to fill a position after the persons listed on the hiring priority list and before outside persons according to their duration of employment. If they obtain a position definitely vacant or newly created, they must then start the probation period according to clause 1-2.17 of the agreement.
 - D) When the extraordinary staffing plan is established for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the union shall be informed fifteen (15) days before the recall of the positions renewed and not renewed (number of hours and place of work), of the names of the recalled employees occupying these positions and of the acquisition or not of their probation period. This information is submitted for information purposes only.
 - E) For the planning of the 2025-2026 fiscal year only, all of the positions of the employees in the classes of employment of student supervisors and cafeteria employees who were recalled according to paragraphs A) and B) of paragraph 6) of this appendix shall be considered as abolished. Job security is obtained according to the provisions of the 2023-2028 collective agreement.
 - F) Between the time when employees covered by clause 10-2.00 are laid off and the recall for the 2024-2025 fiscal year identified in paragraph A) of paragraph 6) of this appendix, the 2020-2023 collective agreement applies for filling sequences during which they could be offered a position.
- 7) The integration of employees covered by chapter 10-0.00 to chapter 7-0.00 of the agreement, does not provide the guarantee of a position.
 - 8) The induction of employees covered by chapter 10-0.00 to chapter 7-0.00 of the agreement, cannot cause an employee to obtain a permanent employee status at the time of induction.

Qualifications Required

- 9) Employees identified in paragraphs 5) and 6) of this appendix are considered as having the required qualifications for their class of employment.

Determination of Step

- 10) The school service centre shall determine the step of employees identified in paragraph 5) of this appendix hired pursuant to clause 10-1.00 and according to the most advantageous of the following options:

- a) The employee who obtains the step corresponding to his or her years of experience recognized as being valid and directly relevant to execute his or her duties. To be recognized, experience must be acquired in a class of employment higher or equivalent to said class of employment.
- b) The employee who obtains a step for which the salary rate is immediately lower than the one he or she holds; however, the difference between the salary rate of this step and the salary rate he or she was receiving according to his or her status of employment when he or she was hired pursuant to clause 10-1.00 is offset by a lump sum paid on every pay cheque and progressively reduced as the employee's salary rate increases for a maximum period of two (2) years as of July 1, 2025.

The school service centre recognizes the salary rate corresponding to the step held by employees identified in paragraph 6) of this appendix and hired pursuant to clause 10-2.00

Recognition of Seniority

- 11) The seniority of employees having obtained the status of regular employee as provided for in paragraphs 5) and 6) of this appendix is determined as follows:

The duration of employment of the employees done within the framework of a position of chapter 10-0.00 up to June 30, 2024, shall be converted into seniority on July 1, 2024. The conversion is established in years, months, and days.

Afterwards, is added to the seniority any period worked for the school service centre(s) or school board(s) to which it succeeds before June 30, 2024, as an employee concerned by clauses 1-2.19 (employees on probation) and 1-2.23 (temporary employees) of the 2023-2028 agreement retroactively to his or her first hiring date, unless there was an interruption of work of more than twenty-four (24) months, in which case the time worked before this interruption is not calculated. The period worked is calculated in proportion to the regular work hours.

Section III Resolution Process of Issues

- 12) The school service centre and the local union may meet to try to find a solution to problems related to specific issues of a group of employees concerned by the application of this appendix.
- 13) If the school service centre and the local union cannot find a solution to issues regarding the application or interpretation of this appendix, they shall refer this matter to the negotiating parties at the provincial level who shall agree to meet within fifteen (15) working days following the request of one of the parties in order to try to find a solution.
- 14) The parties recognize that this appendix may not, in all cases, cause the resumption of the regular job security processes subject to clause 7-3.00 and having taken place in 2024 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.