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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

concluded between

on the one hand,

**the Management Negotiating Committee
for English-language School Boards (CPNCA)**

and

on the other hand,

**the Independent Association of Support Staff of
Lester B. Pearson School Board**

**the Association indépendante des employés(ées) de soutien de la
Commission scolaire Western Québec**

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CHAPTER 1-0.00 OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT, DEFINITIONS AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**1-1.00 OBJECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT****1-1.01**

The objective of the agreement is to establish systematic relations between the parties, to determine the working conditions of employees as well as to draw up the appropriate procedures for resolving difficulties which may arise.

1-2.00 DEFINITIONS

In the agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following expressions and terms mean:

1-2.01 QESBA

Quebec English School Boards Association.

1-2.02 Seniority

Seniority defined in article 8-1.00.

1-2.03 Fiscal Year

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

1-2.04 Provincial Relocation Bureau

Body composed of all English-language school boards, the QESBA and the Ministère whose function, among others, is to relocate surplus support staff.

1-2.05 Class of Employment

Any of the classes of employment the titles of which appear in the salary scales in Appendix I of the agreement and those which could eventually be created under clause 6-1.14.

1-2.06 Board

The school board bound by the agreement.

1-2.07 Spouse

Spouse means either of two (2) persons who:

- a) are married or joined in civil union and cohabiting;
- b) being of opposite sex or the same sex, are living together in a conjugal relationship and are the father and mother of the same child;
- c) are of opposite sex or the same sex and 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 or the dissolution of the civil union as provided for by court decree or notarized joint statement as well as 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.

1-2.08 Agreement

This collective agreement.

1-2.09 CPNCA

The Management Negotiating Committee for English-language School Boards established by the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

1-2.10 Entente

All the stipulations of the agreement.

1-2.11 Grievance

Any disagreement concerning the interpretation or application of the agreement.

1-2.12 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).

1-2.13 Ministère

The Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ).

1-2.14 Transfer

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

1-2.15 Provincial Negotiating Parties

- a) Employer group: Management Negotiating Committee for English-language School Boards (CPNCA)
- b) Union group: the Association indépendante des employés(ées) de soutien de la Commission scolaire Western Québec
- c) Union group: the Independent Association of Support Staff of Lester B. Pearson School Board

1-2.16 Adaptation Period

A period of work of sixty (60) days actually worked that follows a promotion.

1-2.17 Probation Period

The period of employment that 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, the period shall be one hundred and twenty (120) days actually worked for the employee who holds a position in the subcategory of technical support positions.

Employees who hold a position in which the regular workweek includes fewer hours than those prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, shall undergo a probation period equal to that prescribed above or, where applicable, a probation period equal to nine (9) consecutive months, namely, whichever is the lesser.

If a temporary employee working as a replacement obtains, under article 7-1.00, the position of the employee whom he or she replaced, without any interruption between the time he or she was working as a replacement and the time the position became permanently vacant, the probation period to become a regular employee shall be reduced by half if the time worked as a replacement is equal to at least fifty percent (50%) of the probation period.

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

Upon request of one of the local parties, a mid-period meeting may be held for the purposes of reporting on the probation period.

1-2.18 Tenure

A regular employee who has completed at least two (2) years¹ with the board in a position considered for tenure, whether he or she is covered by accreditation or not, since his or her hiring by the board shall acquire tenure. Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, the duration of any absence during which the salary has not been maintained and any temporary layoff which occurs during that period shall be added thereto.

As an exception to the rule for acquiring tenure prescribed in the preceding paragraph, when an employee holding a position not considered for tenure obtains a position considered for tenure, the period of service constituting active service during which the employee held a position not considered for tenure with the board shall be recognized for the purposes of acquiring tenure, provided that his or her employment ties have not been severed. However, if clause 7-1.08 or 7-1.10 applies, tenure cannot be acquired before the end of the adaptation or training period prescribed in those clauses.

As an exception to the rule for acquiring tenure, the employee who holds a position not considered for tenure shall maintain his or her tenured employee status if he or she acquired it in accordance with the preceding provisions and provided that his or her employment ties have not been severed since acquiring tenure.

1-2.19 Employee

The terms "employee", "employees", "any employee", whether singular or plural, mean and include the employees defined hereinafter to whom one or more provisions of the agreement apply in accordance with article 2-1.00.

1-2.20 Probationary Employee

An employee who has been hired but who has not completed the probation period prescribed in clause 1-2.17 in order to become a regular employee.

1-2.21 Regular Employee

- a) An employee who has completed the probation period prescribed in clause 1-2.17.
- b) An employee who had acquired regular employee status or the equivalent in the service of the board, school boards or school service centres (institutions) to which the board is the successor.

¹ Regardless of the number of hours prescribed in the position considered for tenure held by the employee, subject to the second paragraph of this clause.

1-2.22 Temporary Employee

- a) An employee who is hired to perform particular work in order to handle 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.

Failing agreement, the employee whose period of employment exceeds the period stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall obtain the status of regular employee. The board shall thus create a position in accordance with the provisions of clause 7-1.04 or 7-1.05. The employee shall automatically become a candidate for that position and his or her candidacy shall be considered in the step prescribed in subparagraph c) of clause 7-1.04 or in subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.05. If the employee does not obtain the position in question, he or she shall be laid off when the position is filled.

- b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may hire a temporary employee to replace an absent employee for the duration of the absence.

A temporary employee shall be dismissed when the employee whom he or she was replacing resumes his or her position or when the position becomes permanently vacant or is abolished.

- c) An employee who is hired to fill a permanently vacant or newly created position between the date when the position becomes vacant and the date on which the position is filled permanently.
- d) An employee who is hired for a special project.

1-2.23 Employee Working in the Special Education Sector

The employee hired as such to carry out work determined in one of the following classes of employment: attendant for handicapped students, braille technician, special education technician, interpreter-technician or social work technician.

1-2.24 Employee Working in the Day Care Services and School Settings Sector

The employee hired as such to carry out work determined in one of the following classes of employment: educator in school setting, educator in school setting, principal class or technician in day care service and school setting.

1-2.25 Classification Plan

The Classification Plan prepared by the provincial negotiating employer group 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 made or new class added during the term of the agreement.

1-2.26 Position

Assignment to an employee to perform duties assigned by the board, it being specified that every employee holds a position, subject to the provisions of article 7-3.00, while respecting the classification held by the employee¹.

1-2.27 Position Considered for Tenure

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

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

In preparing its staffing plan, the board shall favour the merger of positions not considered for tenure in the same class of employment, based on the needs of the organization, in order to create positions considered for tenure. However, the board shall not be required to favour the merger of positions not considered for tenure if this has the effect of entailing travel time, travel expenses or schedule conflicts, or creating a position in which the number of hours is greater than the number of hours of the regular workday or workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.

1-2.28 Position Not Considered for Tenure

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

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

The board 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.

1-2.29 Promotion

Movement of an employee from one position to another 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 Temporary employees shall be excluded.

1-2.30 Demotion

Movement of an employee from one position to another 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.

1-2.31 Education Sector

The school boards, 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).

1-2.32 Public and Parapublic Sectors

The school boards, 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 other agencies of the government referred to in the Public Service Act (CQLR, chapter F-3.1.1).

1-2.33 Active Service

Period of time during which an employee's salary is maintained or during which he or she actually worked in the service of the board, school boards or school service centres (institutions) to which the board is the successor since his or her last hiring. Employees shall acquire one year of active service if their salary is maintained or if they have actually worked for two hundred and sixty (260) days.

1-2.34 Union

The union bound by the agreement.

1-2.35 Salary

Amount paid to an employee under articles 6-1.00, 6-2.00 and 6-3.00, excluding all lump sums, except for those prescribed in clauses 6-2.15, 6-2.17, 7-3.16, 7-3.20, 7-3.33 and 7-3.48.

1-3.00 RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**1-3.01**

The board and the union shall 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), notably the protection against harassment provided for under section 10.1 of the Charter.

The board and the union expressly agree to respect in their actions and decisions, the practice, in full equality, of an employee's 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

It is agreed that there will be no threat, constraint, discrimination or reprisal by the board, the union or their respective representatives against an employee exercising a right granted to him or her under the agreement or by law.

1-4.00 PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT**1-4.01**

Psychological harassment means 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. For greater certainty, psychological harassment includes such behaviour in the form of such verbal comments, actions or gestures of a sexual nature.

A single serious incident of such behaviour that has a lasting harmful effect on an employee may also constitute psychological harassment.

1-4.02

The board must take reasonable action to prevent psychological harassment and, whenever it becomes aware of such behaviour, to put a stop to it. It must, in particular, adopt and make available to its employees a psychological harassment prevention and complaint processing policy that includes, in particular, a section on behaviour that manifests itself in the form of verbal comments, actions or gestures of a sexual nature.

Every employee has a right to a work environment free from psychological harassment.

An employee who believes that he or she has been the victim of psychological harassment shall try, whenever possible, to find a solution by applying the process and measures prescribed in the policy and may meet with a board representative to this effect. A union representative may accompany the employee to any meeting with the board convened under this clause if the employee so desires.

1-4.03

No one may psychologically harass another person.

1-4.04

The union may submit any problem regarding psychological harassment to the Labour Relations Committee and propose preventive measures.

The board and the union recognize that psychological harassment is a reprehensible act.

1-4.05

An employee who claims to have been the victim of psychological harassment may file a grievance according to the grievance procedure prescribed in article 9-1.00.

CHAPTER 2-0.00 FIELD OF APPLICATION AND RECOGNITION**2-1.00 FIELD OF APPLICATION¹****2-1.01**

The agreement applies to all the employees defined as such in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27) and covered by accreditation, subject to the following partial applications:

A) Probationary Employees

A probationary employee is covered by the clauses of the agreement, excluding those dealing with the right to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration in the event of dismissal or termination of employment; in these cases, the board shall give the employee a written notice of no less than fourteen (14) days.

B) Temporary Employees

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

1-1.00	Objective of the Agreement
1-2.00	The following definitions apply to his or her status: 1-2.01, 1-2.03, 1-2.05, 1-2.06, 1-2.07, 1-2.08, 1-2.09, 1-2.11, 1-2.12, 1-2.13, 1-2.15, 1-2.19, 1-2.22, 1-2.23, 1-2.24, 1-2.25, 1-2.31, 1-2.32, 1-2.34 and 1-2.35
1-3.00	Respect for Human Rights and Freedoms
1-4.00	Psychological Harassment
2-2.00	Recognition
3-1.00	Posting
3-2.00	Union Meetings and Use of Board Premises for Union Activities
3-3.00	Documentation
3-4.00	Union System
3-7.00	Union Dues
5-7.00	Training, Professional Improvement, Supervision of Trainees and Professional Induction
5-8.00	Civil Responsibility
6-1.00	Classification Rules
6-2.00	Determination of Step
6-3.00	Salary
6-4.00	Travel Expenses
6-5.00	Premiums
6-6.00	Loan and Rental of Rooms or Halls
6-7.00	Payment of Salary

¹ Article 2-1.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement applies until June 30, 2024.

7-1.04 g)	Procedure for Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position Considered for Tenure
7-1.05 c)	Procedure for Filling a Permanently Vacant or Newly Created Position Not Considered for Tenure
7-1.15 to 7-1.21	Priority of Employment List
8-2.00	Workweek and Working Hours
8-3.00	Overtime
8-5.00	Health and Safety
8-6.00	Clothing and Uniforms
10-3.00	Local arrangements dealing with clauses or articles enumerated in this subparagraph
10-4.00	Interpretation of Texts
10-5.00	Coming into Force of the Agreement
10-6.00	Pertinent Appendices
10-7.00	Distribution and Translation of the Agreement
10-8.00	Reprisals and Discrimination

The salary rate of the temporary employee 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.

The salary rate of the temporary employee shall be increased in lieu of vacation prescribed in article 5-6.00, which shall be determined according to his or her duration of employment on June 30 of the year of acquisition. According to the table below, the rate shall be calculated based on his or her salary and paid at each pay period:

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

- b) A temporary employee, hired for a predetermined period of six (6) months or more and in which the regular workweek is twenty (20) hours or more¹, shall also be entitled² to the provisions of the following clauses and articles:

3-5.00	Union Representation
3-6.00	Leaves of Absence for Union Activities (except for long-term leaves for union activities and participation in provincial committees)
5-1.00	Special Leaves
5-2.00	Paid Legal Holidays
5-3.00	Life, Health and Salary Insurance Plans
5-4.00	Parental Rights (according to the terms and conditions prescribed in Appendix XII)
5-6.00	Vacation
5-9.00	Work Accidents and Occupational Diseases (except for clauses 5-9.13 to 5-9.17)
8-8.00	Software Changes

- c) Every temporary employee shall also be entitled to the grievance procedure and arbitration if he or she feels wronged with respect to the rights granted under the agreement.

C) Employees Assigned to Special Projects

a) Special Projects

Specific assignment of a regular employee or hiring of a temporary employee to perform duties for the delivery of a special project or a pilot project for a period not exceeding thirty-six (36) months.

b) Consultation

Before implementing a special project or renewing a special project of less than thirty-six (36) months, the board must consult the union. The consultation shall deal with the nature, objective, staffing needs, source of funding, length of the project and work schedule.

¹ For labour support staff, read "twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes or more".

² However, the employee shall not be entitled to the salary increase prescribed in the second paragraph of subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01 to compensate for the fringe benefits prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 or the salary increase prescribed in the third paragraph of subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01 to compensate for vacation.

c) **Assignment or Hiring for a Special Project**

When the board decides to assign a regular employee or hire a temporary employee for a special project, it shall proceed in the following manner:

- 1) it shall assign a surplus tenured regular employee. The assignment must not constitute a promotion;
- 2) failing this, it shall post a notice addressed to all employees of at least five (5) working days in accordance with subparagraph c) of clause 7-1.04 or subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.05, as the case may be;
- 3) failing this, it shall choose from among the persons registered on the priority of employment list;
- 4) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.

In all cases, the employee or the person must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the board.

d) **Working Conditions**

Regular Employees

A regular employee assigned to a special project shall retain his or her working conditions for the duration of the assignment except for articles 7-2.00, 8-2.00 and 8-3.00.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, clauses 8-2.05 and 8-2.06 apply.

Temporary Employees

The temporary employee hired for a special project is entitled to the working conditions prescribed in paragraph B) of this clause except for articles 8-2.00 and 8-3.00.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, clauses 8-2.05 and 8-2.06 apply.

Workweek

The workweek cannot exceed thirty-five (35) hours for technical and administrative support positions or thirty-eight point seven five (38.75) hours for labour support positions. Any work which an employee's immediate superior specifically requires him or her to perform in addition to the thirty-five (35) hours or, where applicable, in addition to the thirty-eight point seven five (38.75) hours, shall be compensated by a leave equal to one and a half times the hours worked or paid at the hourly rate increased by half. The same applies to all the hours worked during a paid legal holiday prescribed in the agreement in addition to the salary for the paid legal holiday.

Duration of Employment

The duration of employment acquired by a temporary employee shall be calculated in years and hours, it being specified that a year is equal to no less than 1 365 hours for technical and administrative support staff and no less than 1 511 hours for labour support staff.

e) Extension Beyond Thirty-six (36) Months

If the project is extended beyond thirty-six (36) months, it shall automatically be created as a regular position and the employee concerned shall occupy that position.

If a regular employee is assigned to the project, he or she may choose to return to his or her original position, subject to article 7-3.00. Where applicable, the newly created position shall be filled in accordance with clause 7-1.04 or 7-1.05.

If a temporary employee is hired for the project, he or she shall benefit from the provisions of clauses 1-2.18 and 1-2.21 retroactively to the beginning of the thirteenth (13th) month of his or her hiring for the project.

When the board must create a position as a result of the application of the preceding provisions, the position thus created must be a position considered for tenure if the employee's regular workweek was twenty (20) hours or more¹. Otherwise, the position thus created is not considered for tenure.

f) Reduction in Staff, Interruption or Termination of a Special Project

When the board decides to reduce the staff of a special project or to interrupt or terminate a special project, it shall inform the employee concerned at least ten (10) days before the date on which the decision becomes effective. A copy of the notice shall be forwarded to the union.

In the case of a reduction in staff in the same project with the same starting date and in the same class of employment, the board shall lay off employees in the following order:

- 1) according to the inverse order of duration of employment of temporary employees;
- 2) according to the inverse order of seniority from among the regular employees.

However, every employee who remains in a special project must have the necessary qualifications and meet the other requirement of the assignment.

¹ For labour support staff, read "twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes or more".

If the board decides to transform a project into a regular position prior to the expiry of the thirty-six (36)-month period, it must proceed in accordance with the provisions of clause 7-1.04 or 7-1.05, as the case may be.

Regular Employee Assigned to a Special Project

On the effective date on which one of the events mentioned in the first paragraph of subparagraph f) occurs, an employee shall return to his or her position or employment under the same conditions and with the same rights had he or she actually occupied that position or job. The employee concerned shall be entitled to a right to return to his or her assignment to the special project for the maximum thirty-six (36)-month period prescribed in subparagraph a) of paragraph C). However, in the case of a definite work stoppage foreseen for the assignment, an employee may be laid off for the maximum period specified.

If the original position is abolished, a regular employee must exercise his or her rights prescribed under article 7-3.00. However, the board could, if it has a valid reason, ask him or her to withdraw from the project so that he or she may take up his or her new position.

Temporary Employees

A temporary employee shall be laid off when staff is reduced or a special project is interrupted. At the end of the special project, the board shall terminate the employee's employment. If need be, the name of the employee shall be registered or re-registered on the priority of employment list for the category of employment concerned under the terms and conditions specified. A laid-off employee shall be recalled, as a priority, for the special project for the maximum thirty-six (36)-month period prescribed in subparagraph a) of paragraph C).

D) Employee whose regular workweek includes fewer hours than those prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be

Unless expressly stipulated otherwise, the applicable benefits and advantages shall be adjusted proportionally to the regular hours worked in relation to those worked in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.

E) Employee Holding a Position Not Considered for Tenure

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

The employee's salary rate shall be increased in lieu of vacation prescribed in article 5-6.00, which is determined according to seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition. According to the table below, the rate shall be calculated based on his or her salary and paid at each pay period:

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

The employee shall be entitled to parental rights under article 5-4.00 according to the applicable provisions.

2-1.02

A person who receives a salary from the board and to whom the agreement does not apply shall not normally perform the work of an employee governed by the agreement.

Using the services of volunteers or trainees must not entail the layoff, placement in surplus, demotion, reduction in the working hours or abolishment of a position of a regular employee.

2-2.00 RECOGNITION

2-2.01

The board shall recognize the union as the only representative and agent of the employees covered by the agreement regarding the application of matters related to working conditions.

The union shall recognize the employer's right to exercise its leadership, administrative and managerial functions in keeping with the provisions of this agreement.

2-2.02

The board and the union shall recognize the provincial negotiating parties' right to deal with issues relating to the interpretation and application of the agreement.

In the case where the same kind of grievance is filed in several school boards or school service centres, the provincial negotiating parties must, at the request of one of them, 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 stipulated.

2-2.03

Following the coming into force of the agreement, any individual agreement between an employee and the board regarding working conditions other than those 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 shall agree to meet in order to discuss any issue relating to the employees' working conditions and to adopt the appropriate solutions. Any solution accepted in writing by the provincial negotiating parties may subtract from, add to, or alter any provision of the agreement. The provisions must not be interpreted as constituting a revision of the agreement which could lead to a dispute defined in the agreement and the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

CHAPTER 3-0.00 UNION PREROGATIVES**3-1.00 POSTING****3-1.01**

The board shall place bulletin boards at the disposal of the unions, in prominent locations in its buildings, usually those or near those used by the board for its own documents or near the employees' entrance and exit areas.

3-1.02

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 true copy is given to the person designated by the board.

3-2.00 UNION MEETINGS AND USE OF BOARD PREMISES FOR UNION PURPOSES**3-2.01**

All union meetings must be held outside the regular working hours of the group of employees concerned.

However, upon the union's written request and after having obtained permission from the board, a union meeting may be held during the employees' regular working hours without loss of salary.

3-2.02

With the consent of the board 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 on the condition 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 prescribed in his or her work schedule. The employee shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration on that account.

3-2.03

At the union's written request, the board shall provide free of charge, insofar as it is available, suitable space in one of its buildings for union meetings of the employees covered by accreditation. If several rooms are available, the board shall make available to the union the rooms closest to the location where the union intends to hold its meeting. The board must receive the request forty-eight (48) hours in advance. It shall be the union's responsibility to see that the space used is left in the condition in which it was found.

3-2.04

The board which already provides a room for a union secretariat at no cost to the union shall continue to do so. If the use of this room is withdrawn, the board shall provide another room.

In other cases, the board shall provide an available and suitable room, if any, as union secretariat at no cost to the union.

If the use of this room must be withdrawn, the board shall give the union a five-month prior notice and the parties shall meet to discuss the terms and conditions for replacing the room by another available and suitable room, if any.

If the board cannot provide an available and suitable room, the parties shall meet to assess the situation.

3-3.00 DOCUMENTATION**3-3.01**

In addition to the documentation that must be provided according to the other provisions of the agreement, the board and the union shall provide the documentation prescribed in this article.

3-3.02

No later than November 30 of each year, the board shall provide the union with the complete list of employees to whom the agreement applies indicating for each: his or her surname and given name, status (probationary, tenured regular, regular, temporary), the department or school to which he or she is assigned, the position held or occupied, the class of employment and salary, date of birth, home address, telephone number and identification number, the foregoing as brought to the board's attention as well as any other information previously furnished. The board shall continue to provide the list of employees' names in alphabetical order if it was doing so prior to the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

3-3.03

The board shall provide the union with the following information at the times prescribed:

A) The board shall provide the union with the following information monthly:

- a) the names of new employees, the date of hiring and the information stipulated in clause 3-3.02 as well as the duration of employment during the preceding month of all temporary employees;
- b) the changes of address and telephone number of employees as brought to its attention.

- B) At the same time as it informs the employee concerned, the board shall provide the union with a copy of any correspondence dealing with:
- a) any movement of personnel, hiring or departure of employees;
 - b) any cut in salary or benefit associated with the application of the agreement;
 - c) any leave with or without salary, maternity leave or extension thereof.

Paragraph B) shall not have the effect of replacing or duplicating the information required under the agreement as a whole.

- C) The board shall provide the union with the following information on the dates specified hereinafter:
- a) no later than August 31 of each year, the priority of employment list prescribed in article 7-1.00;
 - b) no later than August 31 of each year, the seniority list of regular employees prescribed in article 8-1.00;
 - c) any other information agreed on by the board and the union.

Paragraphs B) and C) shall not have the effect of replacing or duplicating the information required under the agreement as a whole.

3-3.04

At the same time, the board shall forward to the union a copy of all the directives, policies or regulations sent to an employee, a group of employees or to all employees to whom the agreement applies.

In the case where such a practice already exists or exists for another group of support staff employees, professionals or teachers, the board must forward to the union a copy of the minutes adopted at the meetings of the council of commissioners and of any meeting agenda approved as a public document.

3-3.05

The board 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 employees to whom the agreement applies.

3-3.06

The union shall provide the board within fifteen (15) days of their appointment with the names of its representatives, their job titles, the name of the committee on which they sit, if applicable, and shall advise the board of any change.

3-3.07

The union may use the internal mail service or electronic mail to send union or professional documents to its members according to the procedures in effect at the board.

3-4.00 UNION SYSTEM**3-4.01**

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 the provisions of clause 3-4.03.

3-4.02

Any employee hired after the coming into force of the agreement must become a member of the union, subject to the provisions of clause 3-4.03.

3-4.03

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 board.

3-4.04

For the purposes of applying this article, the board shall give an application form for membership in the union to an employee hired after the coming into force of the agreement in accordance with the aforementioned union system provisions. An employee who is hired after the coming into force of the agreement shall complete and return the form to the union through the board. The union shall provide the board with the application forms for membership.

3-5.00 UNION REPRESENTATION**3-5.01 Union Delegate**

The union may appoint one employee per work establishment as a union delegate who has the function of meeting with any employee of the said establishment who has a problem regarding his or her working conditions which may give rise to a grievance.

For this reason, the employee and the union delegate may temporarily interrupt their work without loss of salary or reimbursement, after having obtained permission from their immediate superiors and after having indicated the probable duration of their absence. Permission cannot be refused without a valid reason.

However, in the case where, in the same establishment, there are three (3) or fewer than three (3) employees in a bargaining unit, the union may appoint a delegate for a group of employees included in its jurisdiction, which must not exceed a three point two (3.2)-kilometre radius.

If the union delegate is unable to act or is absent, the union representative may take his or her place.

3-5.02 Union Representative

The union may appoint, on behalf of all employees who are union members, a maximum of three (3) union representatives. The union representatives are board employees who have the function of assisting an employee in obtaining, where applicable, the information necessary for the meeting prescribed in subparagraph a) of clause 9-1.03, once a grievance has been filed.

A union representative may temporarily interrupt his or her work for a limited length of time, without loss of salary or reimbursement, after having obtained permission from his or her immediate superior in order to perform union duties. Permission cannot be refused without a valid reason.

He or she may also be absent from work, without loss of salary or reimbursement, if he or she is required to meet with an employee and a board representative in order to see to the application of the provisions of clause 9-1.01, after having informed his or her immediate superior of the name of the representative with whom he or she is to meet.

3-5.03

The union shall provide the board with the name and the area of activities of each delegate and of the union representatives within fifteen (15) days of their appointment and shall also inform it of any change.

3-5.04

The union advisor may participate in the joint committees prescribed in the agreement.

The competent authority of the establishment must be advised beforehand, within a reasonable time period, of all visits by the union advisor to the establishment.

3-6.00 LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR UNION ACTIVITIES**Section I Leaves of Absence Without Loss of Salary or Reimbursement by the Union****3-6.01**

Any union representative appointed to a joint committee prescribed in the agreement may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement in order to attend the committee's meetings or to carry out work required by the parties to the committee.

The meetings of the joint committee shall be held at a time agreed to between the parties, normally during the regular working hours.

3-6.02

Any union representative appointed to a joint committee not prescribed in the agreement, but the establishment of which is accepted by the board and the union or by the provincial negotiating parties, may be absent from work, without loss of salary or reimbursement, in order to attend the committee's meetings or to carry out work required by the parties to the committee.

3-6.03

The expenses incurred by the union representative appointed to a joint committee shall be reimbursed by the party he or she represents, except if otherwise stipulated. Thereby, he or she shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration.

3-6.04

The union representative must inform his or her immediate superior at least three (3) working days in advance of the name of the committee on which he or she is requested to sit and of the anticipated duration of the meeting.

3-6.05

Any union representative may be absent from work without loss of salary to attend the meeting between the board and the union convened under clause 9-1.03 of the agreement.

3-6.06

The plaintiff and the union representative may be absent from work, without loss of salary, to attend arbitration sessions. Employees called to be witnesses may be absent from work without loss of salary for the time deemed necessary by the arbitrator.

3-6.07

In the case of a collective grievance, only one plaintiff shall be released without loss of salary.

Section II Leaves of Absence Without Loss of Salary not Deductible from the Number of Days Authorized but with Reimbursement by the Union**3-6.08**

At the union's written request, sent at least ten (10) working days in advance, the board shall release an employee for full-time union activities for an uninterrupted period varying between one and twelve (12) months, renewable according to the same procedure.

At the union's written request, sent at least ten (10) working days in advance, the board shall release an employee for part-time union activities for an uninterrupted period varying between one and twelve (12) months, according to the terms and conditions to be agreed in writing by the board and the union.

3-6.09

The union must notify the board at least ten (10) working days before an employee's return to work and the latter shall be reinstated in the position held upon his or her departure, unless the position was abolished during his or her absence or the employee concerned was displaced as a result of the application of the provisions of article 7-3.00.

3-6.10

The employee released under clause 3-6.08 shall maintain his or her salary and fringe benefits as well as the rights and privileges conferred on him or her by the agreement.

3-6.11

In the case of absences granted under clause 3-6.08, the union shall reimburse the board, on a quarterly basis, any amount paid to an employee as well as any amount paid by the board for and on behalf of the employee concerned and, where applicable, the amount equal to vacation days accumulated during the employee's union leave within twenty (20) working days after the union receives a statement to this effect.

Section III Leaves of Absence Without Loss of Salary Deductible from the Number of Days Authorized but with Reimbursement by the Union**3-6.12**

Upon the union's written request sent at least three (3) working days before the date on which the absence begins, the board shall release an employee for internal union activities. Permission must not be refused without a valid reason but may be refused if the employee has already taken forty (40) working days for the year. In this case, the board shall grant one day of absence weekly if the needs of the department so allow.

3-6.13

Upon the union's written request sent at least three (3) working days before the date on which the absence begins, the board shall release the official delegates designated by the union to attend various official meetings called by their organizations or to attend union training sessions provided under the aegis of their organizations.

The leaves shall not be deducted from the number of authorized days prescribed in clause 3-6.12.

3-6.14

Employees released under clauses 3-6.12 and 3-6.13 shall maintain their salary (including the applicable premiums), fringe benefits as well as the rights and privileges conferred on them by the agreement.

3-6.15

In the case of absences granted under clause 3-6.12, the union shall reimburse the board, on a quarterly basis, any amount paid to an employee as salary (including the applicable premiums) within twenty (20) working days after the union receives a statement to this effect.

3-6.16

In the case of absences granted under clause 3-6.13, the union shall reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the salary for the first ten (10) days of absence for all absences per school year. When the ten (10)-day limit is exhausted, the union shall reimburse the board the entire salary.

The reimbursement provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be carried out according to the provisions of clause 3-6.15.

3-7.00 UNION DUES**3-7.01**

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

3-7.02

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

3-7.03

Each month, the board shall transfer to the union 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 the union dues consist of a percentage of an employee's earnings, the board shall also provide the contributory earnings on which the union dues are based for the employee concerned. In addition, the board and the union may agree that additional information pertaining to the remittance of union dues be included and forwarded to the union in a different manner provided that it does not oblige the board to modify its computer program. In the case where a board provides the list of names in alphabetical order or returns the dues more frequently, it shall continue to do so.

3-7.04

The union shall assume the case of the board and shall indemnify it against any claim that could be made by one or more employees regarding the amounts deducted from their pay under this article.

**CHAPTER 4-0.00 LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE, COMMITTEES
PRESCRIBED UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT AND
PARTICIPATION OF EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE DAY
CARE SERVICES AND SCHOOL SETTINGS SECTOR OR IN
THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTOR IN DIFFERENT
ACTIVITIES TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS**

4-1.00 LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

4-1.01

Within thirty (30) days of the written request of the board or union, the parties shall set up a parity committee called the Labour Relations Committee.

4-1.02

The committee shall consist of at least two (2) union representatives and at least two (2) board representatives.

4-1.03

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

4-1.04

Any union representative appointed to the Labour Relations Committee may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement to attend the committee's meetings.

The committee meetings shall be held at the times agreed upon by the parties to the committee, normally during regular working hours.

4-1.05

The committee's mandate shall be to study and discuss any matter, problem or dispute between the board, on the one hand, and its employees and the union, on the other hand, and to find appropriate solutions.

At a subsequent meeting of the Labour Relations Committee, the union may obtain from the board explanations concerning a decision of the board on an issue previously discussed by the Labour Relations Committee and any other decision concerning or affecting the employees covered by the agreement.

4-2.00 COMMITTEES PRESCRIBED UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT**4-2.01**

An employee called on to participate in a committee prescribed under the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3) may be absent from work without loss of salary in order to take part in the meetings after having informed his or her immediate superior.

Section I Committees dealing with handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties**4-2.02**

The union shall designate from among the employees concerned a representative to the advisory committee on services for handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties prescribed in the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3).

4-2.03

At the board's invitation, the union shall designate from among the employees concerned a representative to sit on any committee dealing with handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties in a school, centre or the board.

4-2.04

Following the designation of the representative, the union shall inform the board of the name of the person designated.

4-2.05

In the cases prescribed in the preceding clauses, the designated employee may be absent from work to attend committee meetings without loss of salary including applicable premiums or reimbursement by the union.

Section II Governing Board**4-2.06**

During the month of September each year, the school principal or centre director shall convene a meeting of the support staff members so that they may elect their representative to the governing board as prescribed in the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3). A copy of the notice of meeting must be sent to the union.

4-2.07

The board and the union may agree on the terms and conditions for the election of support staff representatives to the governing boards.

4-2.08

Following the election of support staff representatives to the governing boards, the board shall inform the union of the names of the representatives.

4-2.09

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

4-3.00 PARTICIPATION OF EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE DAY CARE SERVICES AND SCHOOL SETTINGS SECTOR OR IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTOR IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS

4-3.01

If the board deems it necessary, it shall invite an employee working in the day care services and school settings sector or in the special education sector to participate without loss of salary in, among other things, the preparation or follow-up of a student's individualized education plan or action plan, meetings with the school team or parents.

In order to promote the participation of these employees, the Ministère shall allocate, every year, an amount of one hundred sixty-five thousand eighty-three dollars (\$165 083) distributed as follows: one hundred eighteen thousand six hundred ninety-three dollars (\$118 693) to the Lester B. Pearson School Board and forty-six thousand three hundred ninety dollars (\$46 390) to the Western Québec School Board.

CHAPTER 5-0.00 SOCIAL SECURITY**5-1.00 SPECIAL LEAVES****5-1.01**

The board shall allow an employee to be absent from work without loss of salary on the following events:

- a) his or her wedding or civil union: a maximum of seven (7) consecutive days, working days or not, including the day of the wedding or civil union;
- b) the marriage or civil union of his or her father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister: the day of the event;
- c) the death of his or her spouse, child, spouse's child living with the employee: a maximum of 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.

The death of his or her spouse's minor child not living under the same roof: a maximum of 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.

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);

- d) the death of his or her father, mother, brother, sister: a maximum of 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;

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.

- e) the death of 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: a maximum of 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;
- f) the death of his or her former spouse: the day of the commemorative service, if a child was born from the union and is still a minor and he or she attends the commemorative service;
- g) moving: the moving day; however, an employee shall not be entitled to more than one (1) day off per year for this purpose;
- h) a maximum of three (3) working days per year to cover any other event considered as an act of God (disaster, fire or flood) which obliges an employee to be absent from work or any other reason which obliges the employee to be absent from work and on which the board and the union agree within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement to grant permission to be absent without loss of salary. The agreement between the union and the board shall constitute a local arrangement within the meaning of article 10-3.00. Any local arrangement concluded under subparagraph h) of clause 5-1.01 of the former collective agreement shall be maintained, unless there is an agreement to the contrary.

An employee may be entitled to these leaves if he or she is still connected by marriage, civil union or common-law partnership when a leave is requested.

In the case where a person referred to in subparagraph c), d) or 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

An employee shall be granted, without loss of salary, for the events mentioned in subparagraphs c), d) and e) of clause 5-1.01, one (1) additional day if he or she attends the commemorative service and the commemorative service takes place at a distance of more than two hundred and forty (240) kilometres from the employee's domicile. If the commemorative service takes place at a distance of more than four hundred and eighty (480) kilometres from the employee's domicile and if he or she attends, the latter shall be entitled to two (2) additional days.

The employee could choose to use the day or days, where applicable, only once to attend a commemorative service.

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.

Moreover, the union and the board may agree on an additional number of days to cover the events mentioned in subparagraphs c), d) and e) of clause 5-1.01 for the regions for which the premiums for regional disparities prescribed in article 6-8.00 are payable and for the territory included between Tadoussac and the Moisie River if crossing the river is necessary.

5-1.03

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

5-1.04

The employee who is called to act as a juror or a witness in a case where he or she is not a party shall be entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary. However, he or she must give the board, 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 board 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 Department of Public Health, is placed in quarantine in his or her dwelling due to a contagious disease affecting a person living in the same dwelling;
- c) the employee, at the specific request of the board, undergoes a medical examination in addition to that required by law.

5-1.06 Leaves for Family Responsibilities

In accordance with section 79.7 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1), an employee may be absent from work for a maximum of ten (10) days per year because his or her presence is specifically required to carry out obligations relating to the care, health or education of his or her child or the child of his or her spouse or because of the state of health of a relative or any 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).

The leave may be taken in half days or full days.

The days thus used shall be without salary. However, at the employee's written request, six (6) of the ten (10) days shall be deducted from the bank of sick-leave days acquired under clause 5-3.42 or are without salary if the bank of sick-leave days is exhausted.

5-1.07

The board shall allow an employee to be absent without salary for one of the events prescribed in sections 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) according to the terms and conditions prescribed in sections 79.13 to 79.16.

5-1.08

The employee must inform the board of the reasons for his or her absence as soon as possible and provide proof thereof.

5-1.09

During the leave without salary prescribed in clause 5-1.07, the employee shall accumulate his or her seniority and his or her experience and continue to participate in the applicable basic health insurance plan by paying his or her share of the premiums. The employee may also continue to participate in the other complementary insurance plans that are applicable to him or her by submitting a request at the beginning of the leave and by paying all the premiums.

