

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CHRIST THE TEACHER R.C.S.S.D. NO. 212
(hereinafter called the “board”)**



AND

**THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES,
LOCAL 4618
(hereinafter called the “union”)**

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PREAMBLE

Education in the Catholic tradition is the lifelong process of seeking and coming to know God in the fullness of creation.

The mission of the Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division states, "*As Christ-centred learning communities, we engage and challenge all learners, model and form character, know Christ and make Him known.*"

Christ is our greatest teacher and the values He taught us in His gospels must permeate all aspects of daily life in the schools of the division.

NOW, THEREFORE, the union recognizes the school division is founded on the principles and values taught by the Roman Catholic Church and as such, it agrees employees must respect such principles and values.

The purpose of this agreement is:

- a) To maintain and improve harmonious relations and settled conditions of employment between the board and the union;
- b) To recognize the mutual value of joint discussions and negotiations;
- c) To encourage efficiency in operation;
- d) To promote an amicable method of settling differences or grievances, which may arise with respect to matters covered by this agreement; and
- e) To promote the morale, well-being, and security of all employees in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

1.01 Definition

- a) "Permanent employee" shall mean an employee in the bargaining unit who has successfully completed a probationary period in accordance with Article 5.04.
- b) "Casual employee" shall mean an employee who is employed to augment or replace a permanent employee on short-term leave or is employed on a project of limited duration not exceeding three (3) months. This period of time may be extended by mutual consent of the parties.

- c) “Term appointment” shall mean a temporary appointment to a permanent position that is vacant for more than three (3) months or an appointment to a position that is created for longer than three (3) months that, in each case, has a definite end date.
- d) “Temporary employee” shall mean an employee who is employed to fill a term appointment and shall be eligible to apply for any vacant positions that are posted during their term of employment in keeping with the collective agreement.
- e) Wherever the phrase “union representative(s)” appears in this collective agreement, it shall be understood to mean a member or members of the local union designated by the union as authorized to represent employees in meetings with the board or its designates. The union shall provide the board with a list of people so designated annually or from time to time as required by changes.

1.02 Scope

- a) This agreement shall apply to all employees of the board of education of Christ the Teacher R.C.S.S.D. No. 212 within the City of Melville, excluding the director of education, superintendent of education, chief financial officer, confidential secretary-board office, coordinator of student achievement and supports, student supports personnel, supervisor of instruction and learning, French monitor, and teachers employed and functioning as such.
- b) The board agrees to recognize the **Canadian Union of Public Employees and its Local 4618** as the sole collective bargaining agent for the employees covered by this agreement and hereby consents and agrees to negotiate with the union or its designated representatives.

1.03 Union Security

- a) Every employee who is now or hereafter becomes a member of the union shall maintain membership in the union as a condition of employment, and every new employee whose employment commences hereafter shall, within thirty (30) days after the commencement in employment, apply for and maintain membership in the union, and maintain membership in the union as a condition of employment, provided that any employee in the appropriate bargaining unit who is not required to maintain membership or apply for and maintain membership in the union shall, as a condition of employment, tender to the union the periodic dues uniformly required to be paid by the members of the union.
- b) The board agrees that no employee shall be laid off or have his or her hours of work reduced due to the board using the services of volunteers or contracting out work or services.

1.04 Check-Off of Union Dues

Upon written authorization from the employee, the board agrees to deduct from every employee any monthly dues or assessment levied and initiation fees owing by the employee to the union. Deductions are to be made in the initial semi-monthly pay period and shall be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the union not later than the fifteenth (15th) of the month following in respect of which deductions have been made.

1.05 Correspondence

All correspondence between the parties arising out of this agreement shall pass to and from the chief financial officer of the board and an individual designated by the union to receive and send such correspondence.

ARTICLE 2 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

2.01 Management Functions

The union recognizes that it is the right of the board to exercise the regular and customary functions of the board and to direct the workforce, subject to the terms of the collective agreement. The board shall exercise its rights in a fair and reasonable manner.

ARTICLE 3 – NO DISCRIMINATION

3.01 No Discrimination

a) Definition

Unless otherwise permitted by Section 17 of *The Saskatchewan Act*, Section 357 of *The Education Act, 1995*, or Subsection 16(5) of *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018*, and with the exception of word or action contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, the board and the union agree that there shall be no discriminatory practices with respect to an employee on the basis of any ground prohibited by *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018* nor by reason of his/her membership or activity in the union.

b) Harassment

All employees are entitled to be treated fairly and respectfully and to work in an environment that is free of harassment. The board will maintain and promote a policy against harassment in the workplace.