5-1.10

At the end of the leave without salary prescribed in clause 5-1.07, the employee may be reinstated in his or her position or, where applicable, a position that he or she would have obtained, at his or her request, under the provisions of the agreement. If the position was abolished or the employee was displaced, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits that he or she would have had had he or she been at work.

Moreover, the employee who returns from the leave without salary, but has no position shall resume the assignment he or she occupied upon his or her departure if the prescribed duration of the assignment continues after the end of the leave. If the assignment is completed, the employee shall be entitled to any other assignment provided for under the agreement.

5-1.11

The board may also allow an employee to be absent without loss of salary for any other reason not prescribed in this article which it deems valid.

5-1.12

Within forty-five (45) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the board must draft, after consulting the union, a policy applicable to all categories of personnel (teaching, professional, support) concerning the closing of establishments during inclement weather.

In keeping with the preceding provisions, the board must ensure that all categories of employees are treated in an equitable and comparable manner.

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

The board may not reduce the benefits associated with the policy concerning inclement weather without consulting the union.

5-2.00 PAID LEGAL HOLIDAYS

5-2.01

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

The board and the union shall agree on the terms and conditions for applying the prorated adjustment prescribed in subparagraph D) of clause 2-1.01.

5-2.02

The holidays are listed hereinafter. However, before July 1 of every year, after agreement with the support staff union or group of unions concerned, the distribution of the paid legal holidays may be modified:

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| - New Year's Day | - Labour Day |
| - January 2 | - Thanksgiving Day |
| - Good Friday | - Christmas Eve |
| - Easter Monday | - Christmas Day |
| - Journée nationale des patriotes | - Boxing Day |
| - Fête nationale | - New Year's Eve |
| - Canada Day | |

5-2.03

Should a paid legal holiday fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the day off shall be rescheduled, after agreement, for a day suitable to the board and the union.

Subject to legal provisions or failing agreement, the day off shall be rescheduled for the preceding working day if the paid legal holiday falls on a Saturday or the following working day if the paid legal holiday falls on a Sunday.

5-2.04

An employee whose vacation or weekly day off falls on one of the paid legal holidays prescribed in this article shall receive, as a replacement, a leave of absence of an equal duration taken at a time suitable to both the employee and the board.

5-2.05

In the case where the former collective agreement or a regulation or resolution of the board in effect in 1975-1976 prescribed 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 prescribed annually in clause 5-2.01, the number of paid legal holidays prescribed in that clause shall be increased for all the employees covered by the agreement to whom the provisions of clause 5-2.01 apply, for the year concerned, by 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 prescribed in clause 5-2.01.

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

5-2.06

If a paid legal holiday occurs during an employee's period of disability, he or she shall be entitled, in addition to his or her salary insurance benefit, to the difference between his or her full salary and the benefit for the paid legal holiday.

5-3.00 LIFE, HEALTH AND SALARY INSURANCE PLANS**Section I General Provisions****5-3.01**

Any employee shall be eligible to participate in the life, health and salary insurance plans as of the date of the coming into force of the plans described hereinafter, if he or she is in the employ of the board on that date, if not, as of his or her entry into service, and until the date of the beginning of his or her retirement or up to sixty-five (65) years of age in the case of the application of subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34. The board shall pay the contribution to the basic health insurance plan payable for all employees.

5-3.02

For the purposes of this article, dependent means the employee's spouse or dependent child defined as follows:

- a) **spouse**: as defined in clause 1-2.07;
- b) **dependent child**: a child of an employee, of his or her spouse or of both, unmarried and living or domiciled in Canada, who is relying on the employee for his or her financial support and is under eighteen (18) years of age; every such child twenty-five (25) years of age or younger who is a duly registered student attending, on a full-time basis, a recognized institution of learning, as well as every child who has become totally disabled prior to reaching his or her eighteenth (18th) birthday or a student who has become totally disabled between eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) years of age and has remained continuously disabled since that time;
- c) **person suffering from a functional impairment**: means a spouseless person of full age suffering from a functional impairment, referred to in the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan (CQLR, chapter A-29.01, r. 4), that occurred before he or she reached the age of eighteen (18), who receives no benefits under the last resort financial assistance program provided for in the Individual and Family Assistance Act (CQLR, chapter A-13.1.1) and is domiciled with an employee who would exercise parental authority were the person a minor.

Definition of Disability**5-3.03****A) Disability of One Hundred and Four (104) Weeks or Less**

Disability means any state of incapacity resulting from an illness, an accident excluding an employment injury, which requires medical attention, as well as a surgical procedure directly related to family planning, such incapacity causing the employee to be totally unable to perform the usual duties of his or her position or any other similar position calling for comparable remuneration which may be offered to him or her by the board.

B) Disability of Over One Hundred and Four (104) Weeks

The definition of disability prescribed in paragraph A) above applies for an additional period of one hundred and four (104) weeks immediately following the period prescribed in paragraph A) above.

At the end of this period, disability is defined as a state of incapacity causing the employee to be totally unable to perform any remunerative occupation which he or she is reasonably capable of performing, given his or her education, training and experience.

5-3.04

During the first one hundred and four (104) weeks, period of disability means any continuous period of disability or any series of successive periods of disability separated by fewer than forty (40) days¹ of actual full-time work or availability for such full-time work, unless the employee establishes to the satisfaction of the board or of its representative that a subsequent period of disability is due to an illness or accident in no way related to the cause of the preceding disability.

At the end of the one hundred and fourth (104th) week, period of disability means any continuous period of disability which may be interrupted by fewer than six (6) months of actual full-time work or availability for such full-time work, if it is the same disability.

5-3.05

Any 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 purposes of this article.

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

¹ Read "eight (8) days" instead of "forty (40) days" if the continuous period of disability which precedes an employee's return to work is equal to or less than three (3) calendar months.

5-3.06

The provisions of the health insurance plan in the former collective agreement continue to apply until the date prescribed by the union insurance committee.

5-3.07

The new health insurance plan comes into force on the date prescribed by the union insurance committee.

5-3.08

As a counterpart to the board's contribution to the benefits prescribed 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 board.

Union Insurance Committee**5-3.09**

The union insurance committee, the composition of which is determined by the unions covered by the contract, must draw up a schedule of conditions, when required, and obtain one group insurance policy for the basic health insurance plan and one or more group insurance policies for the other plans covering all the participants in the plans.

5-3.10

The union insurance committee may establish a maximum of three (3) complementary plans, the cost of which shall be borne entirely by the participants. The board shall nevertheless take part in the setting up and implementation of the plans as prescribed hereinafter, notably by deducting the required contributions. Unless exempted under the provisions of clause 5-3.31, participation in a complementary plan shall presume participation in the basic health insurance plan, but a certain amount of life insurance may nevertheless be maintained for retired employees.

5-3.11

The union insurance committee can only establish complementary plans regarding life, health and dental care insurance.

A complementary plan cannot contain combined life and health insurance benefits.

Should the employer group, with the consent of the union group, establish a group insurance plan with benefits similar to those contained in one of the existing plans, the corresponding complementary plan shall therefore be abolished and the number of plans allowed shall be reduced accordingly.

5-3.12

From year to year, the union insurance committee may maintain basic plan coverage with appropriate changes for retired employees without any contribution by the board provided that:

- a) the employee's contributions to the plan and the board's corresponding contribution be determined, excluding any cost resulting from the extension of coverage to include retired employees;
- b) all disbursements, contributions and rebates for retired employees be recorded separately and any additional contribution which may be payable by employees by virtue of the extension to retired employees be clearly identified as such.

5-3.13

The insurer selected for all plans should preferably 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 the insurer, the union insurance committee may request bids or proceed by any other means it may determine.

5-3.14

The union insurance committee must carry out a comparative analysis of all bids received, if need be, and after making its choice, provide the CPNCA with a report on the analysis and a statement giving reasons for its choice.

5-3.15

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

5-3.16

Any change in premiums resulting from a change in the plan or in the renewal conditions may only take effect on January 1 following a written notice sent to the board at least sixty (60) days in advance.

5-3.17

The benefit of exemption from premiums 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.

5-3.18

There can be no more than one update campaign every three (3) years for all plans; the campaign shall be carried out by the insurer directly with the participants in a manner to be determined and the changes shall come into force on January 1 after giving the board a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance.

5-3.19

Dividends or rebates to be paid as a result of favourable experience with the plans shall constitute funds entrusted to the management of the union insurance committee. Fees, expenses or disbursements incurred for the implementation and application of the plans shall constitute primary liens against these funds.

The balance of a plan's funds shall be used by the union insurance committee to meet the increases in the rates of premiums, to improve existing plans, to be remitted to the participants by the insurer according to the formula determined by the union insurance committee or to grant a waiver of premium. In this latter case, the waiver of premium must be for a minimum of one month and must take effect on January 1 or end on December 31. The waiver of premium must be preceded by a written notice sent to the board at least sixty (60) days in advance.

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

5-3.20

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

Intervention of the Board**5-3.21**

The board shall facilitate the implementation of the plans by:

- informing new employees;
- registering new employees;
- forwarding to the insurer the application forms and the pertinent information required by the insurer to maintain a participant's file up-to-date;

- deducting the premium from the employee's salary;
- forwarding the deducted premiums to the insurer;
- providing employees with the forms required for participation in the plan, claims and benefits or other forms supplied by the insurer;
- conveying information normally required of the board by the insurer for settling certain compensations;
- forwarding to the insurer the names of employees who have indicated to the board that they intend to retire.

5-3.22

The CPNCA, on the one hand, and the union insurance committee, on the other hand, agree to set up a committee to assess the administrative problems ensuing from the application of the insurance plans. Moreover, any change in the administration of the plans must be the subject of an agreement by the committee before it comes into effect. If such a change obliges the board to hire supernumerary employees or requires overtime, the costs shall be assumed by the independent union, member of the insurance plans.

5-3.23

The members of the union insurance committee shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of expenses or to any remuneration for their services on the committee, but their board shall, however, pay their salaries.

Local Parity Committee**5-3.24**

Within sixty (60) days of the coming into force of the agreement, the board and the union shall set up a local parity committee to study the file of any employee who has been on disability leave for more than six (6) months and to ensure that the information required by the insurer from the board and the employee is forwarded to the insurer, as of the eighteenth (18th) month of disability.

In the case where the employee's disability has consolidated, the committee may modify the employee's position to make it more suitable to his or her condition.

If the position cannot be modified, the employee shall have priority in filling any vacant position, with the committee's consent. The committee may also decide to modify the vacant position to make it more suitable to the employee's condition.

The committee's decision shall be executory and shall bind the employee.

For the purpose of applying the provisions of this clause, the employee's salary shall be revised, where applicable, to correspond to the position he or she holds or occupies.

Notwithstanding articles 7-1.00 and 7-3.00, any decision made in accordance with the provisions of this clause shall prevail.

As of the date of his or her assignment, the employee shall no longer be considered disabled within the meaning given to disability in the agreement.

Section II Standard Life Insurance Plan

5-3.25

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). The amount shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for the employees whose weekly working hours are less than seventy percent (70%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.

5-3.26 *(Repealed)*

Section III Basic Health Insurance Plan

5-3.27

The basic plan shall cover, as per the terms set down by the union insurance committee, all drugs sold by a licensed pharmacist or by a duly authorized physician, as prescribed by a physician or a dentist, as well as, at the option of the committee, ambulance service, hospitalization or medical expenses not otherwise recoverable when an insured employee is temporarily outside of Canada and his or her condition requires hospitalization outside of Canada, the cost of purchasing an artificial limb due to a loss sustained while a participant or other supplies or services prescribed by the attending physician and required for the treatment of an illness.

5-3.28

The board's contribution to the basic health insurance plan on behalf of each employee shall be limited to the lesser of:

- a) in the case of an insured participant and his or her dependents:
 - as of April 1, 2023: three hundred sixty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$363.80) per year plus tax, where applicable;
 - as of April 1, 2024: six hundred sixty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$663.80) per year plus tax, where applicable.

- b) in the case of an individual insured participant:
- as of April 1, 2023: one hundred forty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$145.60) per year plus tax, where applicable;
 - as of April 1, 2024: two hundred ninety-five dollars and sixty cents (\$295.60) per year plus tax, where applicable.
- c) the maximum amount of basic health insurance coverage of the insured participant.

5-3.29

In the event that the Québec Health Insurance Plan is extended to cover drugs, the amounts prescribed in clause 5-3.28 shall be reduced by two thirds (2/3) of the yearly premiums of the drug benefits included in the basic health insurance plan. The balance of the premiums of the basic health insurance plan not required may be used until the expiry of the agreement as an employer's contribution to the complementary plans prescribed above on the condition that the board may not be called upon to pay an amount greater than that paid by the participant himself or herself.

It is understood that the complementary plans in effect on the date of the extension may be modified accordingly and that, when necessary, new complementary plans may be put into effect, subject to the maximum prescribed in clause 5-3.10, including or not the balance of the benefits of the basic plan.

5-3.30

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

5-3.31

Participation in the basic health insurance plan shall be compulsory but any employee may, by giving prior written notice to his or her board, be exempt from participating in the health insurance plan provided the employee establishes that he or she and his or her dependents are insured under a group insurance plan affording him or her similar benefits as defined under clause 5-3.02. In no case may the provisions of this clause require an employee to subscribe to two (2) different plans affording similar benefits; it shall be up to the employee to establish it with his or her board.

5-3.32

An employee on a leave without salary must maintain his or her participation in the health insurance plan. To do so, the employee must pay the total amount of the premiums due including the board's share as well as the taxes, where applicable.

5-3.33

An employee who is exempt from participating in the plan may again become eligible thereto, subject to the following conditions:

- A) he or she must establish to the satisfaction of the insurer that:
 - a) he or she was previously covered as a dependent under clause 5-3.02 or otherwise under the current group insurance plan or any other plan offering similar coverage;
 - b) it is no longer possible for him or her to continue to be covered;
 - c) his or her application is filed within thirty (30) days after his or her coverage ceases;
- B) subject to subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of this clause, coverage shall be effective as of the first working day of the period during which the insurer receives the application;
- C) in the case of any person not insured under the current group insurance plan prior to applying for benefits thereunder, the insurer shall not be responsible for the payment of benefits which could be payable by a previous insurer by virtue of an extension or conversion clause or for any other reason.

Section IV Salary Insurance Plan**5-3.34**

- A) Subject to the provisions herein, 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 seven (7) 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 prescribed in subparagraph a), where applicable, but in no event before the expiry of a waiting period of seven (7) working days from the beginning of the period of disability and for a period of up to three (3) months from the expiry of the waiting period: the payment of a benefit equal to eighty percent (80%) of the salary he or she would have received had he or she been at work;
 - c) upon the expiry of the abovementioned period of three (3) months up to twenty-four (24) months from the beginning of the disability period: the payment of a benefit equal to seventy percent (70%) of the salary he or she would have received had he or she been at work;

- d) upon the expiry of the abovementioned period of twenty-four (24) months, the employee becomes an insured person under the long-term salary insurance plan and shall be entitled to the payment of a benefit equal to seventy percent (70%) of his or her salary until the age of sixty-five (65).

An insurer or a government agency shall pay the benefits prescribed in subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of this clause and the premiums due under the long-term salary insurance plan shall not be payable by the employee, even when he or she is on an unpaid leave, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the agreement.

For the purpose of calculating the benefit prescribed in subparagraphs a), b) and c) of paragraph A) of this clause, an employee's salary is the salary rate he or she would be receiving if he or she were at work including the premiums for regional disparities (isolation, remoteness, retention) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6-0.00 as well as the premiums prescribed in article 6-5.00 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.

However, in the case of an employee holding or occupying a position in the day care services and school settings sector, the salary rate is replaced by the average basic weekly salary of the last twenty (20) weeks preceding the disability, excluding any layoff.

At the end of the period prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of this clause, the salary applicable for the purpose of establishing the benefit prescribed in subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of this clause is that prescribed in clause 1-2.35 of the agreement. The benefit shall be indexed, where applicable, on January 1 of each year, according to the indexation rate determined under the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (CQLR, chapter R-9) to a maximum of five percent (5%).

The waiting period of an employee holding or occupying a position in which the regular workweek includes fewer hours than those prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, shall be calculated on the basis of his or her working days only, without extending the maximum period of twenty-four (24) months of benefits.

- B) During a disability period, a regular employee, absent for at least twelve (12) weeks¹, may return to work on a gradual basis with the board's consent. In this case:
 - a) The employee's request shall include a medical certificate from his or her physician attesting that he or she may return to work on a gradual basis.
 - b) The board and the employee, accompanied, if he or she so desires, by his or her union delegate or representative, shall agree on the period of gradual return to work and its schedule; the period of gradual return to work cannot exceed twelve (12) consecutive weeks.

¹ In exceptional cases, the board and the employee may agree on a gradual return to work prior to the thirteenth (13th) week.

- c) During that period, the employee is still considered on a disability leave, even if he or she is working.
- d) While at work, the employee must be able to perform all of his or her usual duties and functions.
- e) The period of gradual return to work must be immediately followed by a return to work for the duration of the employee's regular workweek.
- f) The preceding provisions shall not have the effect of extending the maximum number of weeks entitling him or her to salary insurance benefits.

During the period of gradual return to work, the employee shall be entitled to his or her salary in proportion to the time worked and to the benefit payable to him or her for the proportion of time not worked. The proportions shall be calculated on the basis of the employee's regular workweek.

If, upon the expiry of the period initially set for the gradual return to work, the employee is unable to return to work for the duration of his or her regular workweek, the board and the employee may agree on another period of gradual return to work, while complying with the other conditions prescribed in this clause. Failing agreement, the employee shall resume his or her work permanently for the duration of his or her regular workweek or continue his or her disability period.

A disabled employee who is receiving salary insurance benefits on the date of the coming into force of the agreement may benefit from the provisions regarding gradual return to work.

C) Reentry

During a disability period, the board and the employee may agree on a temporary assignment to a class of employment in keeping with his or her qualifications, experience and functional capacity in order to facilitate his or her reentry, provided he or she submits a medical certificate from his or her attending physician.

During the assignment, the employee is deemed totally disabled. However, he or she shall receive the salary for the class of employment concerned if it is higher than his or her own and the salary insurance benefits based on his or her time not worked.

The length of the assignment may not exceed twelve (12) weeks and must not have the effect of extending the total or reduced benefit periods beyond one hundred and four (104) weeks for the same disability.

Upon the expiry of the period initially set for the temporary assignment, if the employee is unable to resume his or her duties, the board and the employee may agree on another temporary assignment period while respecting the other conditions prescribed in this clause, failing agreement, the employee shall continue his or her disability period.

5-3.35

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), the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (CSSP) or the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (PPMP) and to benefit from the insurance plans. However, the employee must pay the required contributions, except that, upon termination of the payment of the benefit prescribed in subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34, he or she shall be entitled, during a maximum period of three (3) years, to a waiver of his or her contributions to his or her pension plan (RREGOP, TPP, CSSP or PPMP) without losing any rights in keeping with tax legislation. However, the waiver of contributions cannot have the effect of extending the existing employment ties provided for in the agreement. Provisions concerning a waiver of contributions are an integral part of the pension plan provisions and the resulting cost shall be shared as that of any other benefit. Subject to the provisions of the agreement, payment of any benefits shall not be construed as conferring on the payee the status of an employee nor as increasing his or her rights as such, especially as regards the accumulation of sick-leave days.

5-3.36

Salary insurance benefits paid under clause 5-3.34 shall be reduced by the initial amount of any basic disability benefits paid to an employee under federal or provincial law, with the exception of the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), regardless of subsequent increases in basic benefits resulting from indexation. Moreover, the salary insurance benefits payable under subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 shall be reduced by the initial amount, regardless of subsequent increases resulting from indexation clauses, pension annuities payable under various laws respecting pension plans as well as the deferred annuity which the employee requests payment prior to reaching sixty-five (65) years of age.

When a disability benefit is paid by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), the employee's taxable gross salary shall be determined as follows: the board 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 benefit received from the SAAQ and the difference shall be brought back to the employee's taxable gross salary from which the board shall deduct all the amounts, contributions and dues required by law and the agreement.

The board shall deduct one-tenth of a day from the bank of sick-leave days for each day used under subparagraph a) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 when the employee receives benefits from the SAAQ.

As of the sixty-first (61st) day of a disability, the employee considered eligible for disability benefits under federal or provincial law, with the exception of the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), must, at the board's written request along with the appropriate forms, make the request and accept any obligations arising there from. However, the reduction of the benefit prescribed in clause 5-3.34 shall only begin when the employee is recognized as being eligible and actually begins receiving the benefit provided by law. In the case where the benefit provided by law is given retroactively to the first day of disability, the employee shall reimburse the board, where applicable, for the portion of the benefit prescribed in clause 5-3.34 as a result of the application of the first paragraph of this clause.

In order to be entitled to the salary insurance benefits prescribed in clause 5-3.34, every employee who receives disability benefits paid under federal or provincial law, with the exception of the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23), must inform the board of the amount of the weekly disability benefits that he or she receives. Furthermore, the employee must give written authorization to the board so that the latter may obtain the necessary information from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) or Retraite Québec which administers the plan under which he or she receives disability benefits.

5-3.37

Payment of benefits shall terminate at the latest with the payment due for the last week of the month during which the employee actually begins his or her retirement. If need be, the amount of benefit payable shall be divided as follows: for each workday of disability during a regular workweek, one-fifth of the amount of benefit payable for one complete week.

The preceding paragraph only applies for the period during which an employee receives the benefits prescribed in subparagraphs a), b) and c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34.

5-3.38

No benefit shall be payable during a strike or lockout, except for a period of disability that began before and for which the employee has provided the board with a medical certificate.

5-3.39

The payment of benefits as sick-leave days or under the salary insurance plan shall be made directly by the board provided that the employee submits the supporting documents prescribed in clause 5-3.40.

5-3.40

The board may require that the employee who is absent because of disability provide a written attestation for absences of less than four (4) days or a medical certificate attesting to the nature and duration of the disability. However, the cost of the certificate shall be borne by the board if the employee is absent for less than four (4) days. The board may also require the employee concerned to undergo an examination 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 fifty (50) kilometres from his or her usual place of work shall be borne by the board.

Upon the employee's return to work, the authority designated by the board may require him or her to undergo a medical examination in order to establish whether he or she is sufficiently recovered to resume 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 fifty (50) kilometres from his or her usual place of work shall be borne by the board. If the opinion of the physician selected by the employee is contrary to that of the physician selected by the board, they shall agree on the choice of a third physician who shall settle the dispute.

The employee who is unable to appear for a medical examination must inform the board at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, specifying the reason why he or she is unable to appear for the medical examination. Failing such a notice or if the board deems that the explanation is unreasonable, the employee must assume the cost of the medical examination after receiving an invoice from the board to that effect.

Should an unforeseen event prevent the employee from notifying the board in the time limit prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the cost of the medical examination shall be borne by the board.

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

5-3.41

If the payment of the benefits prescribed in subparagraph a), b) or c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 is refused by reason of presumed non-existence or termination of any disability, the employee may appeal the decision in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9-0.00.

As regards the benefits prescribed in subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34, the provincial negotiating employer group intends to use a schedule of conditions or other means to include the following arbitration clause in the insurance contract:

"In the event that the payment of benefits is refused by the insurer, the physician selected by the insurer and the physician consulted by the insured person eligible for long-term salary insurance benefits shall meet in order to reach an agreement. Failing an agreement, the two (2) physicians shall agree on the choice of a third physician. Should they disagree on the choice of an arbitrator-physician, the latter shall be chosen by the government representatives and the union. The decision of the arbitrator-physician shall be final, without appeal and shall bind the insured person and the insurer."

5-3.42

On July 1 of every year, the board shall credit each employee covered by this article with seven (7) working days of sick leave except for an employee's first year of service, in which case he or she shall be credited with thirteen (13) days. The six (6) additional days do not apply when an employee is relocated under article 7-3.00.

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 at the salary rate in effect on that date. The six (6) additional days granted for the first year of service shall be neither redeemable nor reimbursable under any circumstances.

The employee who has thirteen (13) days or fewer than thirteen (13) days of sick leave accumulated to his or her credit on June 1 may, upon written notice to the board prior to that date, choose not to redeem on June 30 the balance of the (7) seven days granted under the first paragraph of this clause and not used by that date. In exercising this choice, an employee shall add on June 30 the balance of the seven (7) days, which are now nonredeemable, to the days of sick leave already accumulated.

The board shall have a period of fifteen (15) days as of June 30 in which to pay the balance of the seven (7) days.

5-3.43

If an employee becomes covered by this article in the course of a fiscal year or leaves the board 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.

The sick-leave days used by an employee to cover his or her waiting period shall not be recoverable by the board, even if the employee was disabled for a period which should entail the recovery of these credits of sick-leave days.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, the number of days credited under clause 5-3.42 shall not be reduced following a temporary layoff carried out under article 7-2.00.

5-3.44 *(Repealed)***5-3.45**

Employees on disability leave on the date of the signing of the agreement shall remain covered by the provisions of section IV of article 5-3.00 of the former collective agreement.

5-3.46 *(Repealed)***5-3.47**

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 provisions concerning pension plans.

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: maternity (including extensions of the maternity leave) or extending the employee's disability leave upon the termination of the benefits prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 or a preretirement leave at the end of which the employee retires.

The employee may also use the nonredeemable sick-leave days to his or her credit, at a rate of one day per day, to extend his or her disability leave upon the termination of the benefits prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34. In addition, the days may be used to extend a maternity leave. The days may also be used up to a maximum of ten (10) days to extend a paternity leave.

Nonredeemable sick-leave days to the credit of an employee who has at least thirty (30) years of seniority may 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. This paragraph also applies 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 employee who retires or obtains a preretirement leave after the age of sixty-two (62) may, before his or her departure, use in advance the number of days which he or she could have used under the preceding paragraph as a leave with salary if he or she remains in the employment of the board until the age of sixty-five (65). The total number of anticipated days shall be limited to twenty (20).

5-3.48

The sick-leave days to an employee's credit 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 either under clause 5-3.42 of the former collective agreement and those credited, where applicable, under the agreement;

- b) after having used up the days mentioned in the preceding subparagraph, the nonredeemable days to the employee's credit.

5-3.49

The board shall prepare a statement of the employee's bank of sick-leave days on June 30 of each year and shall so inform the employee within sixty (60) calendar days.

Section V Miscellaneous Provisions**5-3.50**

An employee who accepts, at the board's request, to be displaced temporarily to a position outside of the bargaining unit shall continue to benefit from this article for the period during which he or she is displaced.

5-3.51

For the purpose of applying this article, the board shall be authorized to deduct from the employee's pay his or her contribution to the various insurance plans.

5-3.52

A tenured regular employee who is disabled upon termination of the benefits prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 and clause 5-3.47 of the former collective agreement and who is laid off by the board shall benefit from the provisions of article 7-4.00.

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

Maternity, paternity or adoption leave benefits 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 below, as payments during a period of absence for which the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan provides no benefit.

However, maternity, paternity or adoption leave benefits shall be paid only during the weeks the employee receives or would receive, after submitting an application for benefits, benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan.

¹ At the time of the signing of the agreement, employees benefitting from the provisions of article 5-4.00 of the former collective agreement remain covered by those provisions.

In the case where the employee shares the adoption or parental benefits prescribed by the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan with his or her spouse, the benefits shall be paid only if the employee actually receives benefits under the plans during the maternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.05, paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26 or the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37.

5-4.02

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

5-4.03

The board shall not reimburse an employee for any amount that could be claimed from the employee by the Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011) or Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) under the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23).

The basic weekly salary¹, deferred basic weekly salary and severance payments shall not be increased or decreased by the amounts received under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan.

5-4.04

Unless specifically stated otherwise, this article shall not have the effect of granting an employee a monetary or non-monetary benefit that the employee would not have had had he or she remained at work.

Section II Maternity Leave

5-4.05

A pregnant employee covered by clause 5-4.12 shall be entitled to a maternity leave of twenty-one (21) weeks' duration which, subject to clause 5-4.08 or 5-4.09, must be taken consecutively.

A pregnant employee covered by clause 5-4.14 or 5-4.15 is entitled to a maternity leave of twenty (20) weeks' duration which, subject to clause 5-4.08 or 5-4.09, must be taken consecutively.

¹ "Basic weekly salary" means the regular salary of the employee 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.

An employee eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan, but who has not completed twenty (20) weeks of service as prescribed in clauses 5-4.12 and 5-4.14 is also entitled to a leave of twenty-one (21) weeks or twenty (20) weeks, as the case may be.

The employee covered by clause 5-4.15 is entitled to a leave of twenty (20) weeks if she has not completed twenty (20) weeks' service as prescribed in that clause.

An employee who becomes pregnant while on a leave of absence without salary or a partial leave without salary prescribed in this article is also entitled to a maternity leave and to the allowances prescribed in clause 5-4.12, 5-4.14 or 5-4.15, as the case may be.

Should an employee's spouse die, the remainder of the maternity leave and the rights and benefits attached thereto shall be transferred to the employee.

5-4.06

An employee shall also be entitled to the maternity leave in cases where there is a miscarriage after the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week prior to the expected date of delivery.

5-4.07

The distribution of the maternity leave, before and after delivery, shall be the employee's decision and shall include the day of delivery. However, the leave 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 benefits payment under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan.

5-4.08

An employee may suspend her maternity leave by returning to work if she has sufficiently recovered from delivery, but her child must remain in the health institution. It shall be completed when the child is brought home.

Moreover, when an employee has sufficiently recovered from delivery, but the child is hospitalized after leaving the health institution, the employee may suspend her maternity leave, upon agreement with the board, and return to work for the period during which the child is hospitalized.

5-4.09

Upon the employee's request, a maternity leave may be divided into weeks if her child is hospitalized or due to a situation, other than illness related to pregnancy, covered by 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 may be suspended corresponds to the number of weeks during which the child is hospitalized. For other possible divisions, a maximum number of weeks during which the leave may be suspended 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 employer. The employee is entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.51 during the suspension.

5-4.10

When the maternity leave suspended or divided under clause 5-4.08 or 5-4.09 resumes, the board shall pay the employee any benefit to which she would have been entitled had she not suspended or divided her maternity leave. The board shall pay the allowance for the number of weeks remaining under clause 5-4.12, 5-4.14 or 5-4.15, as the case may be, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.11

To obtain maternity leave, an employee must give the board written notice at least two (2) weeks before the date of departure. The 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 the case of unforeseen circumstances, the employee shall not be required to give notice, provided she submit a medical certificate to the board attesting to the fact that she must stop working immediately.

Cases Eligible for the Québec Parental Insurance Plan

5-4.12

An employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ and who is eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan shall receive, for the twenty-one (21) weeks of her maternity leave, an allowance based on the following formula²:

- 1) sum of
 - a) the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225); and

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if her absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

² This formula was used to take into account the fact that, in such a case, the employee is exempt from contributing to the pension plans, the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and the Employment Insurance Plan.

- b) the amount equal to eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount determined under subparagraph a) above; and
- 2) from which sum, the amount of maternity or parental benefits that the employee is receiving or would receive under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan after submitting an application is deducted.

The allowance shall be based on the Québec Parental Insurance Plan benefits an employee is entitled to receive, without taking into account the amounts subtracted from those benefits in reimbursement of benefits, interest, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011).

However, if the allowance paid under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan is modified as a result of a change in information provided by the board, the latter shall adjust the allowance accordingly.

An employee who works for more than one employer shall receive a benefit equal to the difference between the amount determined under subparagraph 1) of the first paragraph and the amount of the Québec Parental Insurance Plan benefit corresponding to the proportion of basic weekly salary paid by the board with respect 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 and the amount of benefits payable under the Act respecting parental insurance (CQLR, chapter A-29.011).

5-4.13

The board may not offset, in the benefit it pays to the employee on maternity leave, the reduction in benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan attributable to the salary earned from another employer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the board shall pay the compensation if the employee proves that the salary earned from another employer constitutes usual salary by means of a letter to this effect from the employer who pays the usual salary. If the employee proves that only a portion of the salary is usual, compensation shall be limited to that portion.

The employer who pays the usual salary as mentioned in the preceding paragraph must, at the employee's request, produce such a letter.

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 determined in subparagraph 1) of clause 5-4.12. The formula must be applied to the sum of the basic weekly salaries received from the board as prescribed in clause 5-4.12 or, where applicable, from her employers.

Cases Ineligible for the Québec Parental Insurance Plan but Eligible for the Employment Insurance Plan**5-4.14**

An employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ and who is eligible for benefits under the Employment Insurance Plan, but is not eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan, is entitled to receive during her maternity leave of twenty (20) weeks, an allowance based on the following formula:

- A) for each week of the waiting period prescribed by the Employment Insurance Plan, an allowance calculated as follows²:

sum of

- a) the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225); and
- b) the amount equal to eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount determined under subparagraph a) above;

- B) for each week following the period prescribed in paragraph A), an allowance based on the following formula:

1) sum of

- a) the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225); and
- b) the amount equal to eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount determined under subparagraph a) above;

and

- 2) from which sum, the amount of maternity or parental benefits that the employee is receiving or would receive under the Employment Insurance Plan after submitting an application is deducted.

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if her absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

² This formula was used to take into account the fact that, in such a case, the employee is exempt from contributing to the pension plans, the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and the Employment Insurance Plan.

The benefit is based on the Employment Insurance benefits an employee is entitled to receive without taking into account the amounts subtracted from those benefits in reimbursement of benefits, interest, penalties and other amounts recoverable under the Employment Insurance Plan.

However, if the allowance paid under the Employment Insurance Plan is modified as a result of a change in information provided by the board, the latter shall adjust the allowance accordingly.

If an employee works for more than one employer, the benefit shall be equal to the difference between the amount determined under subparagraph 1) of paragraph B) of this clause and the amount of the Employment Insurance benefits corresponding to the proportion of the basic weekly salary paid by the board with respect 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 of them and the amount of benefits paid by ESDC.

Moreover, if ESDC reduces the number of weeks of Employment Insurance benefits to which the employee would have otherwise 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 paragraph B) as though the employee had received Employment Insurance benefits during that period.

Clause 5-4.13 applies to this clause with the necessary changes.

Cases Ineligible for both the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and the Employment Insurance Plan

5-4.15

An employee excluded from receiving benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and the Employment Insurance Plan shall also be excluded from receiving any allowance prescribed in clauses 5-4.12 and 5-4.14.

However, the employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service¹ is entitled to a benefit based on the following formula for twelve (12) weeks, if she is not receiving benefits under a parental rights plan established by another province or territory:

sum of

- a) the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's basic weekly salary up to two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225); and

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if her absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

- b) the amount equal to eighty-eight percent (88%) of the difference between the employee's basic weekly salary and the amount determined under subparagraph a) above.

The fourth paragraph of clause 5-4.13 applies to this clause with the necessary changes.

5-4.16

In the cases provided for in clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.14 and 5-4.15:

- a) No allowance may be paid during a period of vacation for which the employee is paid.
- b) In the case of an employee eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan, unless the employee is paid weekly, the benefit owing shall be paid at two (2)-week intervals, the first payment being due only fifteen (15) days after the board receives proof that she is receiving benefits from either plan. For purposes of this paragraph, a stub or statement of benefits and information provided by the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale or ESDC to the board in an official statement shall be considered proof.
- c) Service shall be calculated with all the employers in the public and parapublic sectors (education, public service, health and social services), health and social services agencies, all bodies for which, by law, the salary standards and scales are determined according to the 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 referred to 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' service under clauses 5-4.12, 5-4.14 and 5-4.15 is deemed to have been met, where applicable, when the employee meets the requirement with one of the employers mentioned in the paragraph above.

- d) The basic weekly salary of the employee whose weekly working hours are less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, is the average basic weekly salary that she received during the twenty (20) weeks prior to maternity leave.

If, during that period, the employee received benefits based on a certain percentage of her regular salary, it is understood that her basic weekly salary during maternity leave shall be determined using the same base as that used to determine those benefits.

As well, any period during which the employee on special leave as prescribed in clause 5-4.22 does not receive any benefits from the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) shall be excluded in the calculation of her average basic weekly salary.

If the twenty (20)-week period prior to the maternity leave of the employee whose weekly working hours are less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, includes the date of the increase of the salary rates and scales, her basic weekly salary is established on the basis of the salary rate in effect on that date. If, on the other hand, the maternity leave includes that date, the basic weekly salary changes as of that date according to the applicable salary scale adjustment formula.

The provisions of this paragraph d) constitute one of the express stipulations mentioned in clause 5-4.04.

- e) When the employee is temporarily laid off, the maternity leave benefits to which she is entitled under the agreement and paid by the board shall terminate as of the date on which the employee is laid off.

Subsequently, in the case where the employee is recalled under her right of recall as prescribed in the agreement, the maternity leave benefits shall be re-established as of the date on which the employee would have been reinstated in her position or another position.

In both cases, the weeks during which the employee received maternity leave benefits and the weeks included in the layoff period shall be deducted from the number of weeks to which an employee is entitled under clause 5-4.12, 5-4.14 or 5-4.15, as the case may be, and the maternity leave benefits shall be re-established for the number of remaining weeks under clause 5-4.12, 5-4.14 or 5-4.15, as the case may be.

5-4.17

During the maternity leave an employee shall receive the following benefits, provided she is normally entitled to them:

- life insurance plan;
- health insurance plan by paying her share;
- accumulation of vacation and payment made in lieu thereof;
- accumulation of sick-leave days;
- accumulation of seniority;
- accumulation of experience;
- acquiring 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 board in writing of the date of such deferral no later than two (2) weeks before the termination of the said maternity leave.

5-4.18

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 left after the birth.

The employee may also extend her maternity leave if her child's health or her health requires that she do so. The duration of the extension is that 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 allowances or benefits from the school board. During those extensions, the employee is covered by clause 5-4.17 during the first six (6) weeks and subsequently by clause 5-4.51.

5-4.19

Maternity leave may be for a shorter period than that prescribed in clause 5-4.05. An employee who returns to work within two (2) weeks of the birth must, upon the board's request, submit a medical certificate attesting that she has sufficiently recovered to return to work.

5-4.20

The board must send the employee, during the fourth (4th) week before the end of a maternity leave, a notice indicating the date of expiry of the leave.

The employee to whom the board has sent such a notice must report for work on the date of expiry of the maternity leave, unless the leave is extended in the manner prescribed in paragraph c) of clause 5-4.50.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph is deemed to be on leave of absence without salary for a period not exceeding four (4) weeks. An employee who does not report for work at the end of that period is deemed to have resigned.

5-4.21

Upon return from her maternity leave, the employee shall be reinstated in her position. If the position has 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 Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Leaves

Temporary Assignment and Special Leave

5-4.22

An employee may request a temporary assignment to another position, permanently or temporarily vacant, in the same class of employment or, with her consent 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 involve risks of infectious disease or physical danger for her or her unborn child;
- b) her working conditions involve risks for the child whom she is breastfeeding.

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

The board, upon receiving a request for a preventive reassignment, shall inform the union immediately of the employee's name and the reasons supporting the request for preventive reassignment.

An employee assigned to another position shall retain the rights and benefits of her regular position.

If the employee is not assigned immediately, she shall be entitled to special leave beginning immediately. Unless a temporary assignment occurs subsequently to put an end to the special leave, the special leave shall end, for the pregnant employee, on the date of delivery and, for the employee who is breastfeeding, at the end of the period of breastfeeding. However, for employees 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.

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

However, upon a written request to that effect, the board shall pay the employee an advance on the forthcoming compensation, based on the payments that may be anticipated. If the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) pays the anticipated compensation, the reimbursement shall be made from that amount. If not, the reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the agreement until the debt is fully paid. However, if the employee exercises her right to apply for a review of the CNESST decision or to contest the decision before the Tribunal administratif du travail (TAT), reimbursement shall be payable only once the administrative review decision of the CNESST or that of the Tribunal administratif du travail (TAT), as the case may be, is rendered.

Other Special Leaves**5-4.23**

An 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 period prescribed by a medical certificate; the special leave may not extend beyond the beginning of the fourth (4th) week before the expected date of delivery;
- b) upon presentation of a medical certificate prescribing the duration when a natural or induced miscarriage occurs before the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week prior to the expected date of delivery;
- c) for medical visits related to the pregnancy carried out by a health professional and attested to by a medical certificate or a written report signed by a midwife.

5-4.24

In the case of the visits mentioned in subparagraph c) of clause 5-4.23, the employee shall be granted a special leave with salary for a maximum of five (5) days. These special leaves may be taken in half-days.

During the special leaves granted under this section, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.17, if she is normally entitled to them, and in clause 5-4.21 of Section II. An employee covered by clause 5-4.23 may also avail herself of the benefits of the sick-leave or salary insurance plans. However, in the case of subparagraph c) of clause 5-4.23, the employee shall first avail herself of the five (5) days mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Section IV Paternity Leave**5-4.25**

A male 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 also be entitled to this paternity leave in cases where there is a miscarriage after the beginning of the twentieth (20th) week prior to the expected date of delivery. While this 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 gives birth to a child shall also be entitled to this leave if she is deemed to be one of the child's mothers.

5-4.26

A male employee shall also be entitled to paternity leave for the birth of his child for a maximum period of five (5) weeks which, subject to clauses 5-4.27 and 5-4.28, must be taken consecutively. The leave must terminate no later than the expiry of the seventy-eighth (78th) week following the week of the child's birth.

The paternity leave of the employee eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan shall coincide with the period during which paternity benefits granted under either plan are paid and must begin no later than the week following the beginning of benefits payment.

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

5-4.27

If the child is hospitalized, the employee may suspend the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26, upon agreement with the board, and return to work for the period during which the child is hospitalized.

5-4.28

Upon the employee's request, the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26 may be divided into weeks prior to the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks if the child is hospitalized or due to a situation covered by 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 paternity leave is suspended corresponds to the number of weeks during which the child is hospitalized. For any other possible divisions, the maximum number of weeks during which the leave may be suspended 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 board. The employee is covered by clause 5-4.51 during that period.

Upon the employee's request and if the board agrees, the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26 may be divided into weeks prior to the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The second and third paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.29

When the employee resumes the paternity leave suspended or divided under clause 5-4.27 or 5-4.28, the board 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 5-4.26, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.30

An employee who, before the expiry date of his paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26, sends his board a notice accompanied by a medical certificate attesting that the state of health of the child requires it, is entitled to extend his paternity leave for the duration indicated in the medical certificate.

During the extended leave, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the board. The employee shall be covered by clause 5-4.51 during that period.

5-4.31

The employee who takes a paternity leave under clauses 5-4.25 and 5-4.26 shall receive the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.17 insofar as he is normally entitled to them and in clause 5-4.21.

5-4.32

During the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26, the employee who has completed twenty (20) weeks' service¹ shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between his basic weekly salary and the amount of benefits that he is receiving or would receive had he submitted an application for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan.

The second, third and fourth paragraphs of clause 5-4.12 or 5-4.14, as the case may be, and clause 5-4.13 apply to this clause with the necessary changes.

5-4.33

The employee who is not eligible for paternity benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or parental benefits under the Employment Insurance Plan shall receive, during the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26, an allowance equal to his basic weekly salary, if he has completed twenty (20) weeks' service¹.

5-4.34

Clause 5-4.16 applies to the employee who receives the allowances prescribed under clause 5-4.32 or 5-4.33 with the necessary changes.

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if his absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

5-4.35 Notices and Advance Notices**Paternity Leaves**

- a) An employee must send the board, as soon as possible, a notice prior to the leave prescribed in clause 5-4.25.
- b) The leave of absence mentioned in clause 5-4.26 shall be granted upon a written request submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance. The time limit may be shorter, if the birth occurs prior to the anticipated date.

The request must indicate the expected expiry date of the leave.

The employee must report for work upon the expiry of his paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26, unless the leave was extended in the manner prescribed in paragraph c) of clause 5-4.50.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph is deemed on leave without salary for a period not exceeding four (4) weeks. At the end of that period, the employee who has not reported for work is deemed to have resigned.

Section V Leaves for Adoption and Leaves of Absence for Adoption Purposes**5-4.36**

An employee is entitled to a paid leave of a maximum duration of five (5) working days for the adoption of a child other than his or her spouse's child. The leave may be discontinuous, but it may not be taken more than fifteen (15) days after the child's arrival home or with the parent with a view to adopt the child.

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

5-4.37

An employee who adopts a child, other than his or her spouse's child, is entitled to an adoption leave not exceeding five (5) weeks which, subject to clauses 5-4.41 and 5-4.42, must be taken consecutively. The leave must end no later than the end of the seventy-eighth (78th) week following the week of the child's arrival home.

For the employee eligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan, the leave shall be concurrent with the period during which exclusive adoption benefits are paid under either plan and must begin no later than the week following the start of benefits payment.

The leave of an employee who is ineligible for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan must be taken after the child's arrival home or with the parent with a view to adopt the child.

5-4.38

For the purposes of applying clauses 5-4.36 and 5-4.37, the child's arrival is recognized if the following two conditions are met: the child has physically arrived at the family home or has been entrusted to the parent who intends to adopt the child. The employee must provide the employer with proof of his or her intention to adopt the child. The proof may vary depending on the type of adoption in accordance with the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan requirements.

5-4.39

An employee shall receive, during an adoption leave prescribed in clauses 5-4.36, 5-4.37 and 5-4.46, the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.17, provided that he or she is normally entitled to them and shall be reinstated in his or her position; if the position is abolished, the employee is entitled to the benefits he or she would have received had he or she been at work at that time.

5-4.40

During the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37, the employee who has completed twenty (20) weeks' service¹ shall receive an allowance equal to the difference between his or her basic weekly salary and the amount he or she receives or would receive, if he or she applied for benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or the Employment Insurance Plan.

The second, third and fourth paragraphs of clause 5-4.12 or 5-4.14, as the case may be, and clause 5-4.13 apply to this clause with the necessary changes.

5-4.41

If the child is hospitalized, the employee may suspend his or her adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37, upon agreement with the board, and return to work for the period during which the child is hospitalized.

5-4.42

Upon the employee's request, the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37 may be divided into weeks prior to the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks, if his or her child is hospitalized or due to a situation covered by sections 79.1 and 79.8 to 79.12 of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if his or her absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

The maximum number of weeks during which the adoption leave is suspended corresponds to the number of weeks during which the child is hospitalized. For any other possible divisions, the maximum number of weeks during which the leave may be suspended 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 board. The employee is covered by clause 5-4.51 during that period.

Upon the employee's request and if the board agrees, the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37 may be divided into weeks prior to the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The second and third paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.43

When the adoption leave suspended or divided under clause 5-4.41 or 5-4.42 resumes, the board shall pay the employee the benefit to which he or she would have been entitled had he or she not suspended or divided the adoption leave for the number of weeks remaining under clause 5-4.37, subject to clause 5-4.01.

5-4.44

An employee who forwards to the board, prior to the expiry date of his or her adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37, a notice accompanied by a medical certificate attesting that the health of his or her child so requires, is entitled to an extended adoption leave for the duration indicated in the medical certificate.

During such an extension, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the board. The employee shall be covered by clause 5-4.51 during that period.

5-4.45

An employee who is not eligible for adoption benefits under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan or for parental benefits under the Employment Insurance Plan and who adopts a child, other than his or her spouse's child, shall receive during an adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37 a benefit equal to his or her basic weekly salary, if the employee has completed twenty (20) weeks' service¹.

¹ The absent employee shall accumulate service if his or her absence is authorized, particularly for disability, and includes benefits or remuneration.

5-4.46

An employee who 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 following the filing of adoption papers.

5-4.47

Clause 5-4.16 applies to an employee who is entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.40 or 5-4.45 with the necessary changes.

5-4.48

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

The employee who travels outside Québec in order 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 board two (2) weeks in advance, where possible, a leave of absence without salary for the time necessary for such travel.

However, the leave shall end no later than the week following the start of benefits payment under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan and the provisions of clause 5-4.37 apply.

During the leave of absence, the employee shall be entitled to the same benefits as those prescribed in clause 5-4.51.

5-4.49 Notices and Advance Notices**Adoption Leaves**

- a) An employee must send the board, as soon as possible, a notice prior to the leave mentioned in clause 5-4.36.
- b) The leave of absence mentioned in clause 5-4.37 shall be granted upon a written request submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance. The time limit may be shorter, if the birth occurs prior to the anticipated date.

The request must indicate the expected expiry date of the leave.

The employee must report for work upon the expiry of his or her adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37, unless the leave is extended in the manner prescribed in paragraph c) of clause 5-4.50.

The employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph is deemed on leave without salary for a period not exceeding four (4) weeks. At the end of that period, the employee who has not reported for work is deemed to have resigned.

Section VI Leaves of Absence Without Salary and Partial Leaves of Absence Without Salary

5-4.50

a) An employee shall be entitled to one of the following leaves:

- 1) a leave of absence without salary for two (2) years immediately following the maternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.05;
- 2) a leave of absence without salary for two (2) years immediately following the paternity leave prescribed in clause 5-4.26. However, the duration of the leave must not exceed the one hundred and twenty-fifth (125th) week following the birth;
- 3) a leave of absence without salary for two (2) years immediately following the adoption leave prescribed in clause 5-4.37. However, the duration of the leave must not exceed the one hundred and twenty-fifth (125th) week following the child's arrival home;

An employee who holds a position considered for tenure who does not use the leave of absence without salary shall be entitled to a partial leave of absence without salary for a maximum period of two (2) years. The duration of the leave must not exceed the one hundred and twenty-fifth (125th) week following the child's birth or arrival home.

During the leave, the employee shall be entitled, following a written request submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance, to change his or her leave only once:

- i) from a leave without salary to a partial leave without salary or vice versa, as the case may be;
- ii) from a partial leave without salary to a different partial leave without salary.

An employee who holds a position not considered for tenure shall also be entitled to the partial leave of absence without salary. However, the other provisions of the agreement concerning the determination of the number of working hours shall remain applicable.

The employee who does not use his or her leave or partial leave of absence without salary may, for that portion of the leave which his or her spouse does not use, choose to benefit from a leave or a partial leave of absence without salary by following the formalities prescribed.

If the spouse of the employee is not an employee of the public sector, the employee may avail himself or herself of a leave prescribed 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.

- b) The employee who does not use the leave prescribed in paragraph a) of this clause may benefit after the birth or adoption of his or her child from a 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 after 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.
- c) The leave of absence without salary mentioned in this clause shall be granted upon a written request submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance.

The partial leave of absence without salary shall be granted upon a written request submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance.

In the case of the leave of absence without salary or partial leave of absence without salary, the request must specify the date of return to work. It must also specify the schedule of the leave as it relates to the position held by the employee. Should the board disagree on the number of days of leave per week, the employee shall be entitled to a maximum of two and a half (2 1/2) days per week or the equivalent for up to two (2) years. The employee and the board may agree at any time on the rescheduling of the partial leave of absence without salary.

5-4.51

During the leave of absence without salary, the employee shall accumulate his or her seniority, retain his or her experience and shall continue to participate in the basic health insurance plan applicable to him or her by paying his or her share of the required premiums for the first sixty-five (65) weeks of the leave and the total amount of the premiums for the following weeks. Moreover, he or she may, by so requesting at the beginning of the said leave, continue to participate in the complementary insurance plans, provided that he or she pay the total amount of the required premiums. He or she may apply for a position which is posted and obtain it in accordance with the provisions of the agreement as if he or she were at work.

¹ Subject to the provisions of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

During the partial leave of absence without salary, the employee shall also accumulate his or her seniority and, in carrying out a workload, he or she shall be governed by the rules applicable to an employee whose regular workweek includes fewer hours than those prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.¹

Subject to a specific provision of the agreement, during the leave of absence without salary or the partial leave of absence without salary, 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 of absence without salary or a partial leave of absence without salary.

5-4.52

Upon the employee's request, a full-time leave without salary prescribed in clause 5-4.50 may be divided into weeks prior to the end of the first sixty-five (65) weeks, if the employee's child is hospitalized or because of a situation covered by 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 is equal to the number of weeks during which the child is hospitalized. For any other possible divisions, the maximum number of weeks during which the leave may be suspended is prescribed in the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) for such a situation.

During those suspensions, the employee is considered on leave without salary and shall not receive any allowances or benefits from the board. The employee is entitled to the benefits prescribed in clause 5-4.51 during those suspensions.

Upon the employee's request and if the board agrees, the full-time leave without salary prescribed in clause 5-4.50 may be divided into weeks prior to the expiry of the first sixty-five (65) weeks. The second and third paragraphs of this clause do not apply to this paragraph.

5-4.53

The employee may take his or her deferred annual vacation immediately prior to his or her leave of absence without salary or partial leave of absence without salary provided that there is no interruption with his paternity leave, her maternity leave or his or her adoption leave, as the case may be.

¹ This paragraph shall not cause an employee who works less than twenty hours (20) hours for technical and paratechnical support positions and administrative support positions or less than twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes for labour support positions to lose the status of employee holding a position considered for tenure.

5-4.54

The employee to whom the board has given a four (4) weeks' notice indicating the date on which the leave without salary terminates must give a notice of his or her return at least two (2) weeks before the termination of the leave. If the employee does not report for work on the date prescribed, the employee shall be considered as having resigned.

5-4.55

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

On returning to the board from a full-time leave without salary or a partial leave without salary, the employee shall be entitled to a position assigned under article 5-10.00.

5-4.56

A leave without salary or a partial leave without salary for a maximum of one year shall be granted to an employee whose minor child suffers from socioemotional problems or whose minor child is handicapped or is suffering from a lengthy illness and who requires his or her care.

Section VII Miscellaneous Provisions**5-4.57**

An employee who is entitled to a premium for regional disparities under the agreement shall receive the premium during her maternity leave prescribed in Section II.

Similarly, the employee who is entitled to a premium for regional disparities under the agreement shall receive such a premium for the weeks during which he or she receives an indemnity, as the case may be, prescribed in clause 5-4.26 or 5-4.37.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total amounts received by the employee as Employment Insurance benefits, allowances and premiums cannot exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the amount of her basic salary and the premium for regional disparities.

5-5.00 PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**5-5.01**

The board shall recognize 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 extends from the declaration of the elections to the tenth (10th) day which follows the election day or for any other shorter period situated between these events.

5-5.03

The regular employee who does not report to work within the time allotted shall be considered as having resigned.

5-5.04

The 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.

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.

Within twenty-one (21) days of the expiry of his or her mandate, the employee must inform the board of his or her decision to return to work; failing this, he or she shall be considered as having resigned.

On returning to the board, the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position, if it has not been abolished or filled on a permanent basis during his or her absence.

5-6.00 VACATION**5-6.01**

During each fiscal year, an employee shall be entitled, based on his or her active service for the preceding fiscal year, to an annual vacation period the duration of which is determined under clauses 5-6.08 and 5-6.09.

Despite paragraph D) of clause 2-1.01 and for the sole purpose of applying this article, active service is the period during which the employee's salary is maintained or he or she has actually worked for the board, school boards or school service centres (institutions) to which the latter is the successor, since his or her last engagement. An employee shall acquire a year of active service if his or her salary has been maintained or if he or she has actually worked during two hundred sixty (260) days. The employee whose working hours are less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, the compilation shall be prorated.

Any period during which an employee's salary is maintained shall constitute active service.

5-6.02

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

The employee who is absent from work because of an illness or a work accident when he or she is scheduled to take his or her vacation may defer his or her vacation to another period in the same fiscal year or, if he or she has not returned to work at the end of the fiscal year, to another period in a subsequent fiscal year, determined after agreement between the employee and the board.

In exceptional cases, should an employee become disabled between the last day of work and the beginning of the vacation period, he or she may inform the board of his or her intent to defer the vacation period, provided he or she submit a medical certificate.

An employee absent from work for reasons related to parental rights who wants to postpone his or her vacation must refer to the provisions under article 5-4.00.

5-6.03

Any period of time during which the employee receives his or her salary shall constitute active service. However, the length of the vacation period shall not be reduced in the case of one or more periods of disability up to a maximum of two hundred and forty-two (242) working days per fiscal year, a leave of absence without salary for a maximum period of twenty (20) working days as well as the working days included during the temporary layoff period under article 7-2.00.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, no more than two hundred and forty-two (242) days of active service per disability period may be counted even if that period extends beyond one fiscal year.

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

5-6.04

The vacation period shall be determined in the following manner:

- a) before May 1 of each year, the board may, after consulting the union or group of unions concerned, establish a period of total or partial shutdown of its activities for a maximum period of ten (10) working days. The shutdown period may be longer than ten (10) working days, provided the union agrees. Every employee affected by the total or partial shutdown must take all the vacation to which he or she is entitled during 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) when, by virtue of the preceding subparagraph, the board establishes a total or partial shutdown of its activities, the regular employee affected by the shutdown who does not have a sufficient number of vacation days to his or her credit to cover the shutdown period may, upon a written request to the board, borrow vacation days from those of the following year. Such anticipated vacation days shall be deducted automatically from the vacation days accumulated for the following fiscal year and may be recovered in the event of the employee's departure;
- c) employees usually take their vacation during the months of July and August; however, an employee may take his or her vacation outside of July and August if the requirements of this clause are met;
- d) before May 15 of each year, employees shall choose their vacation dates and the latter shall be distributed by taking into account the seniority of the employees in the same office, department, school or adult education centre, where applicable.

However, the employee who does not submit his or her vacation choices before May 15 shall lose his or her priority in the selection of vacation.

Nevertheless, an employee who holds or occupies a position in the day care services and school settings sector or in the special education sector must take his or her vacation when students are not present, regardless of clause 5-6.05. An employee may also use vacation days to delay or avoid a temporary layoff or to advance his or her return after a layoff;

- e) the employees' vacation choices shall be submitted to the board for approval and the latter shall take into account the needs of the office, department, school or adult education centre involved. The board must confirm to the employee, in writing, acceptance or refusal of the vacation choices no later than June 15. Failure to receive written confirmation from the board, vacation choices shall be considered approved;
- f) once the vacation period has been approved by the board, one change is possible when requested by an employee if the needs of the office, department, school or adult education centre involved so allow and if the change does not affect the vacation periods of other employees.

5-6.05

The employee must take his or her vacation in periods of at least five (5) consecutive days. However, the employee may use a maximum of five (5) days of his or her annual vacation in a non-consecutive manner, one day at a time, subject to the consent of the board which shall take into account the needs of the office, department, school or adult education centre concerned.

If the board requires an employee to work during his or her scheduled vacation period for at least five (5) consecutive working days during the summer, he or she shall be entitled to take at least five (5) consecutive working days of vacation outside the summer period, provided he or she gives a ten (10)-day notice.

5-6.06

The employee on vacation shall continue to receive the salary regularly paid to him or her under article 6-7.00. However, an employee may request that his or her salary for the entire vacation period be paid to him or her prior to his or her departure, provided it is for five (5) days or more.

5-6.07

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

5-6.08

- A) Subject to the provisions of clause 5-6.09 concerning the reduction in vacation, the employee shall benefit from:
- 1) the number of vacation days indicated in the table in clause 5-6.09 if he or she has less than one year of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 2) 20 working days of vacation if he or she has less than 17 years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 3) 21 working days of vacation if he or she has 17 years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 4) 22 working days of vacation if he or she has 19 years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 5) 23 working days of vacation if he or she has 21 years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 6) 24 working days of vacation if he or she has 23 years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 7) 25 working days of vacation if he or she has 25 years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition.
- B) As of July 1, 2024 and subject to the provisions of clause 5-6.09 concerning the reduction in vacation, the employee shall benefit from:
- 1) the number of vacation days indicated in the table in clause 5-6.09 if he or she has less than one year of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
 - 2) twenty (20) working days of vacation if he or she has less than fifteen (15) years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;

- 3) twenty-one (21) working days of vacation if he or she has fifteen (15) years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 4) twenty-two (22) working days of vacation if he or she has sixteen (16) years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 5) twenty-three (23) working days of vacation if he or she has seventeen (17) years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 6) twenty-four (24) working days of vacation if he or she has eighteen (18) years of seniority on June 30 of the year of acquisition;
- 7) twenty-five (25) working days of vacation if he or she has nineteen (19) years of seniority or more on June 30 of the year of acquisition.

5-6.09

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

			Normal duration of vacation based on employee's seniority					
Total number of days of active service during year of acquisition			20 days	21 days	22 days	23 days	24 days	25 days
5	to	10	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
11	to	32	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
33	to	54	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
55	to	75	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.5
76	to	97	7.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.5
98	to	119	8.5	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.5
120	to	140	10.0	11.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	13.0
141	to	162	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.5	14.0	15.0
163	to	184	13.5	14.0	14.5	15.5	16.0	17.0
185	to	205	15.0	16.0	17.0	17.5	18.0	19.0
206	to	227	17.0	17.5	18.5	19.0	20.0	21.0
228	to	241	18.5	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0
242	or more		20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0

5-6.10

When an employee leaves the board 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 TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT, SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES AND PROFESSIONAL INDUCTION¹**5-7.01**

The board and the union recognize the importance of ensuring the training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction of employees.

5-7.02

Professional improvement activities include any activity which enables an employee to acquire techniques and skills so that he or she may better perform his or her duties.

5-7.03

Training activities include any activity which enables an employee to obtain a diploma.

5-7.04

Training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction shall be the responsibility of the board and the training and professional improvement programs shall be developed by the board according to its needs and those of its employees.

5-7.05

Within thirty (30) days of the board's or union's written request, the parties shall set up a training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction committee; the committee shall be composed of two (2) representatives of the board and two (2) representatives of the union and may establish appropriate rules for its internal management.

5-7.06

The duties of the training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction committee shall be to collaborate in the establishment of a policy related to the training and professional improvement of its employees, to collaborate in the development of training and professional improvement programs, to study the requests for training and professional improvement submitted by employees and to make any recommendation to the board, particularly with respect to the distribution and use of training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction budgets.

¹ For the purposes of this article, FTE means the summation of hours of the workweek of all employees divided by the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, based on the latest available data.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the board shall provide the committee with a report on the achievements of the previous fiscal year including, among others, the amounts allocated for training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction. In addition, the board shall forward to the committee the amounts allocated for training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees and professional induction for the current fiscal year no later than December 1.

5-7.07

When a board requests an employee to take professional improvement courses, it must reimburse him or her for the costs, according to the norms established by the board, upon presentation of an attestation to the effect that he or she has attended the courses diligently. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other amount of money from another source for this purpose, he or she must give the board any amount thus received.

When the board asks an employee to participate in professional induction activities, it must reimburse the costs according to the norms established by the board, upon presentation of an attestation proving that he or she has participated in the activities diligently. In the case where an employee receives an allowance or any other amount of money from another source, he or she must give the board any amount thus received.

When the board organizes training, professional improvement, supervision of trainees or professional induction activities in which an employee is required to participate, the board shall favour the holding of such activities during working time based on its needs and the requirements of the office, department, school or centre concerned.

Amounts related to professional improvement following the implementation of a technological change defined in clause 8-7.01 shall not be part of the amounts mentioned in clause 5-7.10.

The costs related to refresher courses to update skills acquired in first aid courses shall be assumed by the board and normally offered during working hours when these are part of the required qualifications prescribed in the Classification Plan. The employee who attends the refresher courses outside of his or her regular work hours shall be paid at the single rate.

5-7.08

The courses offered by the board, 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 to those who take them an opportunity for professional improvement or an increase in their educational qualifications;
- b) registration by the general public has priority;
- c) such a benefit does not oblige the board to organize courses;
- d) the courses be taken outside the employee's working hours.

5-7.09

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board shall allow an employee to complete the training and professional improvement activities already begun under the same conditions.

5-7.10

For the purpose of applying this article, the board shall have available, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to sixty dollars (\$60) per full-time equivalent (FTE). The board shall also receive, for each fiscal year of the collective agreement, forty dollars (\$40) per full-time equivalent (FTE). The board shall decide how the money will be spent. For the Central Québec School Board (territory of the service area of the localities of Chibougamau and Chapais, Schefferville and Kawawachikamach), Eastern Shores and Western Québec School Boards (territory of the localities of Témiscaming, Val d'Or and Rouyn-Noranda), the amounts prescribed in this paragraph shall be increased by fifty percent (50%). These amounts shall be determined at the beginning of each fiscal year.

The amounts not used for one fiscal year shall be added to those prescribed for the following fiscal year.

5-7.11

The Lester B. Pearson School Board shall also have available, for each fiscal year, an amount equal to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15 000) for employees working in the day care services and school settings sector or in the special education sector to offer training and professional improvement to staff working with students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties and at-risk students.

In order to offer training to all staff working with students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties, the board shall have available, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to ninety dollars (\$90) per full-time equivalent (FTE)¹. The amount shall be calculated at the beginning of each fiscal year.

The amounts not used for one fiscal year shall be added to those prescribed for the following fiscal year.

5-7.12

In order to provide support to trainees and promote professional induction, the board shall have available, for each fiscal year of the agreement, an amount equal to ninety (\$90) per full-time equivalent (FTE). The amount shall be calculated at the beginning of each fiscal year.

¹ The classes of employment considered for determining the amount are the following: educator in school setting, educator in school setting, principal class, attendant for handicapped students, student supervisor, interpreter-technician, social work technician, braille technician, special education technician, technician in day care service and school setting.

The amounts not used for one fiscal year shall be added to those prescribed for the following fiscal year.

5-8.00 CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY

5-8.01

The board 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 board shall agree to indemnify the employee against any liability imposed by judgement for loss or damage resulting from actions, other than those involving serious fault or gross negligence, committed by the employee as a result of or in the course of the performance of his or her duties 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 board a written account of the facts surrounding any claim made against him or her as soon as it is reasonably possible;
- b) he or she has not admitted responsibility with regard to such a claim;
- c) he or she surrender to the board, 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 board for this purpose.

5-8.03

The employee shall have the right to engage a lawyer, at his or her own expense, and to have him or her assist the lawyer chosen by the board.

5-8.04

As soon as the civil responsibility of the board is admitted or established by a court of law, the board 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 board except in the case of serious fault or gross negligence by the employee. In the case where an employee holds an insurance policy which covers the total or partial loss, theft or destruction of his or her belongings, the board shall only pay the employee the excess of the actual loss incurred after the compensation is paid by the insurer.

5-8.05

Only the employee whose class of employment so provides may be required to administer first aid to a student or to any other person who is ill or injured.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the board may assign the duty to an employee who accepts it. In this case, an employee who takes first-aid courses at the request of the board shall be reimbursed under clause 5-7.07. If an employee takes the first-aid courses during his or her regular working hours, he or she may be absent without incurring a loss of salary.

5-8.06

Clauses 5-8.01 and 5-8.02 apply to every employee whom the board asks to distribute medication to a student according to written instructions and upon the written authorization of a parent or a person who has custody of the child.

For the purpose of applying the preceding paragraph, the board shall draw up, in consultation with the union, a policy concerning the distribution and storage of medication.

5-9.00 WORK ACCIDENTS AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES**5-9.01**

The following provisions apply to the employee who suffers a work accident, an employment injury or occupational disease covered by the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001).

The board shall apply the provisions of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001) as regards an employee, his or her rights, benefits and advantages which are superior or in addition to those prescribed in this article.

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., c. A-3) as well as by clauses 5-9.01 to 5-9.06 of the *Provisions constituting the 1983-1985 collective agreements*; moreover, the employee shall benefit from the provisions of clauses 5-9.13 to 5-9.19 of this article by making the necessary changes.

5-9.02

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 the provisions of the Act apply to the board.

Definitions

5-9.03

For the purposes 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 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 or occupied 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) **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;
- F) **occupational disease:** a disease contracted out of or in the course of work and characteristic of that work or directly related to the risks peculiar to that work.

Miscellaneous Provisions

5-9.04

An employee must inform the board of the details concerning the work accident or employment injury before leaving the establishment where he or she works, if he or she is able to do so or as soon as possible. Moreover, the employee shall give the board a medical certificate required by law, if the employment injury which he or she suffered renders him or her unable to perform his or her duties beyond the day on which it manifested itself.

5-9.05

The board must immediately provide first aid to an employee who has suffered an employment injury and, wherever required, transportation to a health establishment, to a health professional or to the employee's residence as required by his or her condition.

5-9.06

The cost of transportation of the employee shall be assumed by the board, which shall reimburse it, if such is the case, to the person who incurred it.

5-9.07

The cost of medical aid shall not be borne by the employee.

The employee shall be entitled to receive care from the health professional of his or her choice and from the health establishment of his or her choice. If the employee is unable to express his or her choice before being transported to a health establishment, he or she must accept the health establishment chosen by the board.

5-9.08

First-aid services shall be placed at the disposal of employees according to current practices.

5-9.09

The board may require an employee who has suffered an employment injury to undergo an examination by a health professional that it designates, but it must not require more than one medical examination.

However, if according to the physician in charge of the employee, the employee's employment injury would not be consolidated within fourteen (14) full days after the date on which he or she became unable to carry on his or her employment because of his or her injury, the board may require no more than one medical examination per month for an assessment of when the injury will consolidate.

The board which requires its employee to undergo a medical examination shall give him or her the reasons therefor.

It shall assume the cost of the examination and the expenses incurred by the employee to go for his or her examination.

5-9.10

The employee who receives an isolation and remoteness premium must refer to article 6-8.00 in order to validate whether he or she will continue to receive such a premium.

Group Plans

5-9.11

An employee who suffers an employment injury entitling him or her to an income replacement indemnity shall remain covered by the life insurance plan prescribed in clause 5-3.25, by the health insurance plan prescribed in clause 5-3.27 as well as by the provisions relating to complementary insurance plans.

The employee shall also benefit, without losing any rights, from the waiver of his or her contributions to the pension plan (TPP, RREGOP, CSSP or PPMP). The provisions concerning the waiver of such contributions are an integral part of the pension plan provisions and the resulting costs shall be shared as that of any other benefit.

The waiver mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall no longer apply as of the consolidation of the employment injury.

As an exception to the provisions stipulated in article 5-3.00, the regular employee whom the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) has declared healed shall benefit, for the period between the date of healing of the employment injury and the end of the twenty-fourth (24th) month following the employment injury, from the provisions of the salary insurance plan described in subparagraph a), b) or c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34, insofar as he or she is totally incapable of performing the usual duties of his or her position or any other position offered under clause 5-9.13 and following clauses of this article. At the end of that period, the employee shall become an insured person and shall benefit, if applicable, from subparagraph d) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34.

During that period, if the employee is entitled to the income replacement indemnity by virtue of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001), his or her salary insurance benefits shall be reduced accordingly.

Salary

5-9.12

As long as an employee is entitled to the income replacement indemnity but no later than the date of consolidation of the employment injury he or she has suffered, he or she shall be entitled to his or her salary as if he or she were at work, subject to the following provisions:

His or her taxable gross salary shall be determined in the following manner: the board shall deduct the equivalent of all amounts required by law and the agreement, if need be; the net salary thus obtained shall be reduced by the income replacement indemnity and the difference shall be brought to a taxable gross salary on the basis of which the board shall deduct all amounts, contributions and dues required by law and the agreement.

Subject to the foregoing, the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) shall reimburse the board the amount corresponding to the income replacement indemnity set by the CNESST. If the income replacement indemnity exceeds, where applicable, the net salary which the board must pay an employee, the excess shall belong to the employee.

The employee must sign the forms required for the reimbursement. The waiver shall only be valid for the period during which the board has agreed to pay the benefits.

Provisions relating to workers' compensation for employment injuries cannot have the effect of granting an employee a benefit that the employee would not have received had he or she remained at work.

Right to Return to Work

5-9.13

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 he or she 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 board without delay.

5-9.14

The employee whose employment injury has healed and who is again able to carry out the duties he or she held or occupied prior to his or her absence shall be entitled to resume his or her position, subject to the provisions of article 7-3.00.

5-9.15

Although an employee is unable to resume his or her duties because of an employment injury but can use his or her remaining ability and qualifications to work, he or she shall be entitled to hold a suitable available position in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in clause 5-9.16.

5-9.16

The exercise of the right mentioned in clause 5-9.15 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A) the position to be filled must comply with the provisions of clause 7-1.04 of the agreement, subject to the provisions contained in this clause;
- B) the employee shall apply for the position in writing and shall exercise the right to the step prescribed in paragraph c) of the hiring sequence under clause 7-1.04 and to every other subsequent step, if need be;
- C) the employee must have the required qualifications and must meet the other requirements determined by the board;
- D) the employee shall obtain the position if he or she has the most seniority from among the candidates;
- E) the employee may only exercise his or her right during the two (2) years immediately following the beginning of his or her absence or during the year following the date of consolidation, according to the more remote date.

5-9.17

The employee who obtains a position under clause 5-9.15 shall benefit, where applicable, from the provisions of paragraph b) of clause 6-2.17 concerning involuntary demotion; in the case where an income replacement indemnity is paid to an employee, the amounts payable under paragraph b) of clause 6-2.17 shall be reduced accordingly.

Particular Provisions**5-9.18**

An employee who receives a notice stating that he or she must appear before the Bureau d'évaluation médicale (BEM), a medical arbitration hearing or the Tribunal administratif du travail (TAT) may be absent from work without loss of salary for the time deemed necessary by the competent authority. The employee must notify his or her immediate superior and produce the proof or attestation of these facts.

5-9.19

If the employee who has suffered an employment injury returns to work, the board shall pay him or her a net salary, within the meaning of the Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases (CQLR, chapter A-3.001), for each day or part of day he or she must be absent from work to receive care or undergo medical examinations related to his or her employment injury or to carry out an activity which is part of his or her personal rehabilitation program.

5-9.20

In the case of a temporary employee, he or she shall be reinstated in the temporary assignment he or she had before his or her work accident or occupational disease if he or she is again able to carry on his or her employment before the end of the period foreseen for his or her hiring.

5-10.00 LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT SALARY**5-10.01**

The board shall grant a regular employee a leave of absence without salary for reasons which it deems valid for a maximum period of twelve (12) consecutive months; the leave of absence may be renewed.

The leave referred to in the preceding paragraph may be on a full-time basis or part-time basis in complete days.