ARTICLE 4 - SENIORITY

4.01 Accumulation of Seniority

Seniority shall apply to employees who have completed the probationary requirements in this collective agreement and shall be defined as the length of an employee's service in the bargaining unit since his or her last day of hire and shall include pre-certification service with the board.

For the purpose of determining the seniority of two (2) or more employees who have the same bargaining-unit-wide seniority, their social insurance numbers will be used. The employee with the lowest **final** six (6) social insurance numbers will be considered the senior.

4.02 Seniority List

The board agrees to post a seniority list by September 15 of each year showing employees' seniority as of June 30. The list shall include the date the employee entered the service of the board. Upon proof of error, the board shall immediately revise the seniority list. Copies of the seniority list and revisions thereof shall be forwarded to the union simultaneously.

4.03 Seniority Lost

Seniority of an employee shall be lost in the event that the employee:

- a) is discharged for just cause and is not reinstated;
- b) resigns in writing and does not withdraw the resignation within two (2) weekdays (excluding statutory holidays), and the board does not accept withdrawal of the same;
- c) retires from the employ of the board;
- d) following a layoff, fails to return to work within ten (10) working days after being notified by registered mail to do so unless the employee provides reasons of absence which are satisfactory to the **director or designate**. **A copy of said letter shall be provided to the union.** It shall be the responsibility of the employees to keep the board informed of their current address;
- e) is laid off for a continuous period of twenty-four (24) calendar months;
- f) **accepts a permanent out-of-scope position and has passed probation;**
- g) is a casual employee and has not worked for a period of **three (3)** consecutive months and is not on an approved leave of absence;

- h) if on a term appointment, does not work again within the bargaining unit for a period of eighteen (18) months.

4.04 School Vacation Periods

Scheduled school vacation periods shall not constitute a break in service, nor shall any authorized leaves identified in this collective agreement.

ARTICLE 5 – VACANCIES

5.01 Posting

- a) When a vacancy in a permanent position or any position expected to be of at least three (3) consecutive months is to be filled, the board shall post a notice of the vacancy on the bulletin board provided under Article 16.01 and a copy shall be forwarded to the union. The notice will be posted for a minimum of five (5) working days to allow the existing employees to make written application. At the same time those vacant positions are advertised internally, they may also be advertised publicly.
- b) Such posting shall include the nature of the position, **term of position**, salary range, qualifications required, and hours of work.
- c) Article 5.01 a) shall not apply when the vacancy is less than three (3) consecutive months in duration. Employees on layoff who have the qualifications to perform the required duties shall be offered these temporary assignments in order of seniority.

5.02 Temporary Appointments

- a) When an employee is assigned to fill a temporary vacancy in a higher position, the employee shall receive the rate of pay for that position. When an employee is assigned to temporarily fill a lower-paying position, the employee's rate of pay shall not be reduced. This article is not applicable to employees who request a lower-paying position.
- b) When an employee applies for and is awarded a temporary position, that employee shall automatically be granted a leave of absence from his or her current position. The criteria for awarding a temporary position shall be the same as the criteria set out in Article 5.03. Individuals filling temporary positions shall have all the rights and benefits of this collective agreement. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory during the thirty (30) working day trial period, the employee shall be returned to his or her former position and salary, without loss of seniority, and other employees promoted or transferred because of the re-arrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former position and

salary, without loss of seniority. When the temporary position ends, the employee shall return to his or her original position. If the original position no longer exists, the employee shall be laid off and exercise his or her rights in accordance with Article 6.02.

5.03 Permanent Appointment

- a) In filling a vacancy or new position, the appointment shall be made of the applicant who has the qualifications required to perform the duties of the available position. In the event there are two (2) or more qualified applicants, seniority shall be the deciding factor in the appointment.
- b) **Any appointment that requires a change of classification will not result in a reduction in pay from the successful applicant's current classification.**

5.04 Probation

A newly hired employee shall be on probation for a period of three (3) active months of employment from the date of hire or, in the case of casual employees, sixty (60) shifts worked within one (1) academic year. During the probationary period, the employee shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of this agreement, except that the board retains the right to release the employee if he or she is found to be unsuitable. Seniority shall not apply during the probationary period, but upon successful completion of probation, the employee shall be placed on the seniority list according to the original date of hire. The probation period may be extended for a further period of up to three (3) active months upon the agreement of the board and the union.