In the case of a part-time leave of absence without salary, the employee concerned shall only be entitled to the benefits applicable to him or her proportionately to his or her workdays as compared to the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.¹

5-10.02

The board must grant a tenured regular employee a full-time leave of absence without salary for at least one month, but not exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months, if the board can use a surplus tenured regular employee in the position of the employee on a leave of absence without salary, provided that the surplus tenured regular employee meets the qualifications required by the Classification Plan and the specific requirements of the position. The leave shall be renewable provided that the same conditions are met.

5-10.03

The board shall grant an unpaid leave to allow a regular employee to follow his or her spouse who would be transferred temporarily for a period not exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months; the leave may be renewed.

¹ This paragraph shall not cause an employee who works less than twenty (20) hours for technical and paratechnical support positions and administrative support positions or less than twenty-two (22) hours and ten (10) minutes for labour support positions to lose the status of employee holding a position considered for tenure.

5-10.04

The board shall grant a regular employee a full-time or part-time leave of absence without salary for educational purposes. The leave of absence may be renewed. The leave of absence shall be granted, subject to the provisions of clauses 5-10.09 and 5-10.10 with the exception of the first paragraph.

5-10.05

The request for a leave of absence without salary or for a renewal of a leave of absence without salary must be made in writing and must state the reasons therefor.

5-10.06

During his or her absence, the employee must continue to participate in the basic health insurance plan, provided that he or she pay the total amount of the required premiums and contributions, including the board's share. Moreover, the employee may continue to participate in the complementary plans and in the supplemental pension plan, provided that the regulations of the said plans so allow and that he or she pay the total amount of the required premiums and contributions.

5-10.07

Upon his or her return, an employee shall be reinstated in his or her position unless it was abolished during his or her absence or he or she was displaced as a result of the application of the provisions of article 7-3.00.

5-10.08

In the case of a resignation, during or at the end of the leave of absence, the employee shall reimburse the board for any amount paid for and in the name of the employee.

5-10.09

The employee who uses his or her leave of absence for purposes other than those for which he or she obtained it shall be considered as having resigned as of the beginning of his or her absence.

5-10.10

After five (5) years of service with the board and, subsequently, after any period of at least five (5) years of service thereafter, a regular employee shall obtain a full-time or part-time leave without salary for a minimum period of one month, but without exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months.

In order to obtain the leave, the employee must make a request to the board in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the date on which the leave begins and specify the duration thereof.

Clauses 5-10.06, 5-10.07, 5-10.08, 5-10.11 and 5-10.12 apply to such a leave.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the board deems it necessary to replace the employee who requests a leave and is unable to find a temporary employee, it may defer the leave to another date.

Moreover, if more than one employee at a time in the same office, department, school or adult education centre also wishes to take such a leave, the board may defer the leave to another date; it shall then proceed according to seniority.

In both cases, the board and the employee shall agree on the effective date of such a leave.

5-10.11

In the case where a part-time leave of absence without salary is granted under this article, the board and the employee must agree on the schedule of the leave and on the other terms and conditions of its application.

5-10.12

An employee may, for reasons beyond his or her control and having a monetary impact, terminate any leave without salary before the date foreseen by giving the board a written notice at least thirty (30) days before his or her return.

5-11.00 SABBATICAL LEAVE WITH DEFERRED SALARY

5-11.01

Following a regular employee's written request, the board may grant a sabbatical leave with deferred salary under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) the leave is intended to enable a regular employee to spread his or her salary over a determined period in order to avail himself or herself of a sabbatical leave with salary;
- 2) the leave shall not have the effect of paying the employee benefits upon retirement nor of deferring income tax;
- 3) the board shall reply in writing no later than thirty (30) days after receiving the regular employee's request;
- 4) the board and the regular employee shall agree on the duration of the leave and the duration of participation in the plan (contract);
- 5) the board and the regular employee shall sign, where applicable, the contract contained in Appendix VI;

- 6) the regular employee receiving salary insurance benefits or on a leave without salary at the time of the coming into force of the contract contained in Appendix VI shall not be eligible. Subsequently, the pertinent provisions of the contract apply.

5-11.02

The sabbatical leave applies only for the period of the contract and the duration of the leave as determined in the following table and according to the percentages of salary paid during the contract:

Duration of leave	Period of 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%

5-11.03

A regular employee must return to work at the end of his or her sabbatical leave for a period at least equal to the duration of the leave.

5-11.04

The employee who obtained a sabbatical leave with deferred salary by virtue of the former collective agreement shall continue to be governed by the provisions that were applicable to him or her.

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**

Within sixty (60) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the board shall confirm the class of employment of every employee on that date.

6-1.02

The confirmation shall conform with the class of employment titles found in Appendix I of the agreement.

Determination of the Class of Employment During the Agreement**6-1.03**

At the time of hiring, an employee shall be classified in one of the classes of employment found in the Classification Plan.

6-1.04

In all cases, the board shall assign a class of employment based on the nature of the work and on the characteristic functions that the employee is principally and customarily required to perform.

6-1.05

At the time of hiring, the employee shall be informed in writing of his or her status, classification, salary, step, date of advancement in first step and job description.

6-1.06

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

6-1.07

An employee who obtains a new position as a result of the application of the provisions 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 different from the one obtained shall be entitled to the provisions of clause 6-1.08.

An employee may file a grievance according to the usual procedure within ninety (90) days after he or she obtains the position. In the case of arbitration, the provisions of clause 9-3.01 apply.

Changes in Duties**6-1.08**

- a) An employee who claims that the duties he or she must perform principally and customarily as required by the board correspond to a class of employment different from the one assigned and who has the required qualifications may request to be reclassified.

Reclassification requests shall be discussed during meetings of the Labour Relations Committee prescribed in article 4-1.00.

If the board agrees to the request, the employee shall be confirmed in his or her position and new class of employment, provided that the position has not been abolished.

The employee shall receive the salary applicable to the new class of employment, where applicable, as of the date on which the board receives his or her request for reclassification.

- b) Failing this, if within sixty (60) days of the request prescribed in paragraph a) of this clause, the board does not agree to the request, the employee who claims that the duties he or she must perform principally and customarily as required by the board correspond to a class of employment different from the one assigned may file a grievance according to the usual procedure. The grievance shall be comparable to a continuous grievance but may not have a retroactive effect to more than thirty (30) working days from the date of its filing.

The fact that these changes occurred during the term of the former collective agreement cannot invalidate the grievance provided that the latter was filed within ninety (90) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

6-1.09

The arbitrator who upholds the grievance filed by virtue of the provisions of clause 6-1.07 or 6-1.08 shall only have the power to grant a monetary compensation equal to the difference between the employee's salary and the higher salary corresponding to the class of employment, which duties the employee proved that he or she performed principally and customarily as required by the board.

For the purposes of determining the monetary compensation, the arbitrator must render a decision in keeping with the Classification Plan and must establish the similarity between the employee's characteristic functions and those prescribed in the Classification Plan. The terms and conditions for determining the monetary compensation are those prescribed in clause 6-2.15.

6-1.10

If the arbitrator cannot establish the similarity referred to in clause 6-1.09, 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 contained in the agreement and shall agree, if need be, on the class of employment on the basis of which the said compensation shall be determined for the purpose of applying the provisions of clause 6-1.07 or 6-1.08;
- b) failing an agreement, the union affected by the arbitral decision may request that the arbitrator determine the monetary compensation; in this case, the arbitrator shall choose, from among the salary scales of the agreement, the salary that is closest to the salary prescribed for duties similar to those of the employee concerned in the public and parapublic sectors.

6-1.11

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the board decides to maintain a position for which the arbitrator was not able to establish similarity, it shall approach the provincial negotiating employer group so that the latter may create a new class of employment which at least includes the characteristic functions of the position. The procedures prescribed in clauses 6-1.14 and 6-1.15 shall then apply.

6-1.12

As long as the class of employment has not been created and the salary has not been determined, the employee concerned shall continue to receive the monetary compensation prescribed in clause 6-1.09 or 6-1.10, while he or she occupies or holds the said position.

6-1.13

Following the application of the provisions of clause 6-1.09 or the creation of a new class of employment under clause 6-1.11, as the case may be, if the board has not re-established the employee's duties to those prior to the grievance within thirty (30) days of the decision, the employee shall obtain automatically the class of employment corresponding to the duties he or she performed principally and customarily; in which case the provisions of clause 6-2.15 apply, as of the date of the reclassification, if the reclassification constitutes a promotion.

Creation of a New Class of Employment or Changes in Duties or Qualifications**6-1.14**

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

6-1.15

If, during the forty (40) working days of the notice of the creation of the new class of employment or the notification of a change made by the provincial negotiating employer group, the provincial negotiating union group cannot agree on the salary rate proposed by the provincial negotiating employer group, the provincial negotiating union group may within twenty (20) working days submit a grievance directly to arbitration according to the procedure prescribed in clause 9-3.01. The arbitrator must render a decision on the new rate by taking into account the rates in effect for similar positions in the public and parapublic sectors.

6-1.16

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

6-1.17

The employee concerned shall not be demoted as a result of the application of the provisions of clause 6-1.14.

6-2.00 DETERMINATION OF STEP**On the Date of the Coming into Force of the Agreement****6-2.01**

For the purposes of determining the salary step applicable to every employee in its employ on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the board shall, on the following April 1, integrate every employee into the step of his or her salary scale found in Appendix I of the agreement. The step shall be the one that the board recognized for him or her on the day preceding the date of the coming into force of the agreement by applying his or her corresponding salary scale in effect on that date.

6-2.02

In the case where an employee is integrated from a corresponding salary scale into a class of employment applicable to him or her on the day preceding the date of the coming into force of the agreement different from the one into which he or she is integrated on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, within the context of clause 6-1.01, the employee shall be integrated into the step obtained by applying clause 6-2.15, 6-2.16 or 6-2.17, as the case may be.

For the purposes of applying the first paragraph of this clause, the employee whose salary rate, while not overscale, is situated between two (2) steps on the day preceding the date of the coming into force of the agreement is deemed, on that date, as having the step immediately higher.

At the Time of Hiring**6-2.03**

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 the terms and conditions provided hereafter.

6-2.04

A step usually corresponds to one complete year of recognized experience. It shall denote a salary rate within the scales found in Appendix I.

6-2.05

A person who has only the minimum required qualifications prescribed in the Classification Plan to access a class of employment shall be hired in the first step of that class.

6-2.06

However, an employee who has more years of experience than the minimum required for his or her class of employment shall be granted one step per additional year of experience, provided that the experience be deemed valid and directly relevant to the duties outlined in his or her class of employment.

In order to be recognized for the purposes of determining the step in a class of employment, the experience must be relevant and must have been acquired with the board or with another employer in a class of employment of an equivalent or higher level than that 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.

6-2.07

Furthermore, an employee who has successfully completed more years of schooling than the minimum required in an officially recognized institution shall be granted two (2) steps for each year of schooling in addition to the minimum required, provided that the studies be deemed directly relevant by the board and that they be greater than the qualifications required in terms of the schooling for the class of employment assigned.

Advancement in Step**6-2.08**

The period of time spent in a step shall usually be one year and each step shall correspond to one year of experience.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary and except in cases where a change in step results from a promotion (6-2.15), transfer (6-2.16), demotion (6-2.17) or recognition of additional schooling (6-2.13), no advancement in step shall be granted during the period from January 1 to December 31, 1983 and the step thus lost may not, under any circumstances, be recovered by the employee as long as he or she remains in the employ of the board.

Moreover, the months included between January 1 and December 31, 1983 cannot be taken into account in determining a step.

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 employee who is temporarily laid off pursuant to article 7-2.00 shall be considered as being in the service of the board during that period for the purposes of determining the date of advancement in step as well as for the purposes of advancement in step.

6-2.10

The first advancement in step shall be granted on January 1 or July 1 which follows by at least nine (9) months the effective date of entry into service.

6-2.11

The advancement from one step to another shall be granted unless the employee's performance is unsatisfactory.

6-2.12

If the advancement in step is not granted, the board 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 board.

6-2.13

The advancement in two (2) additional steps shall be granted on the advancement date foreseen when the employee has successfully completed professional improvement studies equivalent to one year of full-time studies, provided that the studies be deemed directly relevant by the board and that they be greater than the qualifications required in terms of schooling for the class of employment in which the employee belongs.

6-2.14

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 Step at the Time of a Promotion, a Transfer or a Demotion**6-2.15****At the Time of a Promotion (including a temporary assignment)**

When an employee is promoted, his or her step in the new class of employment shall be determined according to the more advantageous of the following formulas:

a) i) Technical Support and Administrative Support Positions

An employee shall be placed in the step in which the salary is immediately above that 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 the increase has the effect of giving the promoted employee a rate higher than that of the last step in the scale, the salary rate of the employee shall be that of the last step of the scale and the difference between the rate of the last step and the higher rate shall be paid to him or her in a lump sum.

ii) Labour Support Positions

The transition of the employee's salary rate to the rate of the new class of employment must guarantee a minimum increase of \$0.10 per hour; failing this, the employee shall receive the rate of the new class of employment as well as a lump sum to make up the difference up to the \$0.10 minimum per hour.

- b) An employee shall be placed in the step in his or her new class of employment corresponding to his or her years of experience recognized as being valid and directly relevant to the duties of the new class of employment.
- c) In the case of an employee who is overscale and who remains overscale:
 - i) administrative support and technical support categories: the increase shall be paid to the promoted employee in a lump sum according to the following formula:
 - his or her overscale salary increased by one-third ($1/3$) of the difference between the maximum salary prescribed in the scale of the class of employment that he or she is leaving and the maximum salary prescribed for the scale of the class of employment to which he or she is promoted. This must guarantee an increase at least equal to the difference between step 1 and step 2 of the new class of employment to which he or she is promoted;
 - ii) labour support categories: the increase shall be paid to the promoted employee in a lump sum according to the following formula:
 - his or her overscale salary rate increased by one-third ($1/3$) of the difference between the rate prescribed for the class of employment he or she is leaving and the rate prescribed for the class of employment to which he or she is promoted. The salary rate must guarantee an increase of at least \$0.10 per hour.

The lump-sum amounts paid under this clause shall be spread over each of the employee's pays.

6-2.16 At the Time of a Transfer

An employee who is transferred 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 duties of the new class of employment or shall retain his or her current salary rate, if the latter formula is more advantageous.

6-2.17 At the Time of a Demotion

- a) An employee who is demoted voluntarily shall receive the salary corresponding to the more advantageous of the following formulas:
 - i) 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;
 - ii) 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 duties of the new class of employment.

- b) An employee who is demoted involuntarily shall obtain the salary corresponding to the more advantageous of the formulas prescribed in paragraph a) of this clause; however, in this case, the difference between the salary in his or her new class of employment and the salary received before his or her demotion shall be made up by a lump sum spread and paid over a maximum period of two (2) years after the demotion; the lump sum shall be reduced as the employee's salary rate progresses.

If the employee returns to a position in the same class of employment or in a class of employment where the maximum of the salary scale is identical, within two (2) years after the demotion, he or she shall then receive the same salary that he or she would have received had he or she not been demoted.

The lump-sum amounts paid under this clause shall be spread over each of the employee's pays.

6-2.18

Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 6-2.15, 6-2.16 and 6-2.17, the experience acquired by an employee between January 1 and December 31, 1983 shall not be counted in granting the step.

6-3.00 SALARY

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

Salary Scales and Rates

6-3.01

The hourly salary scales and rates applicable to employees for each year of the agreement shall be increased according to the criteria specified in clauses 6-3.02 to 6-3.06 and found in Appendix I.

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

Each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 31, 2023 shall be increased, effective on April 1, 2023, by six percent (6.00%²).

6-3.03 Period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 31, 2024 shall be increased, effective on April 1, 2024, by two point eighty percent (2.80%²).

6-3.04 Period from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 31, 2025 shall be increased, effective on April 1, 2025, by two point sixty percent (2.60%²).

6-3.05 Period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 31, 2026 shall be increased, effective on April 1, 2026, by two point fifty percent (2.50%²).

6-3.06 Period from April 1, 2027 to March 31, 2028

Each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 31, 2027 shall be increased, effective on April 1, 2027, by three point fifty percent (3.50%²).

¹ The increase in salary scales and rates shall be calculated based on the hourly rate. The single ranking rates shall be calculated based on a career gain of thirty-three (33) years. The employment groups or classes of employment rankings are found in Appendix III, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in other agreements. The salary structures are found in Appendix II.

² However, the clauses of the collective agreements pertaining to overrate and overscale employees apply.

Salary adjustment**6-3.07**

- a) A salary adjustment could be applied according to the following terms and conditions:
- 1) On March 31, 2026, each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 30, 2026 shall be increased by the percent change between the annual average Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2025-2026 and the annual average Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2024-2025, which change shall be decreased by 2.60 percentage points. The increase² cannot exceed 1.00%.
 - 2) On March 31, 2027, each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 30, 2027 shall be increased by the percent change between the annual average Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2026-2027 and the annual average Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2025-2026, which change shall be decreased by 2.50 percentage points. The increase² cannot exceed 1.00%.
 - 3) On March 31, 2028, each salary scale and rate¹ in effect on March 30, 2028 shall be increased by the percent change between the annual average Consumer Price Index in Québec in 2027-2028 and the annual average Consumer Price Index in 2026-2027, which change shall be decreased by 3.50 percentage points. The increase² cannot exceed 1.00%.
- b) For each increase calculated above, if the result is less than 0.05%, the salary scale rates remain unchanged.
- c) The salary adjustments prescribed in the preceding paragraphs are applied to the employees' pay and paid retroactively within 180 days of the data published by Statistics Canada.
- d) For the purposes of calculating this clause:
- 1) The Consumer Price Index in Québec corresponds to the average per fiscal year (from April to March) for all products.

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01 Consumer Price Index, monthly, not seasonally adjusted.

¹ The increase in salary scales and rates shall be calculated based on the hourly rate. The single ranking rates shall be calculated based on a career gain of 33 years. The employment groups or classes of employment rankings are found in Appendix III, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in other agreements.

² Exceptionally, the clauses of the collective agreements pertaining to overrate and overscale employees apply. Should a salary adjustment be based on the adjustment clause, overrate and overscale clauses are applied instead on March 31 of the period concerned compared to the preceding March 30 to take into account the adjustment.

- 2) The change in the Consumer Price Index is expressed as a percentage and rounded to two decimal points.
- e) Under no circumstances can the salary adjustment be negative.

Overrate or Overscale Employees

6-3.08

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 the preceding March 31, to a single salary rate or a step situated at the maximum of the scale on the preceding March 31 corresponding to their class of employment.

6-3.09

If the application of the minimum rate of increase determined in clause 6-3.08 has the effect of placing, on April 1, an employee who was overscale or overrate on the preceding March 31 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.

6-3.10

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 6-3.08 and 6-3.09 is paid to him or her as a lump sum calculated on the basis of his or her salary rate on March 31.

6-3.11

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

Indexation techniques

6-3.12

Salary scale rates are expressed on an hourly basis. When general indexation parameters or other forms of salary scale or rate adjustments are applied, these are applied on 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 titles referred to in clause 6-3.14 shall be increased as described in that clause.

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 nearest 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 nearest higher unit and the first decimal and subsequent decimals are dropped.

Establishment of salary scales and rates applicable to the following special cases

6-3.13

The method described in clause 6-3.14 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

6-3.14

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

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 IV.

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.

6-4.00 TRAVEL EXPENSES

6-4.01

The employee who is required to travel within or outside the board's territory in order to perform his or her duties must be reimbursed for the expenses actually incurred for this purpose within a maximum of one month after he or she submits supporting vouchers according to the norms established by the board.

6-4.02

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

6-4.03

The employee who uses his or her car shall be entitled to a reimbursement, which shall take into account the extra premium required in clause 6-4.08, at the rate set by the board.

6-4.04

The other expenses (car pooling, public transportation, taxis, parking, accommodations, meals) shall be reimbursed upon presentation of supporting vouchers according to the norms established by the board.

6-4.05

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

However, if this prerequisite did not exist at the time of assignment of the employee to a position, the subsequent requirement of the possession of a vehicle for that position may not result in the employee losing his or her position or employment.

6-4.06

The board may not oblige an employee to use his or her vehicle to transport heavy materials or equipment likely to damage it or to cause abnormal wear.

6-4.07

Travel time in the service of the board must be considered as work time if the employee travels, the same day, with the authorization of the board, from one workplace to another within the territory of the board.

6-4.08

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 public liability coverage is at least one million dollars (\$1 000 000) for damages to another's property.

Should the public liability coverage need to be adjusted during the period of the agreement, the negotiating parties shall meet for this purpose as prescribed in clause 2-2.04.

6-5.00 PREMIUMS¹**6-5.01**

Except for premiums expressed as a percentage, each premium and each allowance shall be increased as of the same date and by the same general salary increase parameters as prescribed in clauses 6-3.02 to 6-3.06 and, where applicable, in clause 6-3.07.

6-5.02 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 for each hour of work in his or her regular day 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

This premium does not apply to overtime.

This premium does not apply to employees working in the day care services and school settings sector.

¹ See Appendix XIV "Letter of agreement concerning the attraction and retention premium paid for certain class titles of specialized workmen to counter the shortage".

6-5.03 Night Shift Premium

The employee for whom half or more of the regular working hours are between 24:00 and 07:00 shall receive an hourly premium for each hour of work in his or her regular day according to the rate in effect:

	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rates 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%

This premium does not apply to overtime.

This premium does not apply to employees working in the day care services and school settings sector.

The board and the union may agree, by local arrangement, to convert for an employee whose regular workweek includes the number of hours prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, 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:

- 11% equals 22.6 days;
- 12% equals 24 days;
- 14% equals 28 days.

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

6-5.04 Stabilization premium for employees working in the day care services and school settings sector

An employee working in the day care services and school settings sector 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
\$6.36/day	\$6.54/day	\$6.71/day	\$6.88/day	\$7.12/day

6-5.05 Premium for Additional Responsibility

- a) The employee who is a stationary engineer and 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 prescribed for 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 board 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

¹ As of the fiscal year following the coming into force of the 2023-2028 collective agreement, the terms "the time scheduled for his or her meal" will be replaced by "sixty (60) minutes".

- c) The employee who is a welder and who possesses a certificate of competency in "high pressure 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 prescribed for 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) Lead Hand Premium

An employee who, at the request of the board, 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 in that capacity 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
\$1.16/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.

6-5.06 Availability premium – Western Québec School Board

The employee, data processing technician, principal class, caretaker or certified maintenance worker who, at the request of the board, agrees to be available outside his or her regular work schedule shall receive an availability premium equal to one (1) hour of work, at the single rate, after each period of eight (8) complete hours of availability.

The local parties may agree by local arrangement on the terms and conditions for applying the premium.

Living Quarters

6-5.07

When, on the date of the signing of the former collective agreement, living quarters were occupied by an employee in a building belonging to the board, and if the employee has continued to occupy the same position between the date of the coming into force of the former collective agreement and the date of the signing of the agreement, he or she shall be entitled to the same benefits as in the past as long as he or she continues to occupy the same position.

However, the board may increase the rent payable by the said employee by a rate equal to the increase in salary granted by virtue of the agreement for the period concerned.

6-5.08 Verification of Furnaces

The board may require, subject to the provisions of clause 8-3.04, that a nonresident employee verify furnaces on Saturdays, Sundays and paid legal holidays. The employee shall receive for each verification an indemnity 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
\$25.18/visit	\$25.89/visit	\$26.56/visit	\$27.22/visit	\$28.17/visit

6-5.09

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnity shall not be paid if an employee is at school for any activity involving a salary prescribed in the agreement (loan and rental of rooms or halls, overtime, etc.). In this case, the remuneration must be at least equal to that prescribed in clause 6-5.08.

6-5.10

If the board decides to assign the verification of furnaces to its employees, it shall do so according to seniority, first to the caretakers of the establishment and then, to the class II maintenance workers of the establishment. If the verification of furnaces cannot be done by one of these employees, the board shall assign another employee.

6-5.11

In the case where, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the verifications were performed by employees other than those in the subcategory of maintenance and service positions, the board may continue to use the other employees.

6-5.12

If an employee is absent because of illness or has a paid day off the preceding working day, he or she may carry out the verification if he or she notifies his or her immediate superior before noon the preceding working day.

6-5.13

The board and the union may agree on different terms and conditions; failing an agreement, the provisions of clauses 6-5.08 to 6-5.12 apply.

6-6.00 LOAN AND RENTAL OF ROOMS OR HALLS**6-6.01**

Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the union shall choose, for the duration of the agreement, one of the plans described hereinafter. Nevertheless, the board and the union may agree to extend the time limit. If the union fails to choose one of the plans described hereinafter within the time limits prescribed in this clause, it shall be considered as having chosen Plan II subject to the provisions of clause 6-6.05.

Plan I**6-6.02**

If, in the rental of rooms or halls, the lessee pays rental costs for the use of such rooms or halls in the evenings, on weekends or during paid legal holidays, the board shall be required to assign an employee. The employee shall receive remuneration equal to his or her regular basic hourly rate for each hour of work done outside his or her regular hours of work. For the purpose of applying the provisions of this paragraph, the board shall offer the rental of rooms and halls to the caretakers of the establishment according to seniority.

Should the caretakers of the establishment refuse or be absent, the board shall first offer the rental of rooms or halls to the class II maintenance workers of the establishment according to seniority and, where applicable, to caretakers or class II maintenance workers of the board, according to seniority, who have notified the board in writing of their desire to work in the rental of rooms or halls.

The preceding provisions do not apply if the rooms or halls are used by a municipality within the framework of an agreement confirmed in writing between the board and the municipality (except in the case of an ad hoc rental of rooms or halls by a municipality for an evening, weekend or paid legal holiday activity) or if the rooms or halls are used for the purposes of student sociocultural or sports activities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board and the union may also agree that when the rooms or halls are used by a municipality, the employee who is assigned in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in this clause shall be remunerated in the following manner:

- for the opening and closing of the school and the rooms used:

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
\$26.44	\$27.18	\$27.89	\$28.59	\$29.59

- for the opening and closing of the school and rooms used as well as for a perfunctory cleaning of the rooms:

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
\$42.91	\$44.11	\$45.26	\$46.39	\$48.01

However, under this agreement, the provisions of clause 8-3.05 cannot apply.

Plan II

6-6.03

The employee caretaker who accepts, at the specific request of the board, to carry out a loan or rental of rooms or halls outside of his or her regular work hours shall benefit from the provisions of clause 8-3.05. However, the board shall not be required to offer him or her the loan or rental of rooms or halls.

6-6.04

A claim duly signed by the employee and approved by the board shall be paid within a maximum period of one month after it is submitted.

Other Plan

6-6.05

In the case where, under a former collective agreement, the board and the union have agreed on a plan for the loan and rental of rooms or halls other than those prescribed in this article, such a plan shall be maintained unless there is an agreement to the contrary.

6-7.00 PAYMENT OF SALARY**6-7.01**

Employees shall be paid by direct deposit every second Thursday. If a Thursday falls on a paid legal holiday, employees shall be paid on the preceding working day.

6-7.02

The pay slip must contain the following information:

- a) name of the board;
- b) employee's surname and given name;
- c) employee's class of employment;
- d) date of payment and period concerned;
- e) number of hours paid at the regular rate and the hourly rate;
- f) number of hours paid at the overtime rate and the rate applicable;
- g) nature and amount of premiums, indemnities or allowances paid;
- h) union dues;
- i) income tax deductions;
- j) contributions to the local or provincial pension fund, where applicable;
- k) contributions to the Québec Pension Plan;
- l) Employment Insurance contributions;
- m) deductions for a credit union and/or the Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec, where applicable;
- n) gross salary and net salary;
- o) total accumulation of earnings and of certain deductions and any other information as long as it was provided by the board on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

6-7.03

In the event where, on the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the board operates a different system, the board and the union agree to maintain or to alter it or to adopt the system prescribed in this article. Failing an agreement, the system then in force shall be maintained except that the information contained on the pay slip must include the information prescribed in clause 6-7.02.

6-7.04

Before claiming the amounts paid in excess to an employee, the board shall reach an agreement with the employee and the union regarding the method of reimbursement. Failing an agreement, the board shall determine the terms and conditions of reimbursement which must not cause an employee to reimburse more than ten percent (10%) of his or her gross salary per pay.

6-7.05

On the day of an employee's departure, the board shall give an employee a signed statement of the amounts owing as salary and fringe benefits, and, if applicable, all amounts owing by the employee to the board.

If necessary, following the application of the preceding paragraph, during the pay period following the employee's departure, the board shall pay the employee the amounts owing as salary and fringe benefits less any amounts owing by the employee.

In a case where the amounts owing by the employee are greater than the amounts owing as salary and fringe benefits, the employee and the board will agree on the terms of repayment.

However, if within five (5) days of receiving the statement prescribed in the first paragraph of this clause, the employee contests by means of a grievance the amount owing, the board shall not recover the amount owing before the grievance is settled. Once the grievance is settled, the employee, where applicable, must reimburse the amount owing.

6-7.06

The board shall inform the employee in writing of the amount collected in his or her name for the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST).

6-7.07

In the case where, following the board's error, it omits to pay an employee's salary on the date prescribed or pays amounts lower than those owing, the board shall, after the employee concerned submits a request, take without delay the necessary temporary measures to pay the amounts due.

6-8.00 REGIONAL DISPARITIES**Section I Definitions****6-8.01**

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

1- 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.

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.

2- Point of Departure

Domicile in the legal sense of the word at the time of engagement insofar as the domicile is situated in one of the localities of Québec. The said point of departure may be modified by an agreement between the board and the employee, subject to it being situated in Québec.

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

¹ Dependent child: a child of an employee, of an employee's spouse or of both, unmarried 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 under twenty-five (25) years of age 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.

3- Sectors**Sector V**

The localities of Tasiujak, Ivujivik, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Aupaluk, Quaqtaq, Akulivik, Kangiqsujaq, Kangirsuk, Salluit and Umiujaq.

Sector IV

The localities of Wemindji, Eastmain, Waskaganish, Nemiscau, Inukjuak, Povungnituk, Kuujjuaq, Kuujjuaraapik, Whapmagoostui, Schefferville and Kawawachikamach.

Sector III

The territory located north of the 51° of latitude including Mistissini, Chisasibi, Radisson, Oujé-Bougoumou and Waswanipi, except Fermont and the localities specified in sectors IV and V;

The localities of Parent, Sanmaur and Clova;

The territory of the Côte-Nord, stretching east of Havre-Saint-Pierre to the limit of Labrador, including the Island of Anticosti.

Sector II

The locality of Fermont;

The territory of the Côte-Nord located east of the Moisie River and stretching to Havre-Saint-Pierre inclusively;

The locality of Îles-de-la-Madeleine.

Sector I

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

Section II Premiums**6-8.02**

The employee working in one of the sectors mentioned above shall receive an annual isolation and remoteness premium according to the rate in effect:

		Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	Rates 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

6-8.03

An employee who works in one of the aforementioned sectors and whose weekly working hours are less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, is entitled to an isolation and remoteness premium in proportion to the hours worked.

6-8.04

The amount of the isolation and remoteness premium shall be adjusted in proportion to the duration of the employee's assignment in the board's territory in one of the sectors mentioned in Section I.

6-8.05

Subject to the provisions of clause 6-8.04, the board shall cease to pay the isolation and remoteness premium established under this section if the employee and his or her dependents deliberately leave the territory during a leave or paid leave of absence for more than thirty (30) days, except for annual vacation, holidays, sick leave, maternity leave, adoption leave or leave due to a work accident or occupational disease.

6-8.06

If both members of a couple work for the same board or if both work for two (2) different employers in the public and parapublic sectors, only one of the two (2) may avail himself or herself of the premium applicable to the employee with dependent(s), if he or she has one or more dependents other than his or her spouse. If he or she has no dependent other than his or her spouse, each shall be entitled to the premium in the "no dependents" scale, notwithstanding the definition of the term "dependent" found in Section I of this article.

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

Section III Other Benefits**6-8.07**

The board 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 the locality is situated in one of the sectors mentioned in Section I:

- a) the transportation expenses of the 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 (228) kilograms for each adult or each child twelve (12) years of age and over;
 - one hundred and thirty-seven (137) kilograms for each child under twelve (12) years of age;
- c) the cost of transporting his or her furniture (including household utensils), if need be, other than those provided by the board;
- d) the cost of transporting his or her motorized vehicle, if need be, on land, by boat or by train;
- e) the cost of storing his or her furniture and personal belongings, if need be.

6-8.08

The employee shall not be reimbursed for these expenses if he or she is in breach of contract to go work for another board or school service centre before the 61st calendar day of his or her stay in the territory, unless the union and the board agree otherwise.

6-8.09

If the employee eligible for the provisions of subparagraphs b), c) and d) of clause 6-8.07 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 two (2) years following the date on which his or her assignment began.

6-8.10

These expenses shall be payable provided that the employee is not reimbursed for these expenses by another plan such as the federal mobility assistance program to look for employment or his or her spouse has not received an equivalent benefit from his or her employer or 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 board 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 I and II, 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 referred to in Section III shall also be payable to the employee whose point of departure is situated fifty (50) kilometres or less from the locality where he or she performs his or her duties.

For the purpose of this article, these expenses shall be borne by the board from the point of departure to 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 assumed by the board without exceeding the equivalent costs from Montréal to the locality where the employee is called to perform his or her duties.

If both spouses work for the same board, only one spouse may avail himself or herself of the benefits granted under this article.

6-8.11

The weight of two hundred and twenty-eight (228) kilograms prescribed in subparagraph b) of clause 6-8.07 shall be increased by forty-five (45) kilograms for every year of service that the employee acquires in the employ of the board in the territory. This provision applies to the employee only.

Section IV Outings**6-8.12**

The board shall pay directly or reimburse the employee recruited 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 in sector III, except those listed in the following subparagraph, for the localities in sectors IV and V and Fermont: four (4) trips per year for the employee without dependents and three (3) trips per year for the employee with dependents;
- b) for the localities of Clova, Havre-Saint-Pierre, Parent, Sanmaur and Îles-de-la-Madeleine: one trip per year.

The fact that the employee's spouse is employed by the board or an employer in the public and parapublic sectors must not grant the employee a number of outings paid by the board 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 as far as Montréal.

Every year, an employee who is reimbursed for the expenses incurred for outings shall receive, on March 1, a compensation benefit equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the expenses incurred for the third and fourth outings of the preceding calendar year. The benefit shall be paid during the pay period including March 1.

In the case of outings granted to an employee with dependents, neither the employee nor his or her dependents are required to use an outing at the same time. However, this must not grant the employee or his or her dependents a number of outings paid by the board which is greater than that provided for in the agreement.

6-8.13

In the cases prescribed in subparagraphs a) and b) of clause 6-8.12, one outing may be used by the spouse not residing in the territory to visit the employee who lives in one of the regions mentioned in clause 6-8.01.

6-8.14

In the case where an employee or one of his or her dependents must leave for reasons of emergency his or her place of work situated in one of the localities prescribed in clause 6-8.12 because of illness, accident or complication related to pregnancy, the board 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 physician shall be accepted as proof.

The board shall also pay for the return flight of the person who accompanies the person who had to leave the place of work immediately.

6-8.15

The board shall authorize an employee to take a leave of absence without salary if one of his or her dependents must leave, for reasons of emergency, within the context of clause 6-8.14 in order to allow him or her to accompany his or her dependent.

6-8.16

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 was living in a conjugal relationship with an employee working in the public sector shall continue to be entitled to the outings prescribed in clause 6-8.12 even if he or she loses the status of spouse.

6-8.17

Subject to an agreement with the board on the terms and conditions governing outings, the employee referred to in clause 6-8.12 may use one outing in advance in the event of the death of a close relative who was not living in the locality where the employee works. Within the meaning of this clause, close relative includes: spouse, child, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law and daughter-in-law. However, the outing taken in advance may not grant the employee or his or her dependents a number of outings greater than that to which they are entitled.

Section V Reimbursement of Transit Expenses**6-8.18**

The board shall reimburse the employee, upon presentation of supporting vouchers, for the expenses incurred in transit (meals, taxis and hotels, if any) for himself or herself and for his or her dependents when he or she is hired and on any authorized trip prescribed under the agreement on the condition that these expenses not be assumed by a carrier.

The expenses shall be limited to the amounts prescribed in the relevant provisions of the agreement or, failing this, according to the policy established by the board applicable to all its employees.

Section VI Death of an Employee

6-8.19

In the event of the death of the employee or of one of his or her dependents, the board shall pay for the repatriation of the mortal remains. Moreover, in the event of the employee's death, the board 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

6-8.20

The employee who cannot provide for his or her own food provisions in sectors V and IV and in the localities of Kuujuaq, Kuujuaaraapik, Whapmagoostui, Radisson, Mistissini, Oujé-Bougoumou, Chisasibi and Waswanipi because there is no food supplier in his or her locality shall be paid for food transportation expenses up to the following weights:

- seven hundred and twenty-seven (727) kilograms per year per adult and per child of twelve (12) years of age and over;
- three hundred and sixty-four (364) kilograms per year per child under twelve (12) years of age.

The benefit shall be granted according to one of the following formulas:

- a) the board shall take charge of the transportation from the source which is the most accessible or economical with regard to transportation and shall assume the cost directly;
- b) the board shall give the employee an allowance equivalent to the cost which he or she would have incurred according to the first formula. Beginning in the year 2000, an employee who is entitled to the reimbursement of food transportation costs shall also be entitled every year on March 1 to an additional allowance equal to sixty-six percent (66%) of the expenses incurred for food transportation for the preceding calendar year.

However, the allowance on March 1, 2000 shall be paid no later than sixty (60) days after the signing of the agreement.

Section VIII Vehicle at an Employee's Disposal**6-8.21**

Wherever private vehicles are prohibited, vehicles placed at the employees' disposal may be the subject of a local arrangement between the board and the union.

Section IX Lodging**6-8.22**

The obligations and practices of the board to provide lodging for employees, at the time of hiring, shall be maintained only for the locations where they already existed.

6-8.23

The rent charged to the employees who benefit from lodging in sectors V, IV, III and Fermont shall be maintained at the rate in effect on June 30, 1998.

6-8.24

At the union's request, the board shall explain its lodging policy. Moreover, at the union's request, it shall provide information on its existing maintenance practices.

Section X Provisions of Former Agreements**6-8.25**

In the event of benefits greater than the current plan for regional disparities resulting from the application of the last agreement or recognized administrative practices, they shall be renewed unless they refer to one of the following elements of the agreement:

- the definition of point of departure prescribed in Section I;
- the rates of premiums and the calculation of the premium prescribed in Section II for an employee whose weekly working hours are less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the duration of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be;
- the reimbursement of expenses related to moving and outings of the employee recruited from outside Québec prescribed in Sections III and IV;
- the number of outings when the employee's spouse works for the board or an employer in the public and parapublic sectors prescribed in Section IV;
- food transportation prescribed in Section VII.

Section XI Retention Premium**6-8.26**

The retention premium equal to eight percent (8%) of the annual salary shall be maintained for employees hired before June 30, 2020 and working in the localities of Sept-Îles (including Clarke City) and Port-Cartier. The premium also applies to an employee for whom seniority is recognized on that date under the agreement.

CHAPTER 7-0.00 MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT**7-1.00 MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL****General Provisions****7-1.01**

In keeping with the application of the provisions of this article, an employee must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the board.

As an exception to the preceding paragraph, 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 years of relevant 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.

The exception applies to the category of administrative support positions and the subcategory of paratechnical support positions. The exception also applies to the category of labour support positions for those classes of employment requiring schooling.

However, employees belonging to the category of technical and paratechnical support positions on the date of the coming into force of the agreement shall be considered as having the required qualifications in terms of the field of specialization of the class of employment held.

7-1.02 Vacant Positions

When a position becomes vacant, the board shall have thirty (30)-days¹ in which to decide whether to abolish or modify it. Should the position be abolished or modified, the board shall convey its decision to the union within the same time limit.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may decide to temporarily fill a newly created position or a position left vacant as of January 1 in order to set up a bank of vacant positions aimed at facilitating the security of employment procedures prescribed in article 7-3.00. However, it must permanently fill or abolish the position on July 1 after the position was left vacant.

7-1.03

If the board's decision to abolish a position causes an employee to principally and customarily perform duties corresponding to a class of employment different from his or her own, the board and the union may conclude an agreement in writing in this respect.

¹ The board and the union may agree to reduce the number of days in order to accelerate the filling of vacant positions within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the signing of this agreement.

Failing agreement, the employee shall be entitled to file a grievance according to the usual procedure. However, in the event of arbitration, the provisions of clause 9-3.01 apply and the arbitrator shall carry out the mandate conferred under clauses 6-1.04, 6-1.09 and 6-1.10.

7-1.04 Position Considered for Tenure

When the board decides to fill a vacant or newly created position considered for tenure, other than a temporary position covered by the agreement, it shall proceed as follows:

- a) it shall choose from among the surplus tenured regular employees in the same class of employment or the surplus support staff employees in its employ or the tenured regular employees entitled to a right to return to that class of employment under subparagraph b) of clause 7-3.21;
- b) failing this, it shall choose from among the surplus tenured regular employees or support staff employees in its employ in another class of employment provided that such a move does not constitute a promotion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a tenured regular employee who has undergone retraining may be promoted. If such an assignment results in a demotion, the provisions of paragraph b) of clause 6-2.17 apply;
- c) failing this, it shall address its employees by posting a notice for a minimum of five (5) working days.

If more than one candidate has the required qualifications and meets the requirements determined by the board, the position shall be assigned to the employee who has the most seniority. The employee to whom the position is assigned shall have forty-eight (48) hours in which to accept the position posted or not.

The board shall forward the list of employees and their seniority to the union within five (5) days of the end of the posting. No later than twenty-five (25) working days of the end of the posting, the board shall forward the name of the employee selected to the union.

The board and the union may establish a different procedure for filling a vacant position based on a single posting within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the signing of this agreement;

- d) failing this, the board shall choose from among the regular employees laid off for less than twenty-four (24) months who held a position considered for tenure prior to the layoff;
- e) failing this, the board shall address the Provincial Relocation Bureau;

- f) failing this, the board shall choose from among the persons on availability in the subcategory of managerial positions¹ of the board;
- g) failing this, the board shall choose from among the persons registered on the priority of employment list or from among those mentioned in subparagraph b) of clause 7-4.02;
- h) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.

7-1.05 Position Not Considered for Tenure

When the board decides to fill a vacant or newly created position not considered for tenure, it shall proceed as follows:

- a) it shall post the position according to paragraph c) of clause 7-1.04;
- b) failing this, the board shall choose from among the regular employees who were laid off for less than twenty-four (24) months and who held a position not considered for tenure prior to the layoff;
- c) failing this, the board shall choose from among the persons registered on the priority of employment list;
- d) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.

7-1.06

The posting prescribed in subparagraph c) of clause 7-1.04 shall include, among other things, a summary description of the position, an indication of whether the position is considered for tenure or not considered for tenure, the immediate superior's title, a summary of the work schedule, the title of the class of employment, the salary scale or rate, the required qualifications and the other requirements determined by the board, the duration of the regular workweek, the name of the office, department, school or adult education centre, the deadline for applications as well as the name of the person-in-charge to whom the application must be forwarded. The posting is also intended for employees interested in applying for a promotion or transfer.

In all cases where the board determines requirements other than those prescribed in the Classification Plan, those requirements must be in keeping with the position to be filled.

The board shall ensure that all employees have access to job postings.

¹ For information purposes only and without prejudice, the expression "senior staff" has the same meaning as that found in the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school boards and of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal prepared by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

7-1.07

Before proceeding with an administrative reorganization, the board must submit its project to the Labour Relations Committee. In this context, the board and the union may agree on particular rules for the movement of personnel ensuing from the reorganization. Failing an agreement, the provisions of this chapter apply.

7-1.08

If, at any time during the adaptation period of sixty (60) days actually worked following any promotion, the board determines that an employee does not perform 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 rests with the board. A promoted employee may decide to return to his or her former position within thirty (30) days of his or her assignment. However, for the subcategory of technical support positions, the promoted employee may decide to return to his or her former position within forty-five (45) days of his or her assignment. The local parties may agree to extend the adaptation period.

The application of the preceding paragraph, if need be, shall annul every movement of personnel resulting from the said promotion.

If an employee returns to his or her former position as a result of the application of the provisions of this clause, he or she shall not be entitled to the income protection granted for a demotion. The same applies to other employees who return to their former position.

The application of this clause shall have the effect, if need be, of cancelling all reassignments and relocations of surplus tenured regular employees resulting from the said promotion. In this case, the tenured regular employee shall again be placed in surplus as if the reassignment or relocation had never taken place.

7-1.09

An employee who is regularly assigned to a position shall receive the title of the class of employment and the salary associated with the said position as of his or her assignment.

In the case of a promotion, if an employee is not assigned to his or her new class of employment within fifteen (15) working days of his or her appointment, the board shall grant him or her the title of the class of employment and the salary rate associated with the position as if he or she held such a position.

In the case of a transfer or demotion, the board shall assign the employee to his or her new class of employment within twenty (20) working days of his or her appointment.

7-1.10

In keeping with the provisions of this article, the employee must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the board.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in cases where the other requirements determined by the board deal with the knowledge of software used exclusively by the board or the network of boards or school service centres, the employee or the person who has the required qualifications and who has the most seniority shall obtain the position.

The employee or the person who obtains the position shall be entitled to a training period of fifty (50) days of actual work to allow the board to evaluate the capacity of the person to meet the particular requirements related to the knowledge of the software.

If, at the end of the training period, the board deems that the employee does not meet the particular requirements, it shall inform the union and shall return the employee to his or her former position. In event of arbitration, the burden of proof lies with the board.

Temporarily Vacant Positions

7-1.11

When the board decides to fill a temporarily vacant position of twenty-one (21) days or more, it shall proceed as follows:

- a) it shall assign a surplus tenured regular employee to the position, provided that the assignment does not constitute a promotion;
- b) failing this, it shall offer the position to an employee in the same office, department, school, adult education centre or vocational training centre, as the case may be, for whom the additional hours does not cause a conflict in schedule;
- c) failing this, it shall offer the position to a regular employee laid off for less than twenty-four (24) months;
- d) failing this, it shall assign the employee mentioned in clause 7-4.04;
- e) failing this, it shall offer the position to a person registered on the priority of employment list;
- f) failing this, the board may hire any other person of its choice.

7-1.12

In the case of a temporarily vacant position of twenty (20) weeks or more, the board and the union may agree to post the position. The position shall be filled according to the provisions of paragraph c) of clause 7-1.04 or of paragraph a) of clause 7-1.05, as the case may be. Only one movement may result. The temporary vacancy resulting therefrom shall be filled in accordance with subparagraphs c), d), e) and f) of clause 7-1.11.

7-1.13 Increase in Workload

In the event of a temporary increase in workload during which the board has specific work to be carried out, the board shall proceed as follows:

- a) it shall offer the position to a surplus tenured regular employee provided that such a movement does not constitute a promotion;
- b) failing this, it shall offer the position to an employee in the same office, department, school, adult education or vocational training centre for whom the additional hours do not entail a schedule conflict. Holding concurrent positions shall not entail overtime;
- c) failing this, it shall offer the position to an employee who has been laid off for less than twenty-four (24) months in the class of employment concerned. The period during which the regular employee occupies a position to handle an increase in workload shall not be considered for the purpose of acquiring tenure;
- d) failing this, it shall offer the position to an available person registered on the priority of employment list;
- e) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.

Transfer**7-1.14**

The board may transfer, with the union's consent and for an administrative reason, an employee from one position to another, regardless of the procedure prescribed in clauses 7-1.04 and 7-1.05. The transfer must take place within fifty (50) kilometres from the employee's place of work or domicile.

Priority of Employment List

7-1.15

When the board decides to fill a permanently vacant or newly created position, a temporarily vacant position, a special project or to hire a person to handle an increase in workload, it shall offer, in the case of subparagraph g) of clause 7-1.04, subparagraph c) of clause 7-1.05, subparagraph e) of clause 7-1.11, subparagraph 3) of subparagraph c) of paragraph C) of clause 2-1.01 and subparagraph d) of clause 7-1.13, the position or employment, by duration of employment, to those employees who have the required qualifications and meet the requirements of the position.

7-1.16

Duration of employment corresponds to the time actually worked at the board calculated in years and hours.¹

7-1.17

There is one priority of employment list for the administrative and technical support employees and one list for the labour support employees.

However, there is a priority of employment list for each class of employment in the day care services and school settings sector and in the special education sector.

7-1.18

To be eligible to be registered on a priority of employment list, a person must meet the following criteria:

- a) have worked as an employee in a position not considered for tenure or as a temporary employee for at least four hundred twenty (420) hours during the past twelve (12) months;
- b) have the required qualifications;
- c) have received a positive evaluation.

¹ One year: 1 365 hours or more (administrative and technical support)
1 511 hours or more (labour support)

Removal from the Priority of Employment List**7-1.19**

The name of a person may be removed from the priority of employment list for one of the following reasons:

- 1) refusing three (3) offers of employment in the same year except for:
 - maternity;
 - adoption;
 - paternity;
 - disability or work accident;
 - any other reason agreed to by the board and the union;
- 2) failing to report for work without a valid reason;
- 3) obtaining a position considered for tenure;
- 4) not having worked at the board during the past twenty-four (24) months with the exception of the reasons listed in point 1) above;
- 5) having received more than one negative evaluation; in this case, the employee who disagrees with the evaluation may file a grievance.

7-1.20

The priority of employment lists shall be updated on August 1 of each year.

No later than August 31 of each year, the board shall provide the union with a copy of each priority of employment list and shall post a copy in the institutions. During this period, a temporary employee may contest his or her duration of employment. The priority of employment list becomes official on October 15 of each year.

7-1.21

A local arrangement within the meaning of article 10-3.00 may be concluded within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the signing of this entente for the purposes of replacing or modifying the provisions concerning the priority of employment lists.

Special Provisions - Day Care Services and School Settings Sector**7-1.22**

Clauses 7-1.22 to 7-1.27 apply to an employee who holds or occupies a position in a day care services and school settings sector.

7-1.23

Any newly created position or any position which becomes permanently vacant during the year shall be filled temporarily in accordance with the provisions of clause 7-1.24 until such time as the procedure specified in clauses 7-3.28 to 7-3.34 has been applied.

In the case where the board and the union agree to fill the position on a permanent basis, the position shall be filled according to the provisions of clause 7-3.30.

7-1.24

- A) Subject to the use of the services of a surplus tenured regular employee and clause 7-3.33, the board that decides to fill a temporarily vacant position of technician in day care service and school setting for a predetermined period of ten (10) working days or more shall fill the position according to the required qualifications specified in the Classification Plan in effect and shall proceed as follows:
 - a) it shall offer the position, according to seniority, to a regular employee working in the day care services and school settings sector from the same day care service and school setting;
 - b) it shall offer the position to a person registered on the priority of employment list;
 - c) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.
- B) Subject to the use of the services of a surplus tenured regular employee and to clause 7-3.33, the board that decides to fill a temporarily vacant position of educator in school setting, principal class shall fill the position according to the required qualifications specified in the Classification Plan in effect and shall proceed as follows:
 - a) it shall offer the position, according to seniority, to a regular employee working in the day care services and school settings sector from the same day care service and school setting;
 - b) it shall offer the position to a person registered on the priority of employment list;
 - c) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.
- C) Subject to the use of the services of a surplus tenured regular employee and to clause 7-3.33, the board that decides to fill a temporarily vacant position of educator in school setting shall fill the position according to the required qualifications specified in the Classification Plan in effect and shall proceed as follows:
 - a) it shall offer the position, according to seniority, to a regular employee working in the day care services and school settings sector from the same day care service and school setting;
 - b) it shall offer the position to a person registered on the priority of employment list;

- c) failing this, the board may hire a person of its choice.

7-1.25

Subject to the use of the services of a surplus tenured regular employee and to the provisions of clause 7-3.33, any temporary increase in workload shall be offered to an employee working in the day care services and school settings sector in the same day care service and school setting by class of employment and according to seniority provided that this does not cause a schedule conflict. Failing this, the temporary increase in workload may be offered to an available person registered on a priority of employment list.

The increase in workload can cause neither a conflict in the existing schedule nor exceed the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01.

7-1.26

Subject to clause 7-3.33, when during the year, regular working hours must be added to those already prescribed, the board shall offer them to an employee working in the day care services and school settings sector from the same day care service and school setting, by class of employment and according to seniority who may add the hours to his or her schedule without causing a conflict in the existing schedule or exceeding the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01.

7-1.27

Clauses 7-1.01, 7-1.03, 7-1.07 to 7-1.10 and 7-1.14 also apply to an employee who holds or occupies a position in the day care services and school settings sector.

Clause 7-1.06 applies provided that the hours of the regular workweek are replaced by the weekly working hours estimated at the time of posting.

The provisions of clauses 7-1.15 to 7-1.21 concerning the priority of employment list apply.

Special Provisions Concerning Special Education**7-1.28**

In the case of an employee working with handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties, the board may take into account the individualized education plan in assigning a position that includes a particular requirement in selecting an employee.

Filling a Newly Created or Permanently Vacant Position During the Year**7-1.29**

Any newly created position or any position which becomes permanently vacant during the year shall be filled temporarily in the following manner until such time as the process prescribed in clauses 7-3.40 to 7-3.44 is applied:

- a) the board shall call upon an employee in surplus whom it deems capable of performing the work, while taking into account paragraph f) of clause 7-3.23;
- b) failing this, the board shall offer the position to persons registered on the priority of employment list;
- c) failing this, the board may call upon any other person.

However, following the application of the security of employment mechanism and until November 1, the board must post, in accordance with clause 7-1.04 or 7-1.05, any newly created position or any position in which the number of hours is modified but not as a result of one of the following situations:

- a) in accordance with the provisions of the special education policy and the complementary services programs:
 - a change in the total or partial integration of a student into a regular or special class;
 - a change or the delivery of support services designed to meet the needs of handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties;
 - a change or the implementation of a preventive measure for students in a particularly vulnerable situation even if they have not been identified;
- b) a change in the transportation of handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties;
- c) the arrival of a new student in the building requiring a measure prescribed in subparagraph a) of this paragraph;
- d) any other reason agreed upon between the board and the union.

The board shall inform the union in writing of the additional hours and of the newly created positions indicating for each addition of hours or each newly created position the situation that justifies it from among those prescribed in this clause.

When the newly created position or the position in which the number of hours is modified is not the result of either of the situations mentioned in this clause, the union must submit a written request to meet with the board. The person responsible for special education shall attend the meeting. Where applicable, the meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) working days of the request. The union may submit a grievance in accordance with article 9-1.00 within sixty (60) working days of the meeting or the expiry of the time limit prescribed in which to hold the meeting.

Filling a Temporarily Vacant Position

7-1.30

When the board decides to fill a temporarily vacant position of a predetermined duration of thirty (30) working days or more, it shall proceed as follows:

- a) the board shall call upon an employee in surplus whom it deems capable of performing the work, while taking into account paragraph f) of clause 7-3.23;
- b) failing this, the board shall offer the position to persons registered on the priority of employment list;
- c) failing this, the board may call upon any other person.

Adding Hours

7-1.31

During the year, the board may add hours to the regular schedule of an employee working with a student. Failing this, the board shall offer the additional hours to employees working in the same school, in the special education sector, based on seniority. Hours shall be added on a temporary basis and shall not change a person's status.

7-2.00 TEMPORARY LAYOFF

7-2.01

A regular employee who must be laid off temporarily shall not be entitled to the provisions of article 7-3.00. However, once the position has been abolished permanently, an employee who is laid off, if he or she is nontenured or placed in surplus, if he or she is tenured shall be entitled to the provisions of article 7-3.00.

7-2.02

Moreover, if a position of a twelve (12)-month duration becomes a position of less than twelve (12) months, the employee concerned shall be entitled to one of the following choices by submitting a written request to the board within ten (10) days of receiving the notice prescribed in clause 7-2.03, namely:

- a) the application of the provisions of article 7-3.00;
- b) a temporary assignment to other duties related to his or her qualifications and experience. The temporary assignment shall be decided upon by the board but must not entail a decrease in salary for the employee concerned or an assignment of more than fifty (50) kilometres from both his or her usual place of work and domicile nor a reduction in his or her working hours. The temporary assignment is valid only for the period during which he or she would be laid off temporarily;
- c) a temporary layoff according to the provisions of clause 7-2.03.

If a nontenured employee fails to give prior notice within the time limit allotted, he or she shall be considered as having chosen to be laid off temporarily under clause 7-2.03. If the employee is tenured, he or she shall be considered as having chosen the application of article 7-3.00.

The employee who avails himself or herself of the choice prescribed in subparagraph b) of this clause is deemed to have made this choice until such time as the board applies the provisions of article 7-3.00.

7-2.03

Before May 1 of each year, the board shall, after consulting the union, establish the approximate duration of every temporary layoff which must not exceed the period between June 23 and the day after Labour Day.

In the case of a cafeteria employee as well as an employee assigned to a position in the day care services and school settings sector, the temporary layoff period may not exceed the period between May 15 and September 15 of the same year. During the shutdown period of cafeterias and day care services during the Christmas holidays, the cafeteria employee and the employee working in the day care services and school settings sector shall be entitled to the following benefits:

- a) the paid legal holidays to which he or she is entitled, where applicable, under article 5-2.00;
- b) the other shutdown days shall be deducted from the number of days of vacation to which he or she is entitled, where applicable.

Moreover, the cafeteria employee or the employee working in the day care services and school settings sector who does not have a sufficient number of vacation days to his or her credit to cover the shutdown period may, upon written request to the board, borrow vacation days from those of the following year. The anticipated vacation days shall be deducted automatically from the vacation days accumulated for the following fiscal year and may be recovered when the employee leaves.

The board shall also establish the order in which temporary layoffs shall be carried out. If, in the same building, more than one employee is in the same class of employment, the layoffs shall be carried out according to the inverse order of seniority and recalls, according to seniority.

At least one month before the effective date of the layoff, the board shall inform each of the employees concerned of the date and approximate duration of their layoff and of the provisions of clause 7-2.02 or, as the case may be, clause 7-2.04. A copy of the notice shall also be sent to the union.

7-2.04

During an employee's temporary layoff period, he or she shall be given priority to fill:

- a) any temporarily vacant position;
- b) any temporary position.

In order to benefit from such a priority, the employee must inform the board, in writing, of his or her intention to accept a position that could be offered to him or her within the ten (10) working days of the receipt of the notice prescribed in clause 7-2.03. Moreover, he or she must have the required qualifications and meet the other requirements determined by the board.

The priority mentioned in this clause shall be exercised according to the seniority of the employees concerned.

An employee shall receive the salary rate of the position he or she fills temporarily. However, an employee shall be given priority to fill a temporarily vacant position only after the provisions of subparagraph b) of clause 7-2.02 have been applied.

7-2.05

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, when the board decides to fill a temporary position, it may assign a surplus tenured regular employee in its employ and the duties assigned to that employee must be in keeping with his or her qualifications and the duties of the classes of employment of his or her category.

7-2.06

Subject to the provisions concerning movement of personnel and security of employment, it is agreed that the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position at the end of the temporary layoff period.

7-2.07

Furthermore, such an employee shall benefit, during the temporary layoff period, from the life and health insurance plans provided that he or she pay his or her share of the annual premium during his or her period of active service. Moreover, during the temporary layoff period, the long-term salary insurance premiums owing shall not be paid by the employee.

In the case of an employee on disability leave who is laid off temporarily, the disability benefit to which he or she is entitled under the agreement and paid by the board shall end as of the date on which the employee is laid off.

Subsequently, in the case where the employee is recalled, the foregoing in accordance with the provisions of the agreement, the disability benefit shall be re-established provided that the employee is entitled thereto, as of the date on which he or she is recalled under the right of recall.

7-2.08

Notwithstanding the application of clauses 7-2.03 and 7-2.04, the board may temporarily lay off employees holding a position in the day care services and school settings sector when students are not present as prescribed in the school calendar or when a recurring daily decrease in the number of students entails a decrease in the number of groups.

7-3.00 SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT**General Provisions****7-3.01**

The board may abolish positions held by regular employees on July 1 of each fiscal year only.

However, the board may, in exceptional cases, abolish positions held by regular employees on other dates due to circumstances beyond its control.

The board may assign the duties of an abolished position to other employees. The assignment may not result in an excessive workload or danger to the health and safety of employees.

7-3.02

The board shall not be obliged to abolish a position in the case where only one of the following changes occurs:

- a position is transferred to a distance of less than twenty (20) kilometres from an employee's usual place of work or domicile (the board and the union may agree on a different radius by means of a local arrangement);

- a change in the immediate superior's title or the transfer of the position in whole or in part to another department;
- an increase in the number of weekly working hours up to twenty percent (20%);
- a change in the distribution of working time among the administrative units or places of work;
- any other reasons agreed to between the board and the union.

For the term of the agreement, a position may be changed only twice, unless there is an agreement between the board and the union.

7-3.03

No later than May 1, the board shall meet with the union in order to inform it whether or not it is abolishing positions. At that meeting, it shall also inform the union of the positions abolished, if any.

Within the next ten (10) days, if positions are abolished, the board must meet the union to hear its suggestions and to try and find alternatives to the abolition of positions.

Within ten (10) days of the meeting prescribed in the preceding paragraph, if alternatives are found, the board shall inform its regular staff of the proposed measures likely to reduce the number of abolished positions.

7-3.04

The employee whose position is abolished shall either be reassigned to another position, laid off, placed in surplus or his or her employment shall be terminated according to the following provisions.

7-3.05

The regular employee whose position is abolished shall receive a written notice of not less than thirty (30) days before the effective date on which his or her position is abolished. At that time, the board shall indicate the employee's options under clause 7-3.06 or 7-3.08; the employee must convey his or her decision in writing within three (3) days of receiving the notice.

Subsequently, the board shall inform the displaced regular employee of his or her options under clause 7-3.07 or 7-3.09; the employee must convey his or her decision in writing within three (3) days of receiving the notice.

The board and the union may agree that the employees' choices be conveyed to the board during an assignment session intended for the employees concerned.

Position Considered for Tenure**7-3.06**

The following provisions apply to an employee who holds a position considered for tenure which is abolished:

- A) In the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment as of the date on which the position is abolished.
- B) In the case of a regular employee:
 - a) if the number of abolished positions is lower than or equal to the number of vacant positions in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position in his or her class of employment;
 - b) if the number of abolished positions exceeds the number of vacant positions in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position in his or her class of employment or shall displace, in his or her class of employment, the employee who has the least seniority;
 - c) failing this, he or she shall be reassigned to a vacant position in another class of employment in his or her category or subcategory following the application of subparagraphs a) and b) of clause 7-1.04;
 - d) failing this, he or she shall be laid off, if he or she is nontenured or placed in surplus, if he or she is tenured.

7-3.07

The following provisions apply to an employee who holds a position considered for tenure displaced under clause 7-3.06 or under this clause:

- a) In the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment.
- b) In the case of a regular employee:
 - the provisions of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.06 apply.

Position Not Considered for Tenure**7-3.08**

The following provisions apply to an employee who holds a position not considered for tenure that is abolished:

- A) In the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment as of the date on which the position is abolished.
- B) In the case of a regular employee:
 - a) if the number of abolished positions not considered for tenure is lower than or equal to the number of vacant positions not considered for tenure in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position not considered for tenure in his or her class of employment;
 - b) if the number of abolished positions not considered for tenure exceeds the number of vacant positions not considered for tenure in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position not considered for tenure in his or her class of employment or shall displace, in his or her class of employment, the employee holding a position not considered for tenure who has the least seniority;
 - c) failing this, he or she shall be reassigned to a vacant position not considered for tenure in another class of employment in his or her category or subcategory;
 - d) failing this, he or she shall be laid off and his or her name shall be registered on the priority of employment list according to the eligibility criteria prescribed in subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.18.

7-3.09

The following provisions apply to an employee holding a position not considered for tenure who is displaced under clause 7-3.08 or under this clause:

- a) In the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment.
- b) In the case of a regular employee:
 - the provisions of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.08 apply.

7-3.10

The board and the union may agree, by means of a local arrangement, that an employee who holds a position not considered for tenure which is abolished or who is displaced under clauses 7-3.08 and 7-3.09 may displace an employee holding a position whose weekly working hours are equal to his or her own.

7-3.11

By way of exception, the provisions of clauses 7-3.06, 7-3.07, 7-3.08 and 7-3.09 apply, as the case may be, to the following employees at the time prescribed in each of the paragraphs concerned:

- upon an employee's return from a leave or absence when his or her position was abolished during his or her absence or leave;
- upon an employee's return from a leave or absence when he or she was displaced as a result of the application of the provisions of this article during his or her leave or absence.

7-3.12

Under the provisions of this article, an employee may only displace an employee if he or she has more seniority than the employee displaced.

Under the provisions of clauses 7-3.06 and 7-3.07, an employee who holds a twelve (12)-month position may not be required to accept a position of a lesser duration.

7-3.13

In all cases, the employee concerned must not only meet the qualifications required by the Classification Plan but also the specific requirements of the position determined by the board in order to benefit from one of the provisions of this article.

In the case where an employee is displaced by another employee and if the employee who displaces does not have the required qualifications and the specific requirements of the position held by the employee with the least seniority in the class of employment in which the displacement takes place, he or she shall displace the employee with the least seniority in a position of that class of employment for which he or she has the required qualifications and specific requirements.

7-3.14

In no case may a promotion result from the application of the provisions of this article. However, the fact that a tenured regular employee who has a right of return under subparagraph b) of clause 7-3.15 or subparagraph b) of clause 7-3.21 to displace an employee in his or her former class of employment shall not constitute a promotion.

7-3.15

Pursuant to clause 7-3.06 or 7-3.07, the nontenured regular employee reassigned to a position which would constitute a demotion for him or her shall benefit from the provisions of subparagraph b) of clause 6-2.17 according to the terms and conditions and the duration mentioned therein.

However, the tenured regular employee who, as a result of the application of the provisions of clause 7-3.06 or 7-3.07, had to be reassigned or to displace an employee in a position which would constitute a demotion for him or her, shall benefit from the following:

- a) he or she shall maintain the salary of the class of employment held prior to the movement provided that he or she does not obtain a position in his or her former class of employment in accordance with this chapter. His or her salary shall progress normally in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6-0.00;
- b) he or she shall have a right to return to a position in his or her former class of employment under subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.04; if the employee refuses to comply with the obligation to accept a position thus offered under the right of return described in this paragraph, he or she shall then lose all the benefits of this clause and shall be entitled to the provisions of paragraph a) of clause 6-2.17 concerning voluntary demotion.

7-3.16

When, as a result of the application of this article, a tenured regular employee who holds a position considered for tenure must displace or may choose to displace, as the case may be, the employee who has the least seniority in his or her class of employment or in another class of employment and the displacement has the effect of assigning him or her to a position considered for tenure with fewer working hours than the position held, the tenured regular employee must nevertheless displace or may choose to displace, as the case may be, the employee who has the least seniority from among the employees in his or her class of employment or in another class of employment, as the case may be, who holds a position whose regular working hours correspond to the regular working hours of his or her position.

When, as a result of the application of this article, the employee referred to in the preceding paragraph has no other choice than to be reassigned or displaced to a position considered for tenure with fewer working hours than the position he or she holds prior to the reassignment or displacement, the employee shall benefit from the following:

- a) he or she shall maintain the salary established on the basis of the salary rate and the number of regular hours applicable immediately prior to assuming his or her new position, provided that he or she does not obtain a position with a number of hours at least equal to the number of hours of the position he or she held before the reassignment. In the event of such a reassignment, it shall be up to the board to make up the employee's work schedule;
- b) he or she shall have a right to return to a position with a number of hours at least equal to the number of hours of the position he or she held before his or her reassignment under subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.04; should the employee refuse to accept a position thus offered under the right to return described in this subparagraph, he or she shall then lose all the benefits of this clause and shall be remunerated for the number of hours worked.

7-3.17

- A) A tenured regular employee shall not be required to accept, as a result of the application of the provisions of this article, a position situated more than fifty (50) kilometres from both his or her place of work and domicile by the shortest public road normally used.

In the case where the employee referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph A), he or she may, at his or her request, if no other option is available to him or her under this article, be placed in surplus.

- B) For the purposes of applying this article, establishment means the building in which the employee performs his or her duties.

In the case where a building includes one or more annexes, the annex or annexes shall be considered as constituting one establishment when located within less than one kilometre from the main building, failing which, the annex or annexes shall constitute an establishment in itself.

If an employee is required to travel regularly in order to perform his or her duties, establishment means the building where he or she must report.

In the case where, in the same building, there is a school and an administrative centre or part of an administrative centre, each of these units shall be considered as an establishment in itself.

- C) For the purposes of applying this article, shift means one of the following work schedules:

- 00:00 to 08:00;
- 08:00 to 16:00;
- 16:00 to 24:00.

The employee's shift is that in which he or she performs half or more of the hours of his or her regular workday.

7-3.18 Measures Designed to Reduce the Number of Surplus Tenured Regular Employees**A) Preretirement**

For the purpose of reducing the number of surplus tenured regular employees, the board shall grant an employee a preretirement leave under the following conditions:

- a) the preretirement leave is a leave of absence with salary offered by the board for a maximum of one year. During the leave, the employee shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the agreement except for the health and life insurance plans as well as the complementary insurance plans, provided that he or she pay, at the beginning of the leave, the entire amount of the premiums required;

- b) the preretirement leave shall count as a year of service for purposes of the pension plan covering the employee concerned;
- c) the only employee eligible is the employee who would be entitled to retire at the end of the leave of absence but who would not be entitled to a full pension (35 years of service) during the leave;
- d) at the end of the leave with salary, the employee shall be considered as having resigned and shall be pensioned off;
- e) the leave allows the reduction of the number of surplus tenured employees;
- f) the employee who is eligible shall give his or her consent in writing.

B) Severance Pay

The board shall grant severance pay to a tenured regular employee if his or her resignation allows the reassignment of a surplus tenured regular employee. Acceptance of severance pay shall entail the employee's loss of tenure.

Severance pay granted to an employee under this clause must be reimbursed immediately to the board if the employee is hired in the education sector within twelve (12) months of his or her departure from the board.

Severance pay shall equal one month of salary per complete year of service calculated on the last day of work of the tenured regular employee. Severance pay shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) months' salary. For purposes of calculating the premium, the salary is the salary the tenured regular employee is receiving when he or she leaves the board.

An employee may only receive severance pay once during his or her years of employment in the education sector.

Except in the case where he or she is offered a position under clause 7-3.19, the surplus tenured regular employee may choose to resign and receive severance pay. In this case, the employee concerned shall lose his or her tenure.

C) Transfer of Tenure and Seniority

In order to reduce the number of surplus tenured regular employees, the tenure and seniority of an employee who is not in surplus shall be transferable to another school board that hires him or her if his or her resignation results in the reassignment of a surplus tenured regular employee.

D) Loan of Service

A board, an employee and a community organization may agree that a board loan the services of a tenured regular employee to a community organization if the measure permits the reduction of the number of surplus tenured regular employees. In this case, the parties shall complete and sign the contract contained in Appendix VII. However, the board must inform the union at least ten (10) working days in advance of the name of the employee with whom it intends to sign a contract before signing the contract with an employee and an organization.

E) Retraining

The board may, based on its needs, require that a surplus employee undergo retraining so as to improve his or her chances of being reinstated in a position at the board. Before proceeding, the board shall inform the union of its intention to require retraining.

However, in the case where the retraining would allow the promotion of a surplus employee, it shall be first offered, according to seniority, from among interested tenured employees in the same class of employment, thus allowing the board to assign a surplus employee to the temporarily vacated position under this clause.

The salary of the employee who accepts the offer shall be maintained for the retraining period as if he or she had remained at work. The period extends from the employee's last workday preceding the retraining to the first workday after its completion. If the employee is not reinstated in a position considered for tenure where the remuneration is at least equal to that maintained during the retraining, he or she may be reinstated in his or her original position.

The surplus employee shall be temporarily assigned to the vacated position.

If no tenured employee in the same class of employment accepts the retraining offer, the surplus employee must accept it. Failing to accept the written offer, the employee shall renounce all of his or her rights as a surplus employee prescribed in the agreement. However, the employee shall be registered on the priority of employment list according to seniority and, for the sole purposes of the movement of personnel prescribed in article 7-1.00, he or she is considered as a surplus employee.

The board shall assign the employee who has undergone retraining to a position in accordance with clause 7-1.04 and paragraph b) of clause 7-3.19. He or she must successfully complete the adaptation and training periods, if need be. The fact that the board fails to assign an employee to a position enables him or her to continue to avail himself or herself of paragraph b) of clause 7-3.19.

All the costs pertaining to the training shall be assumed by the employer. The other terms and conditions shall be agreed between the local parties and the employee before the training begins.

Rights and Obligations of Employees

7-3.19

- a) Any salary protection under this article to which the surplus tenured regular employee is entitled shall cease no later than five (5) years following the date as of which his name is registered on the list of the Provincial Relocation Bureau due to his or her placement in surplus in accordance with the second paragraph of clause 7-3.24.
- b) Every surplus tenured regular employee who is offered in his or her board a position considered for tenure, situated at a distance equal to or less than fifty (50) kilometres from his or her place of work or from his or her domicile by the shortest public road normally used must accept it, regardless of the number of hours, the work schedule of the position concerned and the class of employment in which he or she belongs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this provision does not apply to a building closure if there is no other building within fifty (50) kilometres. In this case, the employee in surplus must accept the position, regardless of the number of hours, the schedule of the position concerned and the class of employment to which he or she belongs.

However, the preceding paragraph shall not oblige a surplus tenured regular employee belonging to the technical support category or administrative support category to accept a position in the labour support category. Moreover, the surplus tenured regular employee belonging to the labour support category shall not be obliged to accept a position in the technical support category or administrative support category.