5.05 Trial Appointment

Where the successful applicant is an existing member of the bargaining unit, the employee will be placed on a trial period of thirty (30) working days. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position **or chooses to return to their former position** during the aforementioned trial period, they shall be returned to their former position and salary without loss of seniority, and other employees promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former position and salary without loss of seniority.

5.06 Job Descriptions

The board will establish and maintain current job descriptions and class specifications for all bargaining unit positions. The union will be provided with copies and may make representations to the board regarding the job descriptions and class specifications.

5.07 New Positions and Reclassifications

Where new positions are created or current positions reclassified, the board will advise the union in advance of the nature of the position and the proposed wage or salary rate. In the event that the union shall disagree with the said rate, then the same shall be negotiated between the board and the union.

ARTICLE 6 - LAY OFF AND RECALL

6.01 Lay Off Notice

- a) Employees who have been in the employ of the board for at least three (3) continuous months may be laid off indefinitely by the board in accordance with the table provided in 6.01 b).
- b) Length of Service and Minimum Layoff Notice

Length of Service	Minimum Notice
0-3 months	0 weeks
3 months – 3 years	2 weeks
3-5 years	4 weeks
5-10 years	6 weeks
10+ years	8 weeks

6.02 Lay Off

- a) Step 1

Where a staff reduction is necessitated, and a layoff notice is to be served pursuant to Article 6.01, representatives of the board and the union will meet to review the layoff, including staff reassignment options, and provide a recommendation to the representative of the board.

- b) Step 2

When **two (2) or more lay offs** will occur, the representative(s) of the board will meet with the classification of employees impacted to provide a reason for lay offs, the positions required, a review of Article 6.01 relating to lay offs, and the classification seniority list.

- c) Step 3

Meet with union representatives to discuss the employees to be laid off and the possible options.

d) Step 4

Provide a **layoff notice** letter to impacted employees. The letter will include the reason for the **layoff**, the effective date of the **layoff**, options for the employee (**displace a less senior employee, provided they are qualified to perform the position**, accept the lay off and the possibility of recall, resign from the position, or retire if applicable) and a **seventy-two (72)** hour time requirement to respond to the board representative or designate as to the selected path chosen by the laid-off employee.

6.03 Recall

- a) In the event of recall, laid-off employees shall be recalled in order of bargaining-unit-wide seniority, provided they have **the** qualifications required to perform the required duties, up to and including full-time hours. No new employee shall be hired until those laid off have been given the opportunity to fill the position.
- b) Employees shall be laid off in the inverse of their seniority within the job classification affected.
- c) An employee who is to be laid off within a job classification by reason of staff reduction shall have the opportunity to select the least senior position in another job classification within the bargaining unit, provided they have the ability to perform in that position and provided further that they have more seniority than the employee in the chosen classification. An employee who is scheduled to be laid off by reason of staff reduction who has selected a position in another job classification shall be given ninety (90) days from the date of notice of intended layoff to obtain the minimum requirements to perform the job.

6.04 Automatic Lay Off

Those persons employed on the basis of the academic year as prescribed annually by the Minister of Education shall be deemed to be laid off for school vacation periods and will be issued a Record of Employment. This article shall serve as notice of layoff and recall. Recall shall be automatic, except when notice of layoff has been given under Article 6.01.

6.05 No Loss of Seniority During Lay Off

Where former employees are re-employed within twenty-four (24) months, they shall be credited with previous service in connection with seniority, determining length of service in connection with **wages**, vacations, and **all other entitlements** based on length of service.

ARTICLE 7 - SICK LEAVE

7.01 Definition

- a) Sick leave is defined as the period of time an employee is permitted to be absent from work with full pay by virtue of being sick or disabled or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the *Workers' Compensation Act* or *The Automobile Accident Insurance Act*.
- b) Sick leave shall be used to attend to appointments for preventative medical health and dental care taken during working hours, where such appointments cannot be made outside of normal hours of work or where specialist appointments outside of the school division are required. Such leave will be granted only for the actual hours required to be away from work.
- c) An employee will be granted paid time off for such an appointment, provided the employee gives their principal written notice at least five (5) days prior to the appointment. The written notice shall include the time and day of the appointment and the probable duration of the absence.

7.02 Entitlement

- a) Sick leave shall be granted to all employees, except casual employees, on the basis of two (2) working days per month prorated as per assigned work schedule.
- b) The unused portion of an employee's sick leave shall accumulate to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days.

7.03 Proof of Illness

After five (5) days of being absent from work due to illness, employees may be required to produce a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner, certifying that such employees are unable to carry out their duties due to illness at the expense of the board upon proof of payment by the employee. The board reserves the right to call for an examination of the absent employee by a duly qualified health care professional at the expense of the board when the period of sick leave exceeds twenty (20) consecutive working days.