Any surplus tenured regular employee who is offered a position considered for tenure in another school board within a fifty (50)-kilometre radius by public road from his or her domicile or place of work at the time of his or her placement in surplus must accept it if the position offered is in his or her class of employment or if it constitutes a transfer, regardless of the number of hours and schedule of the position concerned. He or she shall benefit from the income protection prescribed in clause 7-3.20.

Failure to accept a written offer in accordance with the preceding paragraphs shall constitute, for all legal purposes, the resignation of the surplus tenured regular employee and shall eliminate any possibility of receiving severance pay. If the offer is made by another school board, the employee must accept it within seven (7) days¹.

Under this clause, the employee who, at the time of his or her placement in surplus, held a twelve (12)-month position, may not be required to accept a position of less than twelve (12) months.

¹ Read twelve (12) days instead of seven (7) if the offer involves moving on the part of the employee concerned.

7-3.20

Subject to paragraph a) of clause 7-3.19, when, as a result of the application of the provisions of the preceding clause, a surplus tenured regular employee must accept a position in another school board with fewer working hours than his or her regular workweek before being placed in surplus, he or she shall maintain the remuneration based on the salary rate and the number of regular hours applicable immediately prior to assuming his or her new position, provided that the remuneration resulting from the new position is lower. However, the difference between the remuneration of the new position and that established immediately before assuming the new position shall be paid as a lump sum spread over each pay period. The amount shall be reduced as the employee's salary progresses.

Subject to paragraph a) of clause 7-3.19, when as a result of the application of the provisions of clause 7-3.19, a surplus tenured regular employee must accept a position considered for tenure with fewer regular working hours than his or her regular workweek before being placed in surplus, the employee shall benefit from the following:

- a) shall maintain the remuneration based on the salary rate and the number of regular hours applicable immediately prior to assuming his or her new position, as long as the remuneration resulting from the new position is lower. However, the difference between the remuneration of the new position and that established immediately before assuming the new position shall be paid as a lump sum spread over each pay period. The amount shall be reduced as the employee's salary progresses;
- b) he or she shall have a right to return to a position with a number of hours at least equal to the number of hours of the position he or she held before his or her reassignment under subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.04; should the employee refuse to accept a position thus offered under the right to return described in this subparagraph, he or she shall then lose all the benefits of this clause and shall be remunerated for the number of hours worked.

7-3.21

When, as a result of the application of clause 7-3.19, a surplus tenured regular employee must accept a position in a class of employment lower than the one he or she held before the movement, he or she shall benefit from the following:

- a) he or she shall maintain the salary of the class of employment held prior to the movement provided that he or she does not obtain a position in his or her former class of employment in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. His or her salary shall progress normally in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6-0.00;
- b) he or she shall have the right to return to a position in his or her former class of employment under subparagraph a) of clause 7-1.04; should the employee refuse to accept a position thus offered under the right to return described in this paragraph, he or she shall lose all the benefits conferred on him or her under this clause and shall be remunerated for the number of hours worked.

7-3.22

When the position that the tenured regular employee must accept as a result of the application of the provisions of clause 7-3.19 or clauses 7-3.06 and 7-3.07 is situated in a class of employment lower than the one he or she held prior to the movement and includes, in addition, the characteristics prescribed in clause 7-3.16 or 7-3.20, the employee shall then benefit from clause 7-3.21 and the income protection prescribed in subparagraph a) of clause 7-3.16 or clause 7-3.20, as the case may be.

7-3.23

- a) The surplus tenured regular employee who accepts to be relocated to a position situated more than fifty (50) kilometres from his or her domicile and place of work at the time of his or her placement in surplus by the shortest public road normally used shall receive a voluntary mobility premium equal to two (2) months' salary if the relocation involves his or her moving. The premium shall equal four (4) months' salary if the relocation takes place in the regions of the Central Québec School Board (territory of the service area of the localities of Chibougamau and Chapais, Schefferville and Kawawachikamach), Eastern Shores and Western Québec School Boards (territory of the localities of Témiscaming, Val d'Or and Rouyn-Noranda) from another region.

The board shall also grant a voluntary relocation premium to the tenured employee who is not in surplus but whose relocation allows the reassignment of a surplus tenured regular employee.

- b) The surplus tenured regular employee must provide, upon request, all information relevant to his or her security of employment.
- c) While the tenured regular employee remains in surplus, his or her salary progresses normally.
- d) When a surplus tenured regular employee accepts a position with another school board in accordance with this clause, he or she shall not undergo a probationary period.
- e) When a surplus tenured regular support staff employee is relocated or reassigned to his or her new employer under the provisions of this chapter, he or she shall maintain his or her regular employee status and, if need be, tenure and bank of nonredeemable sick-leave days.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an employee shall also maintain his or her seniority for the purposes described in the agreement.

The school board that hires the employee shall recognize the benefits that the employee maintains under paragraph e).

- f) While a tenured regular employee remains in surplus, he or she shall be required to perform the duties that the board assigns to him or her in keeping with his or her qualifications and the duties of the classes of employment of his or her category.

The board may also, with the employee's consent, conclude a loan of service agreement with another school board in which case the employee concerned must accept the assignment which results therefrom.

- g) A regular employee who has not acquired tenure, who has completed at least one year¹ at the board as a regular employee and who is laid off under this article shall remain on the list of the Provincial Relocation Bureau for a maximum period of two (2) years. During that period, he or she must accept a written offer of employment which could be made to him or her by his or her board or by another school board in the same region, within seven (7) days of the written offer of employment. If the employee does not accept the written offer, his or her name shall be removed from the lists of the Provincial Relocation Bureau.
- h) The date of the signature on the post office receipt of the documents sent by registered mail shall constitute prima facie proof in order to calculate the deadlines prescribed in this clause.
- i) The employee who is relocated under this clause and who must move shall benefit from his or her board or, as the case may be, from the school board which hired him or her, from the provisions of Appendix II under the conditions stipulated therein, insofar as the allowances prescribed in the federal labour mobility program do not apply. Moreover, if an employee is relocated under clause 7-3.19 and paragraph a) of this clause, the employee who must move shall be entitled to:
 - a maximum of three (3) working days without loss of salary to cover the search for a dwelling. The three (3)-day maximum shall not include the travel 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.
- j) The surplus tenured regular employee must appear for an interview at another school board if so requested by the Provincial Relocation Bureau provided that the position offered is situated at a distance prescribed in clause 7-3.19. The employee who fails or neglects to comply with the obligation prescribed in this paragraph shall be considered as having resigned.

Obligations of the Board

7-3.24

When the board must proceed with a hiring in order to fill a vacant position considered for tenure, other than a temporarily vacant position, it shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph e) of clause 7-1.04, a request to the Provincial Relocation Bureau serving its territory, stating the class of employment and the requirements of the position to be filled.

¹ Unless specifically provided otherwise, the duration of any absence during which the salary has not been maintained and any temporary layoff occurring during this period shall be added thereto.

Moreover, the board must inform the Provincial Relocation Bureau of the names of the tenured regular employees that it is placing in surplus as well as the names of the nontenured regular employees referred to in paragraph g) of clause 7-3.23.

7-3.25

During the fiscal year preceding an amalgamation (including the disappearance of one board to the benefit of one or more other school boards), an annexation or a restructuring, the board may not abolish a position which would result in one or more layoffs or one or more placements in surplus, as the case may be, of regular or tenured regular employees if the cause of the abolition arises from the amalgamation, annexation or restructuring.

However, as of the fiscal year of the amalgamation, annexation or restructuring, a new board, an annexing board or a restructured board may abolish positions resulting in one or more layoffs or in one or more placements in surplus, as the case may be, of regular or tenured regular employees.

Notwithstanding paragraph a) of clause 7-3.19, following an amalgamation, annexation or restructuring, the duration of salary protection of the employee registered on the list of surplus support staff of the Provincial Relocation Bureau is not limited. The board may use the employee's services up to the protected salary without exceeding the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.

7-3.26

Once another school board assumes the responsibility for providing instruction to children with social maladjustments or learning difficulties or to students of a given level or option, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act (CQLR, chapter I-13.3), the regular employee or the tenured regular employee who would be required to perform most of his or her work in the other school board shall obligatorily pass to the employ of the other school board.

With the consent of the board that no longer provides the instruction, the regular employee or the tenured regular employee may remain in the employ of the board provided that no layoff or placement in surplus of regular employees or tenured regular employees occurs because of the agreement.

However, as of the anniversary on which the responsibility for the instruction was assumed, the school board which assumed it may abolish positions resulting in one or more layoffs or, as the case may be, one or more placements in surplus.

7-3.27

In the case of an amalgamation (including the disappearance of a school board), annexation or restructuring, the board and the union may agree on particular rules for the redistribution of personnel and movement of personnel resulting from the amalgamation, annexation or restructuring.

Special Provisions - Day Care Services and School Settings Sector**7-3.28**

Clauses 7-3.28 to 7-3.34 apply to an employee who holds a position in the day care services and school settings sector.

7-3.29

The assignment of a regular employee working in the day care services and school settings sector shall be carried out as follows:

- A) Beginning in August and for a period not exceeding September 15, the board shall temporarily assign working hours to support staff working in the day care services and school settings sector on the basis of its needs and according to the class of employment and seniority.
- B) No later than September 15 of each year, the board shall draw up schedules for the employees working in the day care services and school settings sector in each day care service and school setting that include, subject to the needs of the organization, service and students, the greatest possible number of hours, as well as continuous schedules particularly by merging compatible positions of the same class of employment. The board shall not be required to merge or create positions if this results in travel time, travel costs or schedule conflicts, nor exceed the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01. The board shall form groups in accordance with the Regulation respecting childcare services provided at school (CQLR, chapter I-13.3, r.11); it must take into account the presence of students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties. The schedules include time outside of the students' presence, devoted to the preparation, organization and planning required for services dispensed to students, school team meetings and follow-up with parents and the parties concerned.

Schedules of employees working in the day care services and school settings sector in each day care service and school setting shall be offered by class of employment and seniority.

7-3.30

Following the application of clause 7-3.29:

- A) The board shall post, in all day care services and school settings, the permanently vacant or newly created regular positions of technician in day care service and school setting.

The board shall choose from among the regular technicians in day care service and school setting who have not been recalled and, subsequently, from among the regular technicians in day care service and school setting who requested a transfer and, subsequently, from among the educators in school setting, principal class or the educators in school setting who applied.

- B) The board shall post, in all day care services and school settings, the permanently vacant or newly created regular positions of educators in school setting, principal class.

The board shall choose from among the regular educators in school setting, principal class, who have not been recalled and the regular educators in school setting, principal class who requested a transfer and, subsequently, from among the educators in school setting who applied.

- C) The board shall post, in all day care services and school settings, the permanently vacant or newly created regular positions of educators in school setting.

The board shall choose from among the regular educators in school setting who have not been recalled and the regular educators in school setting who requested a transfer. For this purpose, the board may convene an assignment session during which the vacant positions and the positions becoming vacant during the assignment session are filled.

- D) The employee referred to in clause 7-3.33 must apply for one of the vacant positions offered under the preceding subparagraphs A) and B). The employee shall be given priority for such a position.

7-3.31

The following provisions apply to an employee who did not obtain a position under clauses 7-3.29 and 7-3.30:

- a) in the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment;
- b) in the case of a nontenured employee, he or she shall be laid off;
- c) in the case of a tenured employee, he or she shall displace a nontenured employee holding a position considered for tenure with the least seniority in his or her class of employment. An employee thus displaced shall then be laid off.

If a tenured employee is unable to displace an employee under the preceding paragraph, he or she shall then be placed in surplus.

7-3.32

Any position that has remained vacant following the application of clauses 7-3.29 to 7-3.31 shall be filled in accordance with clause 7-1.04 or 7-1.05, as the case may be.

7-3.33

A tenured regular employee who is placed in surplus or who has no other choice than to be assigned to a position in which the hours of his or her regular workweek of the preceding year were reduced by more than ten percent (10%) shall undergo a maximum decrease of ten percent (10%) of his or her salary of the preceding year. The salary protection corresponding to ninety percent (90%) of his or her number of hours of the preceding year shall be granted on the basis of a maximum thirty-five (35)-hour regular workweek. The board may use the employee's services to make up the difference between the number of hours of the position and that for which his or her salary is protected.

However, the workweek of a tenured employee cannot be reduced so as to cause him or her to lose the status of employee holding a position considered for tenure even if the decrease in number of hours is spread over a number of years.

Prior to applying clauses 7-1.24 to 7-1.26, the employee whose number of hours is protected may be assigned duties so as to complete his or her regular workweek.

7-3.34

Clauses 7-3.10 to 7-3.14, clause 7-3.15 subject to the provisions of clause 7-3.33, paragraph A) of clause 7-3.17 and clauses 7-3.18 to 7-3.27 also apply to employees working in the day care services and school settings sector.

Special Provisions Concerning Special Education**7-3.35**

The procedure for displacing and assigning vacant positions in this section applies solely to positions in the special education sector.

In the context of this section, the board shall terminate the employment of the probationary employee who has been displaced or whose position was abolished.

In addition, the regular employee who does not obtain a position under clauses 7-3.38 to 7-3.45 shall, at the end of the temporary layoff period prescribed in clause 7-2.03, be placed in surplus, if he or she is tenured or laid off, if he or she is nontenured.

7-3.36

In the case of an employee working with handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties:

- a) during the year, the board may abolish, for reasons not reasonably foreseeable at the beginning of the school year, the position of one of these employees. In this event, the board shall proceed, while respecting clause 7-3.17, with a new assignment for the employee;

- b) the board shall fill the work schedule of an employee based on his or her qualifications when, during the year, the number of hours of his or her position declines;
- c) the board shall include, in establishing the positions of special education technician, the planning, preparation and organization time required for services dispensed to students, meetings with the school team and for follow-up with parents or others involved in intervention efforts.
- d) The board shall create positions, subject to the needs of the organization, service and students, with the greatest possible number of hours, as well as continuous schedules particularly by merging compatible positions of the same class of employment. The board shall not be required to merge or create positions if this results in travel time, travel costs or schedule conflicts, nor exceed the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01.
- e) An employee working with a student who is temporarily absent for more than five (5) working days may be assigned to other duties in his or her class of employment compatible with his or her qualifications and experience within a fifty (50)-kilometre radius by road from his or her place of work or domicile.

When the student with whom an employee is working leaves permanently, the employee shall be reassigned to other temporary duties as prescribed in the preceding paragraph until the date on which the security of employment mechanism prescribed in clause 7-3.38 and following.

7-3.37

The board shall not be required to abolish a position in the following cases:

- a) the position is transferred to less than twenty (20) kilometres from its actual location;
- b) an increase in the number of weekly working hours up to twenty percent (20%);
- c) the position is attached in whole or in part to another department or there is a change in superior;
- d) a change in the distribution of working time among the same workplaces;
- e) a change in schedule without a change in shift;
- f) another reason agreed upon by the board and the union.

Security of Employment Mechanism**7-3.38**

In the case of an employee working with handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning difficulties, the board may consider the individualized education plan if it includes a restriction concerning the choice of employee.

7-3.39

Clauses 7-3.41 to 7-3.44 apply concomitantly.

The board may convene an assignment session during which vacant positions and vacated positions in the context of the assignment session are filled. In the case where the board does not convene an assignment session, it must post the vacant positions in accordance with clause 7-1.06 for at least five (5) days.

A regular employee who is absent because of a reason prescribed in the agreement shall exercise his or her choice at the time when the security of employment mechanism is applied, regardless of the date scheduled for his or her return to work.

7-3.40

The positions prescribed in the special education sector shall be filled as follows:

- a) the employee shall keep the position held the preceding year if it still exists. However, the position of the employee in which the weekly working hours number was increased more than twenty percent (20%) shall be considered as a vacant position;
- b) the employee, whose position is abolished and recreated with fewer hours is offered the position as a priority, may accept or refuse the position;
- c) the board shall offer a vacant position to the following regular employees in the same class of employment:
 - an employee whose position is abolished;
 - an employee who requested a transfer within the time limit determined by the board;
 - an employee in surplus;
 - an employee entitled to salary protection.

If no employee in surplus or covered by salary protection accepts the position offered, the board shall designate, subject to clause 7-3.23, the employee with the least seniority from among those in surplus or entitled to salary protection.

This clause may be the object of a local arrangement between the board and the union.

Position Considered for Tenure**7-3.41**

The following provisions apply to the employee holding a position considered for tenure that is abolished:

- A) for a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment as of the date on which the position is abolished;
- B) for a regular employee:
 - a) if the number of abolished positions is lower than or equal to the number of vacant positions in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position in his or her class of employment;
 - b) if the number of abolished positions exceeds the number of vacant positions in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position in his or her class of employment or shall displace the employee in his or her class of employment who has the least seniority;
 - c) failing which, he or she shall be reassigned to a vacant position in another class of employment of his or her category or subcategory following the application of subparagraphs a) and b) of clause 7-1.04;
 - d) failing which, he or she shall be laid off, if he or she is nontenured or placed in surplus, if he or she is tenured.

7-3.42

The following provisions apply to an employee holding a position considered for tenure, who is displaced under clause 7-3.41 or this clause:

- a) in the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment;
- b) in the case of a regular employee:
 - paragraph B) of clause 7-3.41 shall apply.

Position Not Considered for Tenure**7-3.43**

The following provisions apply to an employee holding a position not considered for tenure which is abolished:

- A) for a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment as of the date on which the position is abolished;
- B) for a regular employee;
 - a) if the number of abolished positions not considered for tenure is lower than or equal to the number of vacant positions not considered for tenure in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position not considered for tenure in his or her class of employment;
 - b) if the number of abolished positions not considered for tenure exceeds the number of vacant positions not considered for tenure in the class of employment, the employee shall choose, according to seniority, a vacant position not considered for tenure in his or her class of employment or shall displace the employee in his or her class of employment who holds a position not considered for tenure and who has the least seniority;
 - c) failing which, he or she shall be reassigned to a vacant position not considered for tenure in another class of employment of his or her category or subcategory;
 - d) failing which, he or she shall be laid off.

7-3.44

The following provisions apply to an employee holding a position not considered for tenure who is displaced under clause 7-3.43 or this clause:

- a) in the case of a probationary employee, the board shall terminate his or her employment;
- b) in the case of a regular employee; the provisions of paragraph B) of clause 7-3.43 shall apply.

7-3.45

The board and the union may agree, by local arrangement, that an employee holding a position not considered for tenure, whose position is abolished or who is displaced under clauses 7-3.43 and 7-3.44, may displace an employee who holds a position in which the number of weekly hours is equal to his or her own.

7-3.46

An employee who, in the context of this section, may choose a vacant position shall exercise his or her choice only once during a procedure for assigning vacant positions is applied.

7-3.47

The positions left vacant following the application of clause 7-3.46 shall be filled under clauses 7-1.04 and 7-1.05.

7-3.48

- a) When, in the context of clauses 7-3.41 to 7-3.44, the tenured employee has no other choice than to be reassigned or displaced to a position considered for tenure whose regular workweek includes fewer hours than his or her regular workweek and/or a position considered for tenure of a cyclical nature, he or she shall be entitled, at his or her choice, to one of the following salary protections:
 - 1) he or she shall maintain the remuneration based on the salary rate and the number of regular hours actually applicable immediately before obtaining the new position and for as long as the remuneration of the new position is lower. However, the difference between the remuneration associated with the new position and that immediately determined before obtaining the new position shall be paid in the form of a lump sum spread over each of his or her pays. This amount shall be reduced as the employee's salary progresses;
 - 2) he or she shall maintain the remuneration based on the salary rate and the number of hours of the regular workweek actually applicable immediately before obtaining a new position for as long as he or she does not obtain another position. The board shall assign duties to the employee to allow him or her to complete his or her regular workweek. The assignment shall be carried out in keeping with the provisions prescribed in clause 7-3.23.
- b) When a tenured employee has been demoted under clauses 7-3.41 to 7-3.44, he or she shall maintain his or her class of employment for salary and transfer purposes until such time as he or she obtains another position.

7-3.49

Clauses 7-3.10 to 7-3.15, paragraph A) of clause 7-3.17 and clauses 7-3.18 to 7-3.27 also apply to employees working in the special education sector.

7-4.00 PARTIAL DISABILITY**7-4.01**

A tenured regular employee who must be laid off as a result of his or her physical inability to meet the requirements of his or her current position may, under article 7-1.00, obtain a transfer, demotion or promotion, as the case may be, provided that he or she meet the requirements of the desired position and that the position be available. He or she shall then receive the salary provided for his or her new position.

7-4.02

The tenured regular employee who is laid off upon the termination of the benefits prescribed in subparagraph c) of paragraph A) of clause 5-3.34 and of clause 5-3.47 shall be entitled, if he or she meets the requirements of an available position under clause 7-1.04, to the following provisions:

- a) as of his or her layoff and up to a period of one year, apply for a position under subparagraph c) of clause 7-1.04;
- b) as of the expiry of the aforementioned period of one year up to an additional period of one year, benefit from the provisions prescribed under subparagraph g) of clause 7-1.04.

During the layoff period, the tenured regular employee shall not receive any salary.

7-4.03

The board and the union may agree on another manner in which to assign a position to an employee suffering from a permanent partial disability or physical disability.

7-4.04

The tenured regular employee who suffered an employment injury and who has not been reinstated in a position under clause 5-9.15 and who is laid off upon the expiry of the time limits prescribed in subparagraph E) of clause 5-9.16 shall benefit from the provisions of subparagraphs a) and b) of clause 7-4.02. Moreover, during the period prescribed in subparagraph a) of clause 7-4.02, the employee who so requests has priority for any temporarily vacant position or any temporary position and shall benefit from the provisions applicable to the temporary employee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, because of the date of healing of his or her employment injury, the layoff follows a two (2)-year period from the date on which the employment injury begins, the time limits prescribed in subparagraphs a) and b) of clause 7-4.02 shall be reduced accordingly, as the case may be.

7-5.00 CONTRACTING OUT**7-5.01**

In keeping with the discussions on the organization of work, the parties recognize the importance of studying alternatives designed to reduce contracting out. The quality of service, the quality of life at work and the budgetary constraints must be taken into account in order to attain this objective.

7-5.02

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 board.

7-5.03

If the board intends to contract out and the work is of an ongoing nature which may be carried out by employees, it must submit the case to the Labour Relations Committee indicating the reasons underlying its decision and the date on which the decision will be made but which cannot occur prior to sixty (60) days of the notice.

7-5.04

In applying clauses 7-5.01, 7-5.02 and 7-5.03, the Labour Relations Committee shall study the reasons for which the board contracts out.

The committee shall review the work process, the organization of working conditions or any other component that it deems appropriate in an attempt to identify alternatives which favour the completion of the work by employees. The alternatives shall be submitted to the board prior to its decision.

The committee shall agree on the information required to carry out the work and on a work schedule.

7-5.05

Moreover, in the case where the number of surplus tenured regular employees in the pertinent classes of employment would allow the termination of a contract of an ongoing nature, the board shall terminate the contract within the legal framework provided for therein and provided that the board may reassign its surplus tenured regular employees as a replacement for the subcontractor.

7-5.06

At the union's written request, the board shall provide, on an annual basis, a list of ongoing subcontracts related to those classes of employment covered by accreditation.

CHAPTER 8-0.00 WORKING CONDITIONS**8-1.00 SENIORITY****8-1.01**

The board shall recognize for every regular employee in its employ on the date of the coming into force of the agreement the seniority that it recognized on the preceding June 30 by applying the provisions of article 8-1.00 of the former collective agreement. As of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, seniority shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of clauses 8-1.02 to 8-1.10 of this article.

8-1.02

Seniority corresponds to the period of employment of any regular employee in one of the positions of the classes of employment prescribed in the Classification Plan for technical, administrative and labour support staff in the employ of the board, school boards or school service centres (institutions) to which the board is the successor.

8-1.03 Calculation of Seniority and Determination of Seniority Rank

The seniority of a regular employee is expressed in years, months, days and his or her seniority rank is determined as follows:

a) Employee Who Acquires Status of Regular Employee

When an employee acquires the status of regular employee, the board shall assign him or her a seniority rank based on seniority accumulated on the preceding June 30. Failing seniority, the board shall assign him or her a rank based on his or her first day of work at the board.

Is recognized as seniority any period worked for the board, school boards or school service centres (institutions) to which the latter is the successor, as an employee referred to in clauses 1-2.20 or 1-2.22 and articles 10-1.00, 10-2.00 or 10-3.00 of the former collective agreement, retroactively to his or her first day of work, unless there is a work interruption of over twenty-four (24) months. In which case, the time worked prior to the interruption shall not be counted.

The period worked shall be calculated proportionally to the regular work hours.

b) Person Who Comes from Another Group and Is Integrated into a Position

Seniority of an employee who belongs to a group of employees different from those mentioned in paragraph a) of this clause and who is integrated into a position belonging to one of the classes of employment of support staff, shall correspond to his or her period of employment in the board on the preceding June 30.

However, the seniority may not be used to integrate an employee into one of the classes of employment prescribed in the Classification Plan for the technical, administrative and labour support staff nor for the purposes of movement of personnel or security of employment.

Once the seniority completed is calculated, if several regular employees have the same seniority, the board shall assign their respective rank by random draw in their presence including that of a union representative.

The board shall inform the regular employee in writing of the seniority accumulated on the date on which he or she obtains this status and the rank assigned. A copy of the of the notice shall be forwarded to the union at the same time.

8-1.04

A regular employee shall retain his or her seniority, but without accumulating it in the following cases:

- a) when he or she is on a leave of absence without salary for more than one month unless there is a specific provision to the contrary in the agreement;
- b) when he or she is laid off for a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months.

8-1.05

A regular employee shall lose his or her seniority in the following circumstances:

- a) when his or her employment is permanently terminated;
- b) when he or she is laid off for over twenty-four (24) months;
- c) when he or she refuses or fails to return to work without a valid reason within the seven (7) days of a recall to work by registered letter sent to his or her last known address.

8-1.06

On June 30 of each fiscal year, the board shall update the seniority list for all regular employees already registered on the official list, and add for each regular employee an additional year without being prorated.

No later than August 31 of each fiscal year, the board shall forward an updated seniority list to the union.

Within sixty (60) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement, the board shall forward to the union the seniority list of regular employees, indicating the name of the employee, his or her seniority and his or her seniority rank calculated on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

8-1.07

The board shall post the list in its buildings or shall forward a copy to each regular employee.

8-1.08

Any alleged error on the seniority list may be the subject of a grievance which may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of articles 9-1.00 and 9-2.00.

However, the seniority of a person who is integrated into a position covered by accreditation under paragraph e) of clause 7-3.23, paragraph C) of clause 7-3.18 or subparagraphs a), b), e) and f) of clause 7-1.04 may be the subject of a grievance within forty-five (45) days of the date on which the board informs the union of the seniority of the regular employee concerned.

8-1.09

The posted seniority list shall become official forty-five (45) days after the union receives it, subject to the changes resulting from a grievance submitted before the list becomes official. However, a revision can be requested after the list becomes official but may not have any retroactive effect prior to the deposit of the grievance on action taken by virtue of the list.

8-2.00 WORKWEEK AND WORKING HOURS

Technical and Administrative Support Positions

8-2.01

a) General Sector and Special Education Sector

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.

b) Day Care Services and School Settings Sector

The regular workweek shall be comprised of thirty-five (35) hours from Monday to Friday followed by two (2) consecutive days off.

Labour Support Positions**8-2.02**

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).

8-2.03

Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, the regular workweek for certain classes of employment such as stationary engineer or guard may be scheduled differently according to the department's needs, subject to the provisions of clauses 8-2.07 and 8-2.08. It is agreed that any schedule which includes work on Saturdays or Sundays must include two (2) consecutive days off.

8-2.04

In the case where the former collective agreement provided for a different number of weekly working hours, the board and the union may agree to maintain the number of hours or to adopt the number of hours prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, and the work schedule shall be adjusted accordingly.

Failing an agreement, the number of working hours in effect shall be maintained. However, the provisions of clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, shall apply at the time when the union so requests the board in writing.

8-2.05

An employee shall be entitled to a fifteen (15)-minute rest period without loss of salary, per half-day of work, which is to be taken towards the middle of each half-day of work.

8-2.06

An employee shall be entitled to an uninterrupted meal period without salary in keeping with the provisions of the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1).

The employee required to work during his or her scheduled meal period shall receive compensated time off at the hourly rate at a time agreed to with his or her immediate superior.

8-2.07

The board shall maintain the work schedules in effect on the date of the coming into force of the agreement.

8-2.08

The work schedules may be altered after written agreement between the union and the board. However, the board may alter the existing schedules if administrative and¹ pedagogical needs make such changes necessary. In this case, the board shall give the union and the employee concerned a written notice of at least thirty (30) days before implementing the new schedules. Either the employee concerned or the union may, within thirty (30) working days of the sending of the notice, resort to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration.

When the roll is prepared, such grievance shall be given priority.

At the time of arbitration, the burden of proof shall rest with the board. The arbitrator's mandate shall be to decide whether the changes were necessary; if they were not, the board must return to the former schedules and must pay the employees the overtime rate prescribed in article 8-3.00 for every hour worked outside the regular schedule.

Unless there is a written agreement to the contrary between the union and the board, no modification may cause an employee to work split shifts.

8-2.09

Work schedules may be adjusted upon a ten (10)-working day notice, if the adjustment falls within a thirty (30)-minute span before or after the regular workday. The adjustment may be of a maximum of ninety (90) minutes with the employee's consent.

The adjustment must meet the following conditions:

- the schedule cannot be adjusted more than twice yearly;
- the employee must be consulted before the adjustment in his or her schedule occurs and must be informed of the reasons underlying the decision;
- if only one employee in a given department, school or centre will be affected by such an adjustment, the board shall offer it based on seniority but the employee with the least seniority shall be required to accept it.

8-2.10

If, under the former collective agreement or a board regulation or resolution in effect in 1978-1979, employees were entitled to a regular workweek with fewer working hours during the summer, that provision shall be maintained under the same conditions for the term of the agreement.

¹ Read "or" instead of "and" in the case of employees whose work is carried out for the most part outside the schools.

8-2.11

Subject to the provisions of clauses 8-2.01, 8-2.02, 8-2.04 and of article 8-3.00, the board and the union may agree on a flexible work schedule for employees working in the same office, department, school or adult education centre.

8-2.12

As of the 2024-2025 school year, the work schedule of the employee working in the classes of employment of educator in school setting, attendant for handicapped students or student supervisor must include a minimum work period of one (1) hour, without interruption, for each distinct period before the start¹ of classes or after the end² of classes, except if this has the effect of delaying the closing of the day care service at the end of the day.

However, if the employee is assigned to a position in the same class of employment or another class of employment immediately at the start¹ of classes or immediately before the end² of classes, the total time worked in the assignments must be at least equal to one (1) work hour, without interruption.

8-2.13

For employees working in the day care services and school settings, only the following provisions apply: paragraph b) of clause 8-2.01 and clauses 8-2.05, 8-2.06 and 8-2.12.

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 prescribed in 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, it shall be given to an employee whose class of employment corresponds to the work to be performed.

¹ First period in the morning.

² Last period at the end of the day.

8-3.03

If the overtime work can be performed by more than one employee in a class of employment, the board shall attempt to distribute it as equitably as possible among the employees in the same office, school, adult education centre or territorial division.

8-3.04

An employee may be exempted from working overtime, when such work is required, if the board finds another employee in the same class of employment who accepts to perform the overtime work without this hindering the efficient flow of work.

8-3.05

An employee shall receive, as compensation for overtime, a leave of a duration equal to the value of the overtime rate prescribed in clause 8-3.06, provided that there was an agreement between the employee and the board on when the employee will take the time off.

The employee must take his or her compensatory leave within ninety (90) days after the overtime was performed, unless a later date was agreed to.

8-3.06

Failing agreement under the preceding provisions, the employee shall be remunerated according to the following terms and conditions:

- a) at the basic hourly rate increased by one half for all hours worked in addition to the hours of the regular workday or outside the hours prescribed in his or her schedule or during a weekly day off;
- b) at the basic hourly rate increased by one half for all hours worked during a paid legal holiday provided for in the agreement in addition to the maintenance of the salary for that paid legal holiday;
- c) at double his or her hourly rate for all hours worked on a Sunday or during the second weekly day off.

8-3.07

When an employee is recalled from his or her home to perform emergency work, he or she shall be paid, subject to the provisions stipulated in clause 8-3.05, a minimum remuneration equivalent to four (4) hours at his or her basic hourly rate or at the overtime rate for the hours actually worked according to the more advantageous calculation.

8-3.08

Overtime shall be paid by the board within a maximum time limit of one month after the employee submits the duly signed claim approved by the board. The board shall provide the forms.

8-3.09

The pertinent provisions of this article apply to the employee working in the day care services and school settings sector beyond the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01, or after closing time of the day care service at the end of the day or during paid legal holidays.

8-4.00 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**8-4.01**

Every disciplinary measure and the reasons therefor must be set forth in a written notice addressed to the employee concerned. A copy of the 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 a dismissal based on a moral or criminal issue, all dismissals must be preceded by a meeting between the board, the union and the employee concerned. During the meeting, the board shall indicate to the union and to the employee the reasons for the measure. To this end, the employee must receive a written notice of at least three (3) working days before the meeting, specifying the hour and the place 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 notice shall also be forwarded to the union within the same time limit.

Following the meeting, the board may apply its decision within the ten (10) working days that follow and the notice shall be sent to the employee with a copy to the union.

The fact that the union, the employee or both, do not attend the meeting duly summoned shall not prevent the board from proceeding with the dismissal.

8-4.03

In the case where the board decides to summon an employee regarding a disciplinary measure which concerns him or her, the employee must receive at least a twenty-four (24)-hour written notice, specifying the hour and the place where he or she must report and indicating the reason for the summons as well as the fact that he or she is entitled to be accompanied by a union representative. A copy of the notice shall also be forwarded to the union within the same time limit.

The meetings normally take place during the board's business hours.

If the disciplinary measure is handed directly to an employee, it shall not constitute a summons as defined in the preceding provisions.

8-4.04

Any employee may, after making an appointment, consult his or her official record twice a year, accompanied if he or she so desires, by his or her union representative.

8-4.05

The employee subject to a disciplinary measure may submit his or her case to the procedure for settling grievances and arbitration.

However, the employee who is subject to a dismissal may, through the union, submit his or her grievance directly to arbitration, within thirty (30) working days of the receipt of the notice informing him or her of his or her dismissal, provided that the meeting prescribed in clause 8-4.02 has taken place.

8-4.06

A suspension shall not interrupt the seniority of the employee concerned. During the absence, the employee shall maintain his or her contributions to the various contributory plans prescribed in the agreement.

8-4.07

In the event of arbitration, the board must, by regularly entered evidence, establish that the disciplinary measure was imposed for a just and sufficient cause.

8-4.08

The board may invoke an infraction entered in the official record and for which a disciplinary measure has been issued only within twelve (12) months of such an infraction.

However, if more than one infraction of the same nature was committed within these twelve (12) months, each of the infractions including the first one mentioned in the preceding paragraph may be invoked only within the twenty-four (24) months of each of them. Any disciplinary measure that is void shall be withdrawn from the official record at the employee's written request.

8-4.09

No disciplinary measure rescinded by the board or declared unjustified by an arbitration tribunal or by an arbitrator may be invoked against an employee.

8-4.10

When preparing arbitration rolls, the parties agree to give priority to cases of dismissal.

8-4.11

Any disciplinary measure imposed more than thirty (30) days following the incident resulting in such a measure or after the board's cognizance of such an incident shall be null, void and illegal for the purposes of the agreement. However, in the case of changes to an indefinite suspension, the thirty (30)-day limit shall not apply at the time of the change.

8-4.12

In the case of dismissal, if there is an appeal through the grievance procedure, the board shall not pay the employee concerned the amounts accumulated in the pension fund nor those accumulated in the bank of sick-leave days until such time as the grievance has not been settled. The employee shall also 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 board. Failing this, the employee must pay the full premiums in advance.

8-4.13

The time limits and the procedure mentioned in this article shall be compulsory unless there is a written agreement to the contrary. Failure to so comply, the disciplinary measure shall be null, void and illegal for the purposes of the agreement.

8-5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY**8-5.01**

The board, with the union's collaboration, shall undertake to maintain working conditions that take into account the health, safety and physical well-being of employees and eliminate conditions that would endanger their health, safety or physical well-being.

8-5.02

The board must take, as prescribed by law and the applicable regulations, the measures necessary to protect the health and ensure the safety and physical well-being of employees.

8-5.03

The board and the union must, through the Labour Relations Committee or a specific committee, discuss problems concerning health, safety and physical well-being. In the cases where, under the former collective agreement, a specific committee had been set up, such a committee shall be maintained unless there is an agreement to the contrary between the board and the union. The committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall determine the frequency of meetings.

If there is no specific committee, the union may expressly designate an employee to act as a representative on matters of health and safety. The union must inform the board in writing of the name of the representative within fifteen (15) days of his or her appointment.

The representative may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement, after having informed his or her immediate superior, to attend a meeting of the Labour Relations Committee to discuss health and safety matters.

8-5.04

An employee shall have the right to refuse to carry out a task if he or she has good reason to believe it would endanger his or her health, safety or physical well-being or would expose another person to similar risks.

The refusal shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Act and the regulations respecting occupational health and safety applicable to the board.

8-5.05

The board may not layoff or displace an employee nor may it impose a discriminatory or disciplinary measure on him or her on the grounds that he or she exercised a right conferred on him or her under this article.

8-5.06

A union representative may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement after having informed the board that he or she will accompany the inspector of the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) on inspection visits and enquiries made following the exercise of the right of refusal or following a complaint made to the CNESST.

8-5.07

An employee who feels that his or her work endangers his or her health, safety or physical well-being shall so inform his or her immediate superior.

A union representative may be absent from work without loss of salary or reimbursement if his or her presence is required to meet the employee and the board representative to try to solve the problem before a grievance is filed. In such a case, the union representative may, at the union's choice, be one of the members of the committee prescribed in clause 8-5.03 or a representative who usually acts in this capacity within the framework of the meetings prescribed in clause 9-1.03.

8-5.08

The union shall be informed of every work accident or occupational disease affecting an employee as brought to the board's knowledge and shall receive a copy of the accident report.

8-5.09

The employee may be accompanied by a union representative to any meeting with the board concerning an employment injury he or she has suffered; in this case, the union representative may interrupt his or her work temporarily, without loss of salary or reimbursement, after having obtained the authorization of his or her immediate superior; such an authorization cannot be refused without a valid reason.

8-6.00 CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS**8-6.01**

The board shall provide its employees, free of charge, with any uniform or special clothing which it requires them to wear.

8-6.02

The uniforms or special clothing supplied by the board shall remain its property and may only be replaced upon the return of the old uniform or garment, unless prevented from doing so due to circumstances beyond the employee's control. The board shall decide if a uniform or garment must be replaced.

8-6.03

The upkeep of uniforms and special clothing supplied by the board shall be the employee's responsibility except for special clothing such as overalls, smocks and other similar items used exclusively on the premises and for working purposes.

8-6.04

If the former collective agreement contained a provision whereby the board supplied apparel and uniforms as well as any other article, it shall continue to do so according to the conditions specified therein.

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 and machinery used to produce goods and services and causing the abolition of one or more positions or modifying the duties entrusted to one or more employees or the performance of such duties.

8-7.02

The board 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 shall contain the following information:

- a) the nature of the change;
- b) the school, department or adult education centre concerned;
- c) the date foreseen for the implementation;
- d) the employee or group of employees concerned.

8-7.04

The board and union agree to meet at meetings of the Labour Relations Committee within twenty (20) days of the sending of the notice mentioned in clause 8-7.02; on that occasion, the board shall consult the union on the effects of the technological changes foreseen on the organization of work and the measures it intends to adopt in order to implement such changes.

The union's refusal to attend the meeting prescribed in this clause or failure to convey its disagreement regarding a technological change shall not prevent the implementation of such a change.

8-7.05

The employee whose duties are modified as a result of the implementation of a technological change shall receive, if need be, the appropriate training or professional improvement measures, taking into account his or her skills.

The costs of the training or professional improvement measures shall be borne by the board and must not be deducted from the budget prescribed in article 5-7.00.

8-7.06

The employee who, as a result of the introduction of a technological change, encounters problems in performing his or her duties, may submit his or her case to the Labour Relations Committee within sixty (60) days of such a change.

8-7.07

The provisions of this article shall not have the effect of preventing the application of other provisions of the agreement.

8-8.00 SOFTWARE CHANGES**8-8.01**

When the board changes a particular software or a version thereof or modifies the computer environment, it shall inform the employees beforehand and, should it involve a major change, the union.

8-8.02

An employee whose duties are affected by such a change shall receive the professional improvement and training deemed necessary by the board during his or her regular working hours.

8-8.03

Professional improvement costs shall be assumed by the board and are not included in the amount prescribed in clause 5-7.10, unless the Training, Professional Improvement, Supervision of Trainees and Professional Induction Committee decides otherwise.

CHAPTER 9-0.00 SETTLEMENT OF GRIEVANCES AND ARBITRATION**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 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. However, the fact that this obligation was not met shall not cause the employee to lose any rights.

9-1.02

The parties agree that the procedure for settling grievances must be accessible and efficient. Therefore, it is the intent of the parties to settle all grievances regarding the application and interpretation of the agreement within the shortest possible time.

To this end, the parties agree to respect the principle of proportionality by ensuring that their actions, including the means of proof they use, are proportionate, in terms of the cost and time involved, to the nature of the dispute, the complexity of the matter and the outcome of the grievance.

9-1.03

As regards all grievances, the board and the union agree to comply with the following procedure:

a) Step I

An employee shall submit his or her grievance, in writing, to the authority designated by the board or to the board, if there has been no such designation, and to the chief records clerk, using the electronic form provided by the Records Office within sixty (60) working days of the date of the event that gave rise to the grievance or of his or her knowledge thereof.

Any grievance concerning psychological harassment must be filed within two (2) years of the last incidence of such offending behaviour.

At the written request of the board or the union, the representatives of both the union and the board may meet to study the grievance within ten (10) working days of its receipt and to try to find a solution. However, the parties must meet to study any grievance concerning psychological harassment, dismissal or *hyper-conflict* and try to find a solution. In addition, the fact that this obligation was not met shall cause neither the employee nor the union to lose any rights.

In order to participate in such a meeting, a maximum of three (3) union representatives may be released without loss of salary.

b) Step II

The board shall give its written reply to the union within fifty (50) working days of receiving the grievance and shall forward a copy to the employee. If the board fails to reply or to provide a satisfactory reply, the grievance shall be deemed submitted to arbitration fifty (50) working days as of the date on which it was filed by the union.

The days from July 1 to August 15 inclusively shall not be counted when calculating the time limits prescribed in this clause.

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 prescribed in clause 9-1.03.

9-1.05

The time limits referred to in this article shall be compulsory. However, the board and the union may agree, in writing, to extend the time limits.

Failure to comply with the time limits prescribed in this article shall render the grievance null, void and illegal for the purposes of the agreement.

However, the rejection of a grievance cannot as such be considered as an acknowledgement by the union of the board's allegations and may not be invoked as a precedent.

9-1.06

The statement of the grievance shall contain a summary account of the facts so as to be able to identify the problem raised.

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 prior to the hearing date, the board 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**9-2.01**

Any grievance submitted to arbitration shall be decided upon by an arbitrator. The tribunal shall be composed of an arbitrator chosen from among the following:

Lavoie, André G., chief arbitrator¹

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| - Beaupré, René | - Lecompte, Natacha |
| - Beauregard, Sébastien | - Mancini, Marc |
| - Bernard, Yann | - Massicotte, Nathalie |
| - Brault, Serge | - Nadeau, Denis |
| - Faucher, Nathalie | - O'Bomsawin, Fany |
| - Flynn, Maureen | - Tremblay, Frédérick |

or any other person appointed by the provincial negotiating union party, the CPNCA and the Ministère to act in this capacity.

However, the arbitrator shall proceed with the arbitration assisted by assessors if, when the grievance is entered on the monthly arbitration roll, there is an agreement to this effect between the representatives of the provincial union party, the CPNCA and the Ministère.

9-2.02

Subject to the provisions of clause 9-2.01, in the event of an arbitration with assessors, an assessor shall be appointed by the provincial negotiating union party and another appointed jointly by the CPNCA and the Ministère to assist the arbitrator and to represent each party during the hearing of the grievance and the deliberations.

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 as prescribed by law and the provisions of the agreement.

¹ Address of the chief arbitrator:

Greffe des tribunaux d'arbitrage du secteur de l'éducation
Édifice Marie-Guyart
1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 1^{er} étage, bureau 120
Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5

Upon their appointment, each of the arbitrators shall take an oath or shall 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 provisions of the agreement.

9-2.04

Upon receipt of the grievance in accordance with paragraph a) of clause 9-1.03, the Records Office shall immediately acknowledge receipt to the union and the board. A copy of the acknowledgement of receipt and of the grievance shall be sent, without delay, to the provincial negotiating union party, the QESBA and the Ministère.

9-2.05

Any application for a safeguard order shall be submitted to the chief arbitrator. If the chief arbitrator is of the opinion that the dispute requires prompt action, he or she shall appoint, without delay, an arbitrator to hear the grievance and the application for a safeguard order. Failing that, he or she shall forward the grievance and the application for a safeguard order to the chief records clerk to be processed according to the regular procedure for preparing the arbitration roll prescribed in clause 9-2.06 and following clauses of the agreement.

9-2.06

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;
- b) appoint an arbitrator from the list mentioned in clause 9-2.01;
- c) set the time, date and place of the first arbitration session, taking into account the location from where the grievance is filed.

The Records Office shall notify the arbitrator, the assessors, if need be, the parties concerned, the provincial negotiating union party, the QESBA and the Ministère.

9-2.07

Within thirty (30) days of his or her appointment, the arbitrator shall contact the parties' lawyers or, failing that, their representatives to hold a pre-hearing and settlement conference.

The purpose of the conference is to improve the arbitration procedure, to make better use of the hearing time and to expedite the hearing process. In particular, it involves the following elements:

- propose to the parties, if the circumstances so warrant, to hold a mediation-arbitration process and, with their consent, pursue the arbitration, if the attempt fails;

- verify whether the parties have held the conference mentioned in subparagraph a) of clause 9-1.03 for any grievance dealing with psychological harassment, dismissal or *hyper-conflict*;
- consider the possibility of combining grievances;
- determine the order in which to present combined grievances;
- determine the nature of the dispute and the issues to be discussed at the hearing;
- consider the need to clarify and specify the parties' contentions and the conclusions sought;
- inform the arbitrator of the nature of the preliminary argument or arguments that they intend to raise;
- plan the procedure to be followed and the evidence to be presented at the hearing and determine the expected duration;
- consider the possibility of admitting certain facts or proof thereof by affidavit;
- set the hearing dates;
- consider any other matter that could simplify or expedite the hearing process.

The arbitrator must, within the shortest possible time, inform the chief records clerk of the outcome of the conference.

9-2.08

For the purpose of applying the provisions of clause 9-2.02, the provincial negotiating union party and the CPNCA shall convey to the Records Office the name of an assessor of their choice for each arbitration appearing on the monthly arbitration roll within fifteen (15) days of entering the case on the arbitration roll.

9-2.09

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, if need be, the parties concerned, the provincial negotiating union party, the QESBA and the Ministère. The arbitrator shall also set the time, date and place of the deliberation sessions and shall so inform the assessors, if need be.

9-2.10

Any vacancy on the list of arbitrators shall be filled according to the procedure established for the original appointment.

9-2.11

If an assessor is not designated in accordance with the original appointment procedure or if the position of assessor is not filled before the hearing, the arbitrator shall appoint him or her ex officio the day of the hearing.

9-2.12

The arbitrator shall proceed with all dispatch with the preliminary investigation of the grievance according to the procedure and evidence he or she deems appropriate in keeping with the principle of proportionality.

The arbitrator shall also, as part of his or her mandate, if the parties so request and the circumstances so warrant, try to help them reach a final settlement of the grievance and, with their express consent, pursue the arbitration, if the attempt to reach a settlement fails.

9-2.13

At any time, before the end of the hearings, the provincial negotiating union party, the QESBA and the Ministère may individually or collectively intervene and may make any representation to the arbitrator that they deem appropriate or relevant.

9-2.14

The arbitration sessions shall be public. The arbitrator may, however, order the sessions to be held in camera.

9-2.15

The arbitrator may deliberate in the absence of an assessor who does not attend after having been convened within a reasonable time.

9-2.16

Except in the case where written notes are prepared, in which case the board and the union may agree to extend the time limit, the arbitrator must render his or her decision within ninety (90) days of the hearing. However, the decision shall not be null for the sole reason that it was rendered after the expiry of the said time limit.

At the request of either provincial party, the chief arbitrator or the chief records clerk cannot assign a grievance to an arbitrator who has not rendered a decision, within the time allotted, until such time as the decision has been rendered.

9-2.17

- a) The decision shall state the reasons therefor and shall be signed by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall file the original signed copy of the decision at the Records Office.
- b) The assessors, if they so wish, may submit to the arbitrator notes justifying their position. These notes must be attached to the decision.
- c) The Records Office shall forward a copy to the parties involved and the provincial negotiating parties, the QESBA and the Ministère and shall file two (2) copies with the Minister of Labour.

9-2.18

At any time before his or her final decision, an arbitrator may render any interim or interlocutory decision which he or she deems fair and useful.

The same applies to any decision relating to an objection, which must be rendered immediately or, if this is not possible, without delay or in his or her final decision.

9-2.19

The decision shall be final, executory and shall bind the parties.

An arbitrator may not, by his or her decision on the adjudication of a grievance, subtract from, add to or modify the clauses of this agreement.

9-2.20

The arbitrator, eventually called upon to decide whether or not a grievance is well-founded with regard to a disciplinary measure, shall have the authority to uphold, alter or reject it. Any 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.

9-2.21

The chief arbitrator shall choose the chief records clerk.

9-2.22

- A)** The fees and expenses of the arbitrators and of the chief arbitrator when he or she acts as an arbitrator shall be paid by the losing party.

If the grievance is partially upheld, the arbitrator shall determine the proportion of the costs to be paid by each party.

These provisions shall apply to grievances as of April 1, 2006.

In the case of dismissal grievances, the fees and expenses of the arbitrators and of the chief arbitrator when he or she acts as an arbitrator shall be paid by the Ministère.

B) Records Office Costs

The costs of the Records Office and the salaries of the Records Office staff shall be paid by the Ministère.

The arbitration hearings and deliberations shall take place in rooms provided free of charge.

C) Postponement or Withdrawal Fees¹

Except in the cases of dismissal, the fees and expenses of a postponement or withdrawal shall be assumed by the party that so requests or withdraws and are as follows:

- thirty (30) days or less: five hundred dollars (\$500)
- ten (10) days or less: eight hundred dollars (\$800)

In the case of a joint request for a postponement, the amount shall also be assumed equally by the parties.

The indemnity paid as cancellation fees can be claimed by the arbitrator only if the chief arbitrator or, in his or her absence, the chief records clerk cannot assign him or her a replacement grievance.

9-2.23

If one of the parties requires the services of an official stenographer, the fees and expenses shall be the responsibility of the party that requested the service. A copy of the transcript of the official stenographic notes shall be forwarded by the stenographer to the party requesting them, at the expense of the latter.

9-2.24

The arbitrator shall convey or otherwise serve any order or document issued by him or her or by the parties concerned.

¹ The amounts of fees and expenses payable to the arbitrator as well as the latter's obligation to accept a replacement grievance in the case of a postponement or withdrawal prescribed in paragraph C) of clause 9-2.22 shall cease to apply upon the expiry of the 2023-2028 collective agreement in accordance with clauses 10-5.01 and 10-5.03.

9-3.00 CLASSIFICATION ARBITRATION**9-3.01**

For the purpose of applying the provisions of clauses 6-1.07, 6-1.08, 6-1.09, 6-1.10, 6-1.15 and 7-1.03, grievances submitted to arbitration shall be decided upon, for the term of the agreement, by:

- 1- any person appointed by the provincial negotiating parties to act as arbitrator in accordance with this clause.

The chief arbitrator whose name appears in article 9-2.00 shall see to the distribution of grievances among the arbitrators appointed under this clause. The procedure prescribed in article 9-2.00 shall apply by making the necessary changes.

9-4.00 ACCELERATED ARBITRATION**9-4.01**

The following subjects shall be submitted to accelerated arbitration:

- exceeding hiring period prescribed in clause 1-2.22 for temporary employees;
- classification (clauses 6-1.01 and 6-1.07);
- union prerogatives;
- vacation (other than choice);
- training and professional improvement;
- leaves prescribed in articles 5-10.00 and 5-11.00 (leaves of absence without salary and sabbatical leave with deferred salary);
- determination and advancement in step;
- travel expenses;
- loan and rental of rooms;
- other subjects determined by the board and the union for which a notice signed jointly by the authorized representatives was forwarded to the Records Office.

A grievance dealing with a subject identified in the preceding paragraph may be submitted to the regular arbitration procedure if, no later than seven (7) days before the date on which the grievances are entered on the arbitration roll, the board and the union agree in writing by informing immediately the Records Office and the provincial negotiating parties.

9-4.02

When grievances are entered on the monthly arbitration roll or at any other date agreed to by the provincial negotiating union group, the QESBA and the Ministère or upon a message from the chief arbitrator or, in his or her absence, the chief records clerk, grievances are scheduled for the accelerated arbitration procedure.

9-4.03

The chief arbitrator or, in his or her absence, the chief records clerk, under the authority of the chief arbitrator, shall:

- a) draw up the accelerated arbitration roll in the order in which the Records Office received them;
- b) assign as soon as possible one of the arbitrators mentioned in clause 9-2.01 who is available immediately;
- c) set the time, date and location of the arbitration session taking into account the location from which the grievance originates;
- d) inform the arbitrator who, in general, must hold the hearing within fifteen (15) days of his or her appointment.

The Records Office shall inform the parties concerned, the provincial negotiating union group, the QESBA and the Ministère.

9-4.04

The grievance must be heard on its merits before a decision is rendered on a preliminary objection, unless the arbitrator can dispose of it at the hearing in which case the arbitrator must later provide reasons for the decision in writing.

9-4.05

All notes must be deposited on the day of the hearing; however, in exceptional circumstances, the arbitrator may grant a maximum time limit of five (5) days of the hearing to provide decisions or written arguments, if any.

9-4.06

The arbitrator must render his or her decision within fifteen (15) days of the hearing.

9-4.07

The decisions rendered according to this procedure shall not be published by the Records Office.

9-4.08

The other provisions of this chapter apply to accelerated arbitration, unless incompatible with those of this article.

9-5.00 ARBITRATION WITHOUT LAWYERS**9-5.01**

The following subjects shall be submitted to arbitration without lawyers, in which case the provisions of this article apply:

- clothing and uniforms;
- vacation;
- overtime;
- special leaves;
- paid legal holidays;
- schedule changes.

9-5.02

The grievance shall be heard by an arbitrator chosen from the list of arbitrators found in clause 9-2.01.

The parties shall not be represented by lawyers. Only a board representative and a union representative may act in this capacity.

9-5.03

The arbitrator shall process without delay the grievance according to the procedure and evidence he or she deems appropriate. He or she shall conduct the inquiry and shall allow each party to present its arguments verbally.

The parties may be accompanied by witnesses announced in advance to the other party, but who are interrogated by the arbitrator on what he or she deems pertinent to his or her inquiry.

9-5.04

The arbitrator shall render a summary decision in writing within fifteen (15) days of the hearing. The decision shall constitute a specific case.

9-5.05

The other provisions of this chapter apply to arbitration without lawyers unless they are incompatible with those of this article.

9-6.00 PREARBITRATION MEDIATION**9-6.01**

The board and the union may agree to proceed with prearbitration mediation for grievances. To this end, the parties shall forward to the Records Office a joint notice specifying, where applicable, the name of the mediator chosen from the list of arbitrators found in clause 9-2.01.

The parties may agree to submit a request to the Ministère du Travail to assign a person to act in this capacity, rather than use the services of the Records Office to designate a mediator.

9-6.02

The mediator shall attempt to have the parties reach a settlement. If this occurs, the mediator shall take note of it, document it in writing and file a copy with the Records Office. The settlement shall bind the parties.

9-6.03

The Records Office shall file two (2) copies with the Secrétariat du travail.

9-6.04

This procedure applies to all groups of grievances agreed on by the board and the union.

9-6.05

Failure to settle all the grievances in the prearbitration mediation procedure, unresolved grievances shall be dealt with according to either arbitration procedure prescribed in articles 9-2.00 and 9-3.00.

9-6.06

The mediator cannot act as arbitrator in the arbitration of grievances which have not been the subject of a settlement in the prearbitration mediation stage, unless the parties have agreed otherwise, in writing, prior to mediation.

9-6.07

The fees and expenses of an arbitrator mandated to act as mediator shall be assumed equally by the parties.

CHAPTER 10-0.00 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**10-1.00 DEPOSITS TO A SAVINGS INSTITUTION OR CREDIT UNION****10-1.01**

The union shall notify the board of its choice of a single savings institution or credit union for its members. It shall forward to the board a standard form authorizing deduction.

10-1.02

The board shall collaborate in facilitating this operation.

10-1.03

Thirty (30) days after the savings institution or credit union has forwarded the authorizations for deductions to the board, the latter shall deduct from each salary payment of the employee who signed such an authorization the amount that he or she indicated as a deduction for deposit at the said savings institution or credit union.

10-1.04

Thirty (30) days after an employee has given written notice to this effect, the board shall cease to deduct the employee's contribution to the savings institution or credit union.

10-1.05

The amounts thus deducted at source shall be forwarded to the savings institution or credit union concerned within eight (8) days of their deduction.

10-1.06

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.

10-1.07

The provisions of article 10-1.00 apply, by making the necessary changes, to an employee who wishes to purchase government savings bonds.

10-2.00 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ DES TRAVAILLEURS DU QUÉBEC**10-2.01**

The union shall notify the board of its intention to encourage employees to contribute to the Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec. It shall forward a standard membership form to the board.

10-2.02

The board shall collaborate in facilitating this operation.

10-2.03

Thirty (30) days after the union has forwarded the authorization for deductions to the board, the latter shall deduct from each salary payment of the employee who signed such an authorization the amount that he or she indicated as a deduction for deposit in the Fonds.

10-2.04

Thirty (30) days after an employee has given written notice to this effect, the board shall cease to deduct the employee's contribution to the Fonds.

10-2.05

The notices of changes to be made in deductions shall be forwarded to the board only between October 1 and 31 and between February 1 and 28 of each year.

10-2.06

The board must forward the amounts thus deducted to the Fonds along with the name, reference number as provided by the Fonds and social insurance number of each employee contributing to the Fonds. The board shall forward the amounts on a monthly basis.

10-2.07

The board shall not be liable for any act or omission on its part that occurs in deducting amounts from the employee's salary under this article.

As soon as the board is informed of any act or omission, it shall attempt to rectify the situation.

10-3.00 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS**10-3.01**

Only the local arrangements in effect on June 30, 1999 continue to apply until such time as the board and the union do not replace them by new provisions as prescribed herein.

10-3.02

No local arrangement may directly or indirectly amend a provision of the agreement which cannot be the subject of a local arrangement.

10-3.03

The board and the union may, following the coming into force of the agreement, agree on working conditions different from those prescribed in this entente for a group of employees or for all employees. The duration of the arrangements cannot exceed the duration of this entente.

10-3.04

The local parties may agree on a local arrangement concerning the matters prescribed in Schedule B of the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (CQLR, chapter R-8.2).

10-3.05

The board or the union may give an eight (8)-day written notice of its intention to meet the other party for the purposes of discussing the replacement of one or more provisions of the agreement which could be the subject of local arrangements within the prescribed time limits, if any.

10-3.06

To be considered valid, an agreement must meet the following requirements:

- a) it must be concluded within a time limit of one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of the coming into force of the agreement. The parties may, by agreement, extend the time limit;
- b) it must be in writing;
- c) the board and the union must sign it through their authorized representatives;
- d) any clause thus modified must appear in the agreement;
- e) it must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27);

- f) the effective date of the application of the agreement must be specified therein and may in no case be prior to the coming into force of the agreement and, unless indicated otherwise, shall be valid for the term of the agreement.

10-3.07

No provision of this article may give rise to the right to strike or to lock out nor may it lead to a dispute as defined in the Labour Code (CQLR, chapter C-27).

10-3.08

Any local arrangement may be annulled or replaced by a written agreement between the board and the union and it must meet the requirements of subparagraphs b), c), d), e) and f) of clause 10-3.06.

10-3.09

At the union's request, the board shall release, without loss of salary 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 of any absence.

10-4.00 INTERPRETATION OF TEXTS

10-4.01

The French text constitutes the official text of the agreement.

10-4.02

The "1990-1995 collective agreement" refers to the 1990-1991 entente and its extensions until June 30, 1995.

10-5.00 COMING INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT

10-5.01

The agreement comes into force on the date it is signed and expires on March 31, 2028 and shall not have any retroactive effect, unless specifically provided otherwise.

10-5.02

Unless specifically provided otherwise, the agreement replaces any former collective agreement concluded between the board and the union.

10-5.03

However, the working conditions prescribed in the agreement continue to apply until the signing of a new collective agreement.

10-5.04

Salary paid under clause 6-3.01 begins no later than forty-five (45) days of the signing of the agreement.

10-5.05

The employee employed by the board between April 1, 2023 and the date on which the salary scales and rates found in Appendix I are applied is entitled to a retroactive amount equal to the difference, if it is positive, between the salary or, as the case may be, the amount to which he or she would have been entitled taking into account his or her active service or the number of hours remunerated during that period and the amounts already paid by the board between April 1, 2023 and the date on which the salary scales and rates found in Appendix I are applied. The amounts shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the signing of the agreement.

10-5.06

No later than one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date on which the agreement comes into force, the board shall provide the union with a list of employees who have left its employment since April 1, 2023 including the latest known address.

10-5.07

The employee whose employment ended between April 1, 2023 and the date on which the salary scales and rates found in Appendix I are applied must submit his or her request for payment of the amount owing under article 6-3.00 within four (4) months of receiving the list prescribed in clause 10-5.06. In the event of the employee's death, the request may be made by his or her beneficiaries.

10-6.00 APPENDICES**10-6.01**

The appendices are an integral part of the agreement, unless specifically provided otherwise.

10-7.00 DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSLATION OF THE AGREEMENT**10-7.01**

The agreement and the Classification Plan including the administrative guide shall be available as soon as possible after the coming into force of the agreement on the Internet site of the Management Negotiating Committee for English-language School Boards (CPNCA).

10-7.02

The English translation of the official French text shall also be available to the employees and unions concerned.

10-7.03

The time limits prescribed in the grievance procedure shall be extended until such time as the documents are available.

10-7.04

The board must, in each building, make available a computer reserved for employees so that they may consult the agreement, Classification Plan and accompanying administrative guide on the CPNCA Website.

10-8.00 REPRISALS AND DISCRIMINATION**10-8.01**

No board or union representative shall be subjected to any sort of reprisal or discrimination during or as a result of the performance of his or her duties.

Support Staff

Independent Associations

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in Montréal on this 13th day of June 2024 the provisions negotiated and agreed between the Management Negotiating Committee for English-language School Boards (CPNCA) and the Independent Association of Support Staff of Lester B. Pearson School Board (IASS).

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APPENDIX I

HOURLY SALARY SCALES AND RATES

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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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Support Staff**202****Independent Associations**Class of employment: **Social Work Technician (4208)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Technician in Day Care Service and School Setting (4285)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: As of the date of the coming into force of the collective 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Educator In School Setting (4284)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: As of the date of the coming into force of the collective agreement, the title "Day Care Service Educator" of the class of employment 4284 is replaced.

Class of employment: **Educator In School Setting, principal class (4288)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: As of the date of the coming into force of the collective 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Printing Operator (4221)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Printing Operator, principal class (4229)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Data Processing Operator, class I (4202)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Data Processing Operator, principal class (4201)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Attendant for Handicapped Students (4286)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Binder (4283)**

Week: 35 hours

Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79

Class of employment: **Student Supervisor (4223)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Swimming Pool Supervisor (4226)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

II- CATEGORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT POSITIONSClass of employment: **Buyer (4107)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Office Agent, class II (4103)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
1	22.88	23.52	24.13	24.73	25.60

Class of employment: **Storekeeper, class II (4110)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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: **Storekeeper, principal class (4108)**

Week: 35 hours

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Steps	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Class of employment	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Support Staff**225****Independent Associations**

Week: 38.75 hours

Class of employment	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Class of employment	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates 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

Support Staff**227****Independent Associations**

Week: 38.75 hours

Class of employment	Rates 2023-04-01 to 2024-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2024-04-01 to 2025-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2025-04-01 to 2026-03-31 (\$)	Rates 2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31 (\$)	Rates as of 2027-04-01 (\$)
Maintenance Workman, class III (5319) (Domestic Help)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22
Maintenance Workman, class II (5318)	22.55	23.18	23.78	24.37	25.22
Maintenance Workman, class I (5317) (Window Installer, Tile Setter, Sander, Metal Locker Repairman)	23.95	24.62	25.26	25.89	26.79

APPENDIX II

SALARY STRUCTURE FOR THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES
AND SCHOOL BOARDS AND COLLEGES SECTORS

Salary Scales and Rates on 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 increase in the general salary increase parameter prescribed in clause 6-3.02.

Single rates are calculated based on a career gain of 33 years.

Salary Scales and Rates on 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 increase in the general salary increase parameter prescribed in clause 6-3.03.
Single rates are calculated based on a career gain of 33 years.

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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 increase in the general salary increase parameter prescribed in clause 6-3.04.
Single rates are calculated based on a career gain of 33 years.

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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 increase in the general salary increase parameter prescribed in clause 6-3.05. They do not take into account any salary adjustment which could result, where applicable, from the application of the adjustment clause prescribed in clause 6-3.07.

Single rates are calculated based on a career gain of 33 years.

Salary Scales and Rates on 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 increase in the general salary increase parameter prescribed in clause 6-3.06. They do not take into account any salary adjustment which could result, where applicable, from the application of the adjustment clause prescribed in clause 6-3.07.

Single rates are calculated based on a career gain of 33 years.

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APPENDIX III

GROUP OR CLASS OF EMPLOYMENT RANKING – SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Group or Class of Employment Number	Group or Class of Employment ¹	Ranking ²	Single Rate
4107	Buyer	10	
4161	Buyer, principal class (CSSDM)	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	Specialized Information Technology Analyst ³	23	
2107	Student Life Animator	20	
2141	Personal Development 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

Group or Class of Employment Number	Group or Class of Employment ¹	Ranking ²	Single Rate
2147	Preschool Education Consultant	21	
2142	Personal Development and Community Involvement Consultant 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 ³	23	
2104	Education Consultant	22	
5311	Cook, class I	11	X
5312	Cook, class II	10	X
5313	Cook, class III	7	X
5336	Mover (CSSDM)	3	X
2115	Dietician/Nutritionist	20	
5102	Cabinet Maker	10	X
4284	Educator in School Setting ⁴	9	
4288	Educator in School Setting, principal class ⁴	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

Group or Class of Employment Number	Group or Class of Employment ¹	Ranking ²	Single Rate
5108	Stationary Engineer, class II	10	X
5109	Stationary Engineer, class III	9	X
5110	Stationary Engineer, class IV	9	X
5106	Mechanics, class I	11	X
5137	Mechanics, 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 Education Consultant	22	
2112	Speech Therapist or Audiologist	23	
5117	Certified Maintenance Workman	9	X
5317	Maintenance Workman, class I (Window Installer, Tile Setter, Sander or Metal Locker Repairman)	5	X
5318	Maintenance Workman, class II	2	X
5319	Maintenance Workman, class III (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 (CSSDM)	9	
4116	School or Centre Secretary	10	
5120	Locksmith	8	X
5121	Welder	10	X
5125	Specialized Shop Mechanic	11	X
2105	Teaching Methods and Techniques Specialist	21	
4223	Student Supervisor	7	
4226	Swimming Pool Supervisor	6	

Group or Class of Employment Number	Group or Class of Employment ¹	Ranking ²	Single Rate
4208	Social Work Technician	16	
4209	Laboratory Technician	14	
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	Technician in Day Care Service and in School Setting ⁴	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 purposes of interpreting and applying this appendix, in the event of any discrepancies in a group or class of employment title, the group or class of employment number prevails. For groups or classes of employment titles, refer to the Classification Plan.

² Subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in other agreements, group or class of employment rankings in this appendix are those applicable on the date on which the agreement comes into force.

³ Refer to agreements for the date on which a group or class of employment was created.

⁴ Refer to agreements for the date on which a group or class of employment was modified.

APPENDIX IV

TOW-CLAUSE JOBS, SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES AND
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Class Title ¹ #	Class Titles	Employment Class	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 school boards, the expression “class titles” refers to “classes of employment”.

² Reference class titles: 2 – School service centres and school boards, 3 – Health and social services;
4 – Colleges.

APPENDIX V**MOVING EXPENSES**

1. The provisions of this appendix aim to determine that to which an 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 apply to an employee only if the Provincial Relocation Bureau accepts that the relocation of the employee necessitates his or her moving.

Moving is deemed necessary if it takes place and 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 Personal Effects

3. The board 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 board 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 board.

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 board 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 board shall pay a moving allowance of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) to any transferred employee who is married or in a civil union 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 board.

Nevertheless, the seven hundred fifty dollar (\$750)-moving allowance payable to the transferred employee who is married or in a civil union shall also be 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 board shall pay the equivalent of one month's rent. If there is a lease, the board 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 sublease shall be assumed by the board.

Reimbursement of Expenses Inherent to the Sale of a House

9. The board 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, 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 his or her 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 board shall not reimburse the safekeeping costs of the unsold house. However, in this case, upon presentation of supporting vouchers, the board shall reimburse, for a period not exceeding three (3) months, the following expenses:
 - a) municipal and school taxes;
 - b) interest on the mortgage;
 - c) 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 to the employee-owner 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 board 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 board 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 board.

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 board 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 board, for a period not exceeding two (2) weeks.
13. If the move is delayed with the authorization of the board, or if the family of an employee who is married or in a civil union is not relocated immediately, the board 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 (1 600) kilometres.
14. The original board shall reimburse the moving expenses prescribed in this appendix within sixty (60) days after the employee submits supporting vouchers.

The employee who believes he or she has been wronged by the application of this appendix shall be entitled to file a grievance in accordance with the procedure prescribed in article 9-1.00 even if this agreement no longer applies to him or her.

APPENDIX VI

SABBATICAL LEAVE WITH DEFERRED SALARY

CONTRACT SIGNED

BETWEEN

SCHOOL BOARD

HEREINAFTER CALLED THE BOARD

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 _____.

The contract may expire on a different date under the circumstances and according to the terms and conditions prescribed in sections V to XII herein but without extending beyond _____.

II- Duration of Sabbatical Leave

- The duration of the sabbatical leave shall be _____, that is, from _____ to _____.
- On returning to the board, 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.
- In the case of the employee in surplus 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 apply; however, the board, in applying section V, shall not claim any money from the employee who must reimburse the board with which he or she signed this contract.
- 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 prescribed in clause 5-11.02.
- During the sabbatical leave, the employee cannot receive any remuneration from the board or from another person or company with which the board has ties other than the amount corresponding to the percentage of his or her salary determined in section III for the term of the contract.
- Notwithstanding any provision concerning benefits and conditions of which employees may avail themselves 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 5-11.02 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, provided he or she pay his or her share
 - accumulation of redeemable 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 prescribed 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 under section III.
- c) For the purposes of vacation, the sabbatical leave shall constitute active service. It is understood that, during the term of the contract, including the sabbatical leave, vacation shall be remunerated at the salary rate prescribed in section III herein.
- 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 contemplated by 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 board shall maintain its contribution to the Québec Pension Plan, Employment Insurance Plan, Québec Health Insurance Plan and the Occupational Health and Safety Plan for the duration of the leave.

V- Retirement, Withdrawal or Resignation of an Employee

In the event of the retirement, withdrawal or resignation of the employee, this contract shall expire on the date of such retirement, withdrawal or resignation under the conditions described hereinafter:

- A) The employee has already taken a sabbatical leave (salary paid in excess).

The employee shall reimburse¹ the board 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 have been 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 board 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 the terms of this contract.

- C) The sabbatical leave is in progress.

The amount owing by either party 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 board; if the result obtained is negative, the board shall reimburse the amount to the employee.

The amount reimbursed shall not include any interest.

VI- Layoff or Dismissal of an Employee

In the event of the layoff or dismissal of the employee, this contract shall expire on the effective date of the layoff or dismissal. The conditions prescribed in paragraph A), B) or C) of section V shall then apply.

VII- Leave Without Salary

During the term of the contract, the total of one or more leaves without salary authorized under the agreement cannot exceed twelve (12) months. In this case, the duration of this contract shall be extended accordingly.

However, if the total of one or more leaves without salary exceeds twelve (12) months, the agreement shall expire on the twelfth (12th) month and the provisions of section V of this contract shall apply.

¹ The board and the employee may agree on the terms and conditions of reimbursement.

VIII- Placement in Surplus of an 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, the provisions of section II herein concerning the relocated employee apply.

IX- Death of an Employee

In the event of the employee's death during the term of this contract, the contract shall expire on the date of the employee's death and the conditions prescribed in section V shall apply by making the necessary changes. However, the board shall not make any monetary claim, if the employee is required to reimburse the board 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 5-3.34, 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 ensuing from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.34 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 Sabbatical Leave

The employee shall continue to participate in this contract and the salary insurance benefit resulting from the application of the provisions of clause 5-3.34 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. An employee 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 5-3.34 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 5-3.34 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 5-3.34 shall be based on his or her regular salary.

D) 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 board shall not make any monetary claim, if the employee is required to reimburse the board as a result of the application of the provisions of section V.

XI- Employment Injury or Work Accident

Should an employment injury or work accident occur, the provisions of article 5-9.00 shall apply on the date of the employment injury or work accident; 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 and the provisions of section V herein shall apply.
2. Terminate the contract on the date of the employment injury or work accident and the provisions of section V herein shall then apply.

XII- Maternity Leave (20 or 21 weeks), Paternity Leave (5 weeks) and Adoption Leave (5 weeks)

1. If the maternity, paternity or adoption leave takes place before or after the leave is taken, participation in the contract shall be interrupted for a maximum period of twenty (20) or twenty-one (21) weeks or five (5) weeks, as the case may be; the contract shall then be extended accordingly, the provisions of article 5-4.00 shall apply, and the benefits prescribed in this section shall be based on the regular salary.

2. However, if the maternity, paternity or adoption leave 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 _____ 20____.

For the school board

Employee

The board shall forward a certified true copy of the agreement to the union.

APPENDIX VII**LOAN OF SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN A BOARD, AN
EMPLOYEE AND A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

1. The organization shall retain the services of the employee for the purposes of this contract for the period from _____ to _____.
2. For the duration of this contract, an employee shall be entitled to a leave without loss of salary in accordance with the terms and conditions of payment prescribed by his or her board.
3. The employee agrees that the provisions concerning paid legal holidays, working days, work schedule, vacation and overtime applicable to him or her during the period covered by this contract are those prescribed by the organization for the group of employees to which he or she belongs. In the case of overtime, the cost shall be borne by the organization.
4. For the duration of this contract, an employee shall be entitled to the benefits to which he or she would have been entitled under his or her agreement had he or she been working in his or her board, provided that they be compatible with his or her new working conditions and the provisions of this contract.

Concordance Provisions

- a) If, during the loan of service, the number of paid legal holidays granted by the organization is less than that to which the employee is entitled under his or her agreement, the board shall pay the employee the paid legal holidays thus lost in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.
- b) If an employee is unable to use all the days of vacation provided for under his or her agreement as a result of this contract, the days of vacation thus lost shall be recovered upon his or her return to the board in accordance with the agreement.
5. For the duration of this contract prescribed in article 1, the organization shall reimburse the board, on a monthly basis, fifty percent (50%) of the employee's salary, according to the board's monthly invoice.
6. Should the organization fail to pay the amounts indicated in article 5 within the time limits allotted, this contract shall be cancelled automatically and the employee shall return to the board.
7. One of the parties may terminate this contract provided that it has given a ten (10)-day written notice to the other two (2) parties.
8. On returning to the board, the employee shall be reinstated in his or her position. If the 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.

**APPENDIX VIII 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 on a weekly or annual basis for a period of one (1) to five (5) years. The proportion of the number of hours worked¹ per week must not be less than forty percent (40%) of the regular workweek or less than a number of regular hours equal to forty (40%) of the number of regular hours in a work year in relation to the regular workweek provided for his or her class of employment.
2. Only a regular employee 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 (CSSP, RREGOP, TPP or PPMP) 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 board.

5.
 - A) The employee who wishes to benefit from the plan must forward a written request to the board at least ninety (90) days in advance. This deadline may be shortened upon agreement with the board.
 - B) The request must specify the period during which the employee intends to benefit from the plan as well as the distribution of the work time.
 - C) The employee shall also forward to the board, 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. The request for the progressive retirement plan shall be subject to the prior approval of the board, which shall take into account the needs of the department.
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.

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.

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 board 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. For the term of the agreement, the employee shall be entitled to the standard life insurance plan to which he or she was entitled prior to the agreement.
10. During the progressive retirement period, the employee shall be considered, for the purpose of movement of personnel as stipulated in article 7-3.00, on the basis of his or her time worked prior to the plan. However, the salary protection provided for in article 7-3.00 shall be calculated on the basis of the number of hours worked during the period covered by the plan.
11. The board and the employee shall sign, where applicable, the agreement stipulating the terms and conditions relating to the progressive retirement plan.
12. During the progressive retirement period, the pensionable salary for the purpose of the pension plans (CSSP, RREGOP, TPP and PPMP) 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, TPP and PPMP) is that which would have been credited to the employee had he or she not availed himself or herself of the plan.
13. For the term of the agreement, the employee and the board 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.
14. 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 collective agreement applying to an employee whose regular workweek is less than that prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be.
15. Where applicable, the board shall fill the number of hours not worked by the employee who is participating in the plan according to the provisions of clauses 7-1.11 and 7-1.12 of the agreement.
16. Upon the expiry of the agreement, the employee shall be considered as having resigned and shall be pensioned off.
17. Upon the coming into force of the legislative and regulatory changes under the letter of intent prescribed in Appendix XVI, the following provision applies:
 - The employee may agree with his or her employer in writing and more than six (6) months before the expiry of the agreement, to extend the agreement. Any extension must be at least twelve (12) months and at most sixty (60) months. Despite any extension, the total duration of the agreement cannot exceed seven (7) years.

- In the case where the progressive retirement agreement due to expire on the date of the coming into force of this change and within nine (9) months of that date, there would be no time limit for the employee to agree with his or her employer to extend this agreement.

PROGRESSIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**AGREEMENT CONCLUDED****BETWEEN**

The _____ School Board

hereinafter called the board

AND

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Address: _____

hereinafter called the employee

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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 3 and 4 found hereinafter.

2. Time Worked

For the duration of the agreement, the number of hours worked¹ by the employee shall be equal to _____% of the regular workweek or represents, in the case of a reduction of the time worked on an annual basis, a number of regular hours worked equal to _____% of the regular hours worked in relation to the work year, that is, from _____ to _____ for each fiscal year of the agreement.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the board and the employee may agree to change the percentage provided 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. Changes to the Dates Set for the Beginning and Expiry of the Agreement

Should the employee not be eligible to retire upon the expiry of the agreement due to circumstances beyond his or her control as stipulated by regulation, the agreement shall be extended until such time as he or she is entitled to a pension, even if the total progressive retirement period exceeds five (5) years.

Any change to the dates set for the beginning and expiry of the agreement must be approved by Retraite Québec beforehand.

4. Nullity or Termination of the Agreement

- A) In the event of the retirement, resignation, layoff, dismissal or death of the employee or, where applicable, upon expiry of the extension agreed to under article 3, the agreement shall expire on the date on which the event occurs.
- B) The same applies in the event of the employee's withdrawal, which can only occur with the approval of the board.
- 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 according to the terms and conditions which it determines and provided that this meets the approval of Retraite Québec.
- D) If the agreement becomes null or terminates due to circumstances mentioned previously or stipulated by regulation, the pensionable salary, the credited service and the contributions shall be determined, for each of these circumstances, in the manner stipulated by regulation.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in _____ on this _____ day of the month of _____ 20____.

For the school board

Employee

The board shall forward a certified true copy of the agreement to the union.

APPENDIX IX

WORKING TIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

1. The working time reduction program enables an employee to improve his or her quality of life while permitting the board to effect savings which could result in the protection of jobs.
2. The program is optional. Only employees who hold positions considered for tenure with the board and who are not on another leave under the agreement at the time when they apply for the program shall be eligible.
3. The board may, following an employee's written request, reduce his or her working time for a period agreed upon, without however exceeding twelve (12) months.

The leave may be renewed under the same terms and conditions as those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

4. The board and the employee agree on a reduced number of working hours and establish a work schedule based on one of the options listed hereinafter or any other option:

a) **For Technical and Administrative Support Staff**

- 32 hours over four (4) days;
- 30 hours over four (4) or five (5) days;
- 31 and a half hours over four and a half (4 1/2) days.

b) **For Labour Support Staff**

- 34 hours over four (4) days;
- 35 hours over five (5) days;
- 36 hours over four (4) days.

c) A reduction of one day from the regular workweek.

d) A reduction of the number of working days in the school year, namely:

- predetermined days per month (e.g. 2 days per month);
- or
- a predetermined number of days (e.g. 30 days) in the school calendar on dates agreed upon.

5. Following an agreement with the board, the employee may cease to participate in the program.
6. The salary including all other benefits shall be calculated in proportion to the time worked during the program. However, an employee shall be entitled to the vacation period prescribed in the agreement as if he or she were not participating in the program.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the employee's status shall be maintained for the duration of the program.

7. The employee shall continue to accumulate his or her seniority while he or she participates in the program.
8. The hours worked by an employee who participates in the program in addition to those prescribed in his or her schedule shall be considered as overtime, provided they exceed the number of hours of his or her regular workweek in effect prior to the date on which the program began.
9. During the period when the working time is reduced as prescribed in the program, the board shall continue to pay its contributions to Retraite Québec for the employee who continues to pay his or her required contributions, under the applicable pension plan, up to a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of the regular workweek prescribed in clause 8-2.01 or 8-2.02, as the case may be, on a yearly basis. Subsequently, a full year of service and an equivalent pensionable salary shall be recognized for the employee.
10. To be eligible for the program, an employee must have completed at least thirty-six (36) months of service with the board or another employer covered by RREGOP, TPP, CSSP or PPMP.

Moreover, the cumulative absences without salary of the employee concerned must not exceed five (5) years in the course of his or her career. Any maternity, paternity or adoption leave of which an employee availed himself or herself up to a maximum of three (3) years shall not be counted.

11. The working time reduction program is temporary and remains in force until the agreement is renewed.

MODEL LETTER OF AGREEMENT**WORKING TIME REDUCTION PROGRAM****LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCLUDED****BETWEEN**

The _____ School Board

hereinafter called the board

AND

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____

Address: _____

hereinafter called the employee

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SUBJECT: WORKING TIME REDUCTION PROGRAM**I Term of Agreement**

This agreement comes into force on _____ and expires on _____.

II Schedule

The board and the employee agree on a reduced number of working hours to be scheduled as follows:

III Salary and Premiums

For the term of this agreement, the employee shall receive _____% of the salary and premiums to which he or she is entitled under the agreement.

IV Benefits

- a) The following benefits shall be computed in proportion to the time worked during the program:
- special leaves;
 - paid legal holidays;
 - salary insurance;
 - redeemable sick-leave days;
 - parental rights;
 - work accidents and occupational diseases.
- b) An employee shall be entitled to the vacation prescribed in the agreement as if he or she were not participating in the program.
- c) An employee shall be remunerated for the overtime carried out in addition to the hours prescribed in his or her schedule, provided they exceed the number of hours of his or her regular workweek in effect prior to the date on which the program begins.
- d) An employee shall continue to accumulate his or her seniority.

V Pension Plan

The board shall continue to pay its contributions to Retraite Québec for the employee who continues to pay the required contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed in _____ on this _____ day of the month of _____ 20____.

For the school board

Employee

The board shall forward a certified true copy of the agreement to the union.

APPENDIX X**PARENTAL RIGHTS****Amendments Made to Parental Rights**

Should amendments be made to the Québec Parental Insurance Plan, the Employment Insurance Act (S.C. 1996, c. 23) or the Act respecting labour standards (CQLR, chapter N-1.1) with respect to parental rights, the parties agree to meet to discuss the possible implications of the amendments on the current parental rights plan.

APPENDIX XI**LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ROLL OF THE RECORDS OFFICE OF THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNALS IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR**

The parties agree to confer the following mandates on the Records Office of the Arbitration Tribunals in the Education Sector:

- modify the grievance form so that the union may avail itself of alternative dispute resolution options, it being understood that the method chosen may be modified after consultation with the Records Office;
- whenever possible, increase the number of grievances assigned to an arbitrator, scheduled in accordance with the procedure prescribed in clause 9-2.06 when the grievances are entered on the arbitration roll;
- as regards the possibility of assigning one or more replacement grievances, inform the members of the parity committee of the Records Office of the means adopted to ensure the application of this measure;
- report at least once a year to the parity committee on the number of hearing postponements and the number of grievances assigned as replacements;
- provide the local and provincial parties with an annual report on the active grievance files;
- set up an ongoing procedure for recruiting new arbitrators;
- as regards the implementation of the computerized grievance procedure, offer pertinent training on this procedure and on the practices in effect at the Records Office, and gather from the parties elements that could facilitate the use of the computerized grievance procedure of the Records Office.

APPENDIX XII**SPECIFIC PROVISIONS DEALING WITH PARENTAL RIGHTS**

This appendix applies to the employee for whom a provision of the agreement expressly provides for it, under the conditions set out therein. The employee shall be entitled to parental rights, subject to the following provisions:

1. to be eligible for parental rights, the employee must have worked at the board for at least twenty (20) weeks during the (12)-month period prior to the leave;
2. the employee shall be entitled to parental rights only for the period during which he or she would have actually worked;
3. the employee shall not be entitled to the provisions of article 5-4.00 relating to the leaves to extend the maternity, paternity or adoption leave other than those prescribed in paragraph b) of clause 5-4.50 according to the terms and conditions prescribed therein;
4. the employee's weekly salary is the average weekly salary of the last five (5) months; the layoff period does not count in the calculation of the average weekly salary;
5. the employee referred to in subparagraph b) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01, who has not worked for six (6) months since his or her engagement, is not entitled to the provisions of clause 5-4.17 and the special leave prescribed in clause 5-4.23 is without salary.

APPENDIX XIII**GLOBAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE**

The provincial negotiating parties agree to mandate the local parties to set up measures to promote global health and wellness in the workplace.

The amounts earmarked for the Lester B. Pearson School Board are twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28 000) for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years.

The amounts earmarked for the Western Québec School Board are ten thousand dollars (\$10 000) for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 fiscal years.

Amounts not used or committed for the fiscal year shall be added to the following fiscal year. The amounts cannot be used or committed beyond June 30, 2028.

In the context of an existing local committee or a new committee set up for this purpose, the parties are committed to take action on prevention, promotion and organizational practices fostering health in the workplace. They shall study and implement various mechanisms which include in particular reinforcing sound management practices, implementing prevention and awareness measures on health and safety, physical and psychological integrity in the workplace and promoting healthy lifestyle habits.

For example, the following are some elements which could be considered:

- implementation of violence awareness campaign;
- values and behaviour conducive to a healthy and safe climate;
- identification of risk factors;
- skills training and development;
- fitness and psychological well-being program;
- Information.

If the local parties deem it necessary, they may set up a committee to ensure implementation.

APPENDIX XIV

LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING ATTRACTION AND RETENTION PREMIUM PAID FOR CERTAIN CLASS TITLES OF SPECIALIZED WORKMEN¹ TO COUNTER THE SHORTAGE

Considering the shortage of skilled labour on the job market for the class titles for which the premium is payable as noted in the current work of the provincial working committee on specialized workmen referred to in the joint report;

Considering that the committee's work also concluded that there is a shortage of the following class titles: Cabinetmaker/Carpenter-Cabinetmaker and the Refrigeration Machine Mechanic/Air Conditioning Repairman/Refrigeration Mechanic based on the indicators used;

Considering the attraction and retention problems ascertained for certain classes titles of specialized workmen;

Considering the need to follow the evolution of the job market for years to come;

1. Premium paid to certain class titles of specialized workmen

- 1.1 A premium of fifteen percent (15%) shall be paid to employees whose specialized workmen class titles are referred to below and remains in force until the eve of the renewal of the collective agreements.

Class Titles	Health and Social Services	School Service Centres and School Boards	Colleges
Electrician	3-6354	2-5104	4-C702
Machinist, Millwright/Specialized Shop Mechanic/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/ Woodworker-Carpenter	3-6364	2-5116	4-C707
Painter	3-6362	2-5118	4-C709
Plumber/Pipe Mechanic/ Pipe Fitter/Plumbing-Heating Mechanic	3-6359	2-5115	4-C706
Maintenance Mechanic Millwright/ Equipment Maintenance Mechanic	3-6360		4-C719
Heavy Vehicle Driver/Vehicle Driver and Mobile Equipment Operator, class II	3-6355	2-5308	4-C926

¹ For school boards, the expression "class titles" refers to "classes of employment".

Class Titles	Health and Social Services	School Service Centres and School Boards	Colleges
Mechanic, class I		2-5106	
Garage Mechanic/Mechanic, class II	3-6380	2-5137	
Refrigeration Machine Mechanic/Air Conditioning Repairman/Refrigeration Mechanic	3-6352		
Cabinetmaker/Carpenter-Cabinetmaker	3-6365	2-5102	4-C716

- 1.2 The premium shall also be paid to the employee who holds the class title of General Maintenance Workman (3-6388) or Certified Maintenance Workman (2-5117/4-C708), provided that the employer attests that the employee performs the duties of a class title mentioned in paragraph 1.1 regardless of the diploma or equivalence¹.
- 1.3 For the employee who holds a combined position in which one of the regular components of the position is one of the class titles mentioned in paragraph 1.1, the following condition applies when determining eligibility for the premium:
- The hours worked shall be paid at the highest salary rate, increased by the 15% premium, provided that the employee has actually performed duties of a class title mentioned in paragraph 1.1 for a minimum of 15 hours during the pay period.
- 1.4 The premium applies on the salary rate and provisions of the collective agreement in which the salary is maintained during certain absences.
- 1.5 Paragraphs 1.1 to 1.4 come into effect on the date on which the collective agreement comes into force.

2. Parity working committee

The Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor shall inform the IASS and the AIESCSWQ of the committee's findings concerning the shortage of the skilled workforce and the attraction and retention of employees in certain class titles of specialized workmen, if need be.

¹ However, the employee must hold a qualification certificate for the class titles in the fields of electricity, stationary engineering and pipework.

APPENDIX XV**LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING CREATION OF
WORKING COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF THE
GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
(RREGOP) PARTICIPANTS' FUND**

The Independent Association of Support Staff of Lester B. Pearson School Board (IASS) and the Association indépendante des employés(ées) de soutien de la Commission scolaire Western Québec (AIESCSWQ) may submit information requests to the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor regarding the work undertaken by the working committees on the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP). Their mandate is to study the financing of the RREGOP participants' fund considering the following particular issues, namely:

- examine and compare financing approaches to the risks associated with the maturity of RREGOP, notably the enhanced differentiation approach and the integration of a dynamic margin for adverse deviations;
- evaluate relevance of modifying the RREGOP's financing method based on the analyses conducted;
- carry out an overall review of the financing policy of the RREGOP participants' fund and propose changes, if applicable, to update it;
- should the working committee representatives agree on joint recommendations, if applicable, they shall submit a report to the negotiating parties.

The Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor shall inform the IASS and AIESCSWQ of the findings of the pension committees and the implications of the changes on the plan, if any.

APPENDIX XVI**LETTER OF INTENT CONCERNING PERSONS COVERED BY
THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT
PLAN (RREGOP) UNDER THE ACT RESPECTING RREGOP****1. Legislative and regulatory amendments**

The government shall adopt the required proposed regulations and propose to the National Assembly, for adoption, the legislative provisions allowing the amendments prescribed in sections 2 and 3 to be made to the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP).

2. Progressive retirement

The initial duration of a progressive retirement agreement shall be maintained for a period of at least one year and at most five years. However, as of the date on which the bill is presented to the National Assembly to implement this amendment or, no later than June 30, 2024, an employee covered by such an agreement may agree with his or her employer, in writing, and more than six months before the expiry date of the agreement, to extend the agreement. The agreement may be extended more than once, but the employee must agree to it, in writing, with his or her employer, each time, and more than six months before the end of the extension. Any extension to the agreement must be at least one year and at most five years.

The period of application of the agreement thus extended may exceed five years, but despite any extension, the total duration of the agreement must not exceed seven years.

In the case of a progressive retirement agreement due to expire on the date on which this amendment comes into force and within the nine (9) months which follow, there would be no time limit for the employee to agree with his or her employer to extend the agreement.

3. Maximum age for participating in the pension plan

As of January 1, 2025, the maximum age for participating in the pension plan shall be increased to correspond to December 30 of the year during which the participant has reached 71 years of age.

The amendment described in Section 3 of this letter of intent also applies to the Pension Plan of Certain Teachers (PPCT), with necessary modifications.

APPENDIX XVII**LETTER OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING CREATION OF
WORKING COMMITTEE ON PARENTAL RIGHTS**

The Independent Association of Support Staff of Lester B. Pearson School Board (IASS) and the Association indépendante des employés(ées) de soutien de la Commission scolaire Western Québec (AIESCSWQ) may submit information requests to the Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor regarding the work undertaken by the working committee on parental rights. Its mandate is to, namely:

- Analyze parental rights provisions prescribed in the collective agreement to:
 - a) ensure that terms are written using a gender-inclusive language and comply with those used in legislation;
 - b) ensure compliance of these provisions with the legal and regulatory framework concerning surrogacy.
- Propose changes to the master document on parental rights and submit the proposed changes to the master document on parental rights to the negotiating parties;

The Bureau de la négociation gouvernementale of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor shall inform the IASS and AIESCSWQ of the committees' findings on parental rights and the implications of the changes on the plan, where necessary.

APPENDIX XVIII**PROFESSIONAL INDUCTION**

The parties recognize the importance of professional induction to better embrace organizational culture, support employees in performing their duties and aim for their successful integration.

In accordance with the provisions of article 5-7.00, the following are examples of measures which could be implemented:

- welcome and individualized support provided to new and existing employees;
- embracing organizational culture;
- facilitating knowledge transfer and taking ownership of duties following a new assignment;
- integration and adaptation tools in the workplace.

APPENDIX XIX**CRIMINAL ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

In the case where an employee is accused of a criminal act relating to sexual misconduct, the board may relieve the employee of his or her duties without salary until the Court has rendered its final decision.

The employee may submit a grievance directly to arbitration within thirty (30) working days of receiving the notice of decision from the board to suspend the employee under the preceding paragraph.

Any employee thus relieved of his or her duties must advise the board that a final decision was rendered by the Court within twenty (20) days of the date of the decision.

The employee and the union must be advised of the board's decision to maintain or not the employment ties within seventy (70) days of the date on which the Court's final decision is rendered. If the board does not terminate the employment within this time limit, the employee shall not lose any salary, including applicable premiums, if necessary, and shall recover all his or her rights as if he or she had never been relieved of his or her duties.

For the purposes of this clause, the expression "Court's final decision" includes a conviction, a verdict of acquittal and a decision confirming withdrawal or dismissal of charges, including appeal, petition or review, where applicable.

APPENDIX XX**LETTER OF INTENT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR
EMPLOYEES WORKING WITH STUDENTS**

The provincial negotiating parties invite local parties to agree on ways to remind employees, on an annual basis, of the guidelines to follow when working with students.

APPENDIX XXI**DEPLOYMENT OF 4 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE CLASSROOM IN PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****General Provisions**

1. The deployment referred to in this appendix follows the classroom assistant pilot projects (200) implemented in various elementary schools during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.
2. This appendix takes into account the discussions between the parties.
3. This appendix describes the various parameters and guidelines relating to the deployment of the 4 000 full-time equivalents concerned in elementary schools and in schools where preschool classes for 5-year-olds are offered.

It is also intended to guide local parties and other parties involved in setting up the services to be rendered by support staff employees called upon to provide their support in the classroom in the most harmonious, efficient and uniform manner possible, while taking into account the specific needs of each school or class.

Objectives sought

4. With a view to promote school staff, the main objectives of the deployment of the 4 000 full-time equivalents prescribed in this appendix are as follows:
 - a) foster and improve students' educational success;
 - b) enrich the support provided to students through the addition of a resource whose role is significant in the classroom, contributing to ensure an environment conducive to learning;
 - c) allow or improve integration of support staff members into the school team, particularly educators in school setting;
 - d) use the skills, expertise and knowledge of support staff, optimizing the collective workforce;
 - e) create full-time positions based on the needs and resources available;
 - f) promote continuous schedules, particularly to hours provided in class and in the day care service.

Deployment of 4 000 full-time equivalents in classroom support

5. The Ministère is committed, as of the 2024-2025 school year, to the gradual deployment of 4 000 full-time equivalents called upon to provide their support in the classroom in preschool for 5-year-olds and in elementary schools.
6. Deployment of resources applies to all school service centres and school boards.
7. Funding shall be distributed among school service centres and school boards according to the parameters determined by the Ministère.
8. School service centres or school boards shall distribute among schools the full-time equivalents agreed by the Ministère, by priority given to schools with classes facing special challenges or where new teachers are assigned.

Principles and Guidelines

9. Deployment of 4 000 full-time equivalents is an important attraction and retention measure for support staff.
10. Employees in the class of employment of educator in school setting must be given priority to provide support services in the classroom.
11. Services dispensed by employees called upon to provide classroom support are in addition to other support services in special education accessible to students and teachers.
12. Support services in the classroom shall be provided mainly to a group of students, not to a particular student nor to the whole school.
13. The school principal is responsible for the supervision of the person called upon to provide support in the classroom.

In this context, the school principal is responsible, in collaboration with the persons called upon to provide support in the classroom and teachers, for determining the terms and conditions of the distribution and functioning of support services in the classroom.

14. The principal is responsible for creating positions in which the incumbent is called upon to provide classroom support.
15. In carrying out this responsibility, the school principal shall promote the creation of positions with as many hours as possible and with continuous schedules based on the needs and resources available.
16. Positions for which the incumbent is called upon to provide classroom support shall be filled or granted in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the applicable collective agreement.

17. The provisions of the applicable collective agreements, where applicable, that take into account the planning, preparation and organization of activities when establishing certain positions, also apply to the positions for which the incumbent may be called upon to provide classroom support.
18. The duties performed by an employee called upon to provide classroom support must be compatible with the nature of the work and the characteristic duties of the class of employment as prescribed in the Classification Plan.
19. A sound collaboration among all parties concerned is essential for an effective deployment of 4 000 full-time equivalents called upon to provide support in the classroom.
20. Only the section "Principles and Guidelines" of this appendix may be the subject of a grievance according to the procedure prescribed in the collective agreement.
21. In the event of interpretive divergence, the provisions of the collective agreement prevail over those in this appendix.

Implementation Guide for Support Services in the Classroom

22. After consulting the provincial union, the Management Committee is committed to preparing, for the local parties, an implementation guide for support services in the classroom.
23. The intent of this guide, demonstrating the willingness of the parties to share a common understanding of the implementation of support services in the classroom, is to facilitate the deployment of the 4 000 full-time equivalents in the schools, taking into account the needs and resources available in each community, school or class.
24. The guide shall highlight the main parameters and orientations relating to the deployment of the 4 000 full-time equivalents. The guide shall include, in a manner compatible with the Classification Plan, as non-limiting examples, a list of duties which could be performed by the employees called upon to provide support in the classroom.

Deployment Follow-up

25. At the request of one of the parties, the provincial negotiating parties agree to meet to ensure the follow-up of the 4 000 full-time equivalents concerned and to discuss any question or problem concerning a person called upon to provide support in the classroom.

APPENDIX XXII**TRANSITORY MEASURES****Section I Coming into Force Following Revision of Employment Statuses**

- 1) The changes ensuing from the revised employment statuses prescribed in the collective agreement apply as of July 1, 2024, unless otherwise stipulated in this appendix. The provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement concerning employment statuses and related benefits continue to apply until June 30, 2024.

Employees in Surplus

- 2) No later than October 30, 2024, the Management Negotiating Committee for English-language School Boards shall forward to the provincial negotiating union group the list of employees in surplus registered on the list of the Provincial Relocation Bureau (BPR) as at October 15, 2024.

As long as these employees remain registered on the list of employees in surplus registered with the BPR, paragraph a) of clause 7-3.19 does not apply to them and the salary protection prescribed in the 2020-2023 collective agreement remains in place.

Acquisition of Tenure

- 3) The acquisition of tenure applies according to the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement solely for security of employment purposes during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

For security of employment during the 2025-2026 fiscal year and no later than April 1, 2025, the board shall exceptionally forward to the union the list of employees who have acquired tenure under the transitory measures. To do this, the board shall establish the time already worked as active service on June 30, 2024 for the purposes of calculating the acquisition of tenure based on the provisions of the 2020-2023 collective agreement. Added to this is the time required to acquire tenure according to the provisions of the 2023-2028 agreement as of July 1, 2024.

Vacation, Special Leaves, Paid Legal Holidays and Life, Health and Salary Insurance Plan

- 4) Employees¹ who have accumulated vacation days as at June 30, 2024 and now receive a salary increase in lieu of vacation as of July 1, 2024, shall take them as prescribed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Remuneration for these vacation days shall not include the salary increase prescribed in subparagraph a) of paragraph B) of clause 2-1.01 of the 2023-2028 agreement in lieu of vacation.

These employees continue to benefit from special leaves, paid legal holidays and the life, health and salary insurance plan prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement up to the last payday, which includes January 3, 2025.

As of the first full payday after January 3, 2025, these employees shall no longer be entitled to special leaves, paid legal holidays and the life, health and salary insurance plan prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement and whose salary rate is increased by twelve point thirteen percent (12.13%) in lieu of fringe benefits prescribed in articles 5-1.00, 5-2.00 and 5-3.00 of the agreement. By exception, this excludes:

- the employee who receives salary insurance benefits under clause 5-3.31 of the agreement on the last payday, which includes January 3, 2025;
- the employee who has returned from a disability period but is still in the period prescribed in clause 5-3.04.

The salary rate of employees thus excluded shall be increased under the 2023-2028 agreement, as of their return to work for the duration of their regular workweek following the end of their disability period.

Granting of Benefits of the Position to an Employee Holding or Occupying One or More Positions

- 5) Article 2-2.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall continue to apply until June 30, 2024.

As of July 1, 2024, article 2-2.00 no longer applies and benefits shall be determined according to each position held or occupied by the employees.

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, temporary employees who were hired for a prescribed duration of over six (6) months, and of fifteen (15) hours or more but less than twenty (20) hours as well as temporary employees who have worked for at least six (6) months since their hiring or in the context of two (2) or more immediately consecutive hirings of fifteen (15) hours or more.

Section II Integration of Employees Covered by Chapter 10-0.00**Special Features of Article 10-1.00**

- 6) Article 10-1.00 applies until June 30, 2024.

A special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only for employees covered by article 10-1.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be created.

- A) The employees who have completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024, shall obtain regular employee status.

If the position occupied by the employee on June 30, 2024 is renewed for the 2024-2025 school year, the employee shall be considered on July 1, 2024 as holding the job, which becomes a position.

If the position occupied by an employee ended between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 because the latter is associated with a periodic need or is not renewed for the 2024-2025 school year, the employees shall be considered as regular employees laid off for less than two (2) years, as of July 1, 2024.

- B) The employees who have not completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024, those who have been hired for a replacement or additional work or whose job has not been renewed shall be laid off no later than June 30, 2024 and shall be considered in the sequences for filling positions after the persons registered on the priority of employment list and before the external candidates for the 2024-2025 school year only. If they obtain a definitively vacant or newly created position, they must then begin the probation period as prescribed under clause 1-2.17 of the agreement.
- C) When establishing the special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 school year, the union shall be informed fifteen (15) days prior to July 1, 2024 of the positions renewed or not renewed (class of employment concerned, number of hours and place of work), names of employees occupying these positions and completion or not of the period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods. This information is for reference purposes only.

¹ Read ninety (90) days actually worked for employees occupying a position in the subcategory of technical support positions.

Special Features of Article 10-2.00

- 7) Article 10-2.00 applies until June 30, 2024.

Employees covered by article 10-2.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be laid off as prescribed in clause 10-2.08 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

A special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only for employees covered by article 10-2.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be created.

- A) For the 2024-2025 school year, the board shall proceed with a recall as prescribed in the second and fourth paragraphs of clause 10-2.08 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement according to the following terms and conditions:

“In the case of a recall, the board shall proceed 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 according to a list maintained at the board on which the board registers the employees laid off for less than eighteen (18) months.

[...]

Failing this, the board shall recall by place of work, class of employment and order of duration of employment employees registered on the lists of replacement employees provided for in clause 10-2.10.”

- B) Employees who have completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024 shall be considered as holding a job at the time of the recall which becomes a “position”.
- C) Following the recall, employees who have not completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024 and those who have not been recalled during the aforementioned procedure, shall be considered in the sequences for filling positions after the persons registered on the list of priority of employment and before the external candidates for the 2024-2025 school year only. If they obtain a permanently vacant or newly created position, they must then begin the probation period as prescribed under clause 1-2.17 of the agreement.

¹ Read ninety (90) days actually worked for employees occupying a position in the subcategory of technical support positions.

- D) When establishing a special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the union shall be informed fifteen (15) days before the recall of renewed positions or not renewed (class of employment concerned, number of hours and place of work), names of employees occupying these positions and completion or not of a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods. This information is for reference purposes only.
- E) Between the moment employees covered by article 10-2.00 are laid off and the recall for the 2024-2025 fiscal year identified in paragraph A) of article 7) of this appendix, the 2020-2023 collective agreement applies to the sequences for filling positions where they can be offered a position.

Special Features of Article 10-3.00

- 8) Article 10-3.00 applies until June 30, 2024.

Employees covered by article 10-3.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be laid off as prescribed in clause 10-3.11 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement.

A special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year only for employees covered by article 10-3.00 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement shall be created.

- A) For the 2024-2025 school year, the board shall proceed with the recall as prescribed in subparagraphs a) and b) of the second paragraph of clause 10-3.05 of the 2020-2023 collective agreement based on the terms and conditions below:

“When day care service employees are recalled to work, the following provisions apply:

- a) the board shall proceed by place of work, class of employment and duration of employment from among day care service employees;
 - b) failing this, the board shall proceed by class of employment and duration of employment according to a list maintained at the board on which the board registers the day care service employees laid off for less than eighteen (18) months who requested in writing to be registered on the list.”
- B) Employees who have completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024 shall be considered as holding a job obtained at the time of the recall which becomes a “position”.

¹ Read ninety (90) days actually worked for employees occupying a position in the subcategory of technical support positions.

- C) Following the recall, employees who have not completed a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods before July 1, 2024 and those who have not been recalled during the aforementioned procedure, shall be considered in the sequences for filling positions after the persons registered on the list of priority of employment and before the external candidates for the 2024-2025 school year only. If they obtain a permanently vacant or newly created position, they must then begin the probation period as prescribed under clause 1-2.17 of the agreement.
 - D) When establishing a special staffing plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the union shall be informed fifteen (15) days before the recall of positions renewed or not renewed (class of employment concerned, number of hours and place of work), names of employees occupying these positions and completion or not of a period equal to sixty (60) days actually worked¹ or if they have been in the employ of the board for nine (9) consecutive months, namely the lesser of these two (2) periods. This information is for reference purposes only.
 - E) Between the time when employees covered by article 10-3.00 are laid off and recalled for the 2024-2025 fiscal year identified in paragraph A) of article 7) of this appendix, the 2020-2023 collective agreement applies to the sequences for filling positions where employees can be offered a position.
- 9) The integration of employees covered by Chapter 10-0.00 into Chapter 7-0.00 of the agreement cannot have the effect of granting a guaranteed position.
 - 10) The integration of employees covered by Chapter 10-0.00 into Chapter 7-0.00 of the agreement cannot result in an employee obtaining a status of tenured employee at the time of the integration.

Qualifications required

- 11) Employees identified in articles 6), 7) and 8) of this appendix are deemed to have the qualifications required by their class of employment.

¹ Read ninety (90) days actually worked for employees occupying a position in the subcategory of technical support positions.

Determination of step

- 12) The board shall determine the step of the employees identified in article 6) of this appendix and hired under article 10-1.00 according to the more advantageous of the following formulas:
- A) The employee shall obtain the step corresponding to his or her schooling and years of experience recognized as valid and directly pertinent for performing his or her duties. To be recognized, experience must have been acquired in a class of employment equal to or greater than that class of employment, taking into account the qualifications required for the class of employment held.
 - B) The employee shall obtain the step in which the salary rate is immediately lower than that he or she holds; however, the difference between the salary rate of that step and the salary rate that he or she was receiving based on his or her employment status when he or she was hired under article 10-0.00 shall be made up by a lump sum paid at each pay and reduced as the employee's salary rate progresses for a maximum period of two (2) years as of July 1, 2025.

The board shall recognize the salary rate corresponding to the step held by employees identified in articles 7) and 8) of this appendix hired under articles 10-2.00 and 10-3.00.

Recognition of seniority

- 13) The seniority of employees who have obtained the status of regular employee as prescribed in articles 6), 7) and 8) of this appendix shall be determined as follows:
- A) The duration of employment of employees in a position under Chapter 10-0.00 up to June 30, 2024 shall be converted into seniority on July 1, 2024. The conversion is determined in years, months and days.
 - B) Subsequently, any period worked for the board or school boards or school service centres to which the board is the successor before June 30, 2024 as an employee referred to in clauses 1-2.20 (probationary employees) and 1-2.22 (temporary employees), retroactively to his or her first hiring date, unless there is a work interruption of over twenty-four (24) months, in which case the time worked before the interruption is not counted. The period worked shall be calculated proportionally to the regular work hours.

Section III Problem-Solving Mechanism

- 14) The board and the local union can meet to try to find a solution to the problems related to a particular situation of a group of employees covered by the application of this appendix.
- 15) If the board and the local union are unable to find a solution to the problems related to the application and interpretation of this appendix, they shall refer the matter to the provincial negotiating parties which shall agree to meet within fifteen (15) working days of the request of one of the parties to try to find a solution.

- 16) The parties recognize that under no circumstances can this appendix lead to the resumption of regular job security mechanisms held under article 7-3.00 in 2024 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.