Health care professionals are those defined by the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

Employees off work for an extended period of time [e.g., over **thirty (30) days**] are encouraged to provide periodic medical updates to the **director or designate** in writing at intervals mutually agreed to between the employee and **director or designate**.

7.04 Notification

An employee who is absent during working hours on account of illness shall notify the immediate supervisor **as soon as reasonably possible**.

7.05 Annual Statement

Each employee shall receive, annually on September 15, a statement of unexpended sick leave credits as of June 30 of the previous school year. Such statement shall be open to protest and correction for a period of thirty (30) calendar days, and on presentation by the employee of proof of error, correction shall be made by the board immediately.

7.06 Compulsory Quarantine

No employee shall suffer any loss in pay or reduction in sick leave credits due to compulsory quarantine that is ordered by the regional medical health officer or authorized designate for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days per year. If the employee has been employed with the board for less than a year or on a part-time basis, the twenty (20) days of entitlement will be prorated accordingly.

ARTICLE 8 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

All leaves of absence must be submitted through the school principal and approved by the principal and director of education or designate. **All leaves will be prorated as per the assigned work schedule.**

8.01 Bereavement Leave

a) Definition

For the purpose of this article, immediate family is defined as spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, parent-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, equivalent step relationship to the aforementioned, or fiancé.

b) Death of Immediate Family Member

An employee shall be granted leave of absence with pay in case of death of an immediate relative, to a maximum of five (5) working days in each instance. Except in exceptional circumstances, the leave shall be taken in a continuous period commencing on the date of the death.

c) Death of Other Relatives

An employee shall be granted up to one (1) day leave of absence with pay (for one day in each instance) in the case of death of an aunt or uncle.

d) Mourner's Leave

An employee shall be granted up to one (1) day leave of absence with pay (in each instance) to mourn the loss of a friend.

e) Pallbearer's Leave

An employee shall be granted up to one (1) day leave of absence with pay (in each instance) to act as a eulogist or active pallbearer.

f) Additional Leave

In extenuating circumstances, such as extensive travel [over five hundred (500) km one way from the community where the member resides] or administrative responsibilities, one (1) additional day with pay may be granted.

8.02 Compassionate Leave - Illness or Injury of Immediate Family

Leave of absence with pay for life-threatening illness, **serious** injury, or major surgery involving an immediate family member may be granted at the discretion of the **director or designate** for a period not exceeding five (5) days in a school year.

In extenuating circumstances, one (1) additional day with pay may be granted.

8.03 Maternity, Parental, and Adoption Leave

Leave shall be granted in accordance with *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*. A copy of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* shall be placed by the board in a central location within each school. While on the above leaves, an employee shall accumulate seniority and accumulate service toward increments.

8.04 Jury/Witness Duty

Employees who are absent from work as a result of being subpoenaed to be witnesses in court or of being required to serve on a jury shall be paid their normal salary while absent, subject to the following conditions:

- a) The employees shall pay to the board any remuneration other than expenses, which they receive, for such absence. With respect to the Court of **King's** Bench, the employee, if appearing as a witness, shall make application in accordance with "The Court of **King's** Bench Fees Regulations" for witness fees.
- b) The employee shall notify the board as soon as possible after receipt of notice for such absence.
- c) This article does not apply to an employee who appears as an accused in any proceeding.

8.05 Union Leave

- a) Leave of absence with pay **and without loss of seniority** shall be granted upon request to the **director or designate** to a maximum of **three (3)** employees elected or appointed to represent the union at **union functions** or to attend to union business. Employees attending such functions shall continue to be paid by the board as though they were at work. The board shall bill the union for the wage and benefit costs of these employees while on such leave, and the union shall reimburse the board for these costs.
- b) Any employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the union or any body with which the union is affiliated or who is elected to public office, may be granted leave of absence without pay but without loss of seniority by the board for a period of **two (2)** years. This period may be extended by the board at the end of the year.
- c) **Members of the local union executive** may take a maximum of **five (5)** days leave **with pay and without loss of seniority** per year to attend to union business. They shall be paid by the board as though they were at work. The board shall bill the union for the wage and benefit costs for these employees while on such leave, and the union shall reimburse the board for these costs.

8.06 General Leave

The **director or designate** may grant leave of absence without pay to any employee requesting such leave. Such a request will be in writing fully outlining all relevant circumstances.

Short-term leaves of absence without salary may be granted by the **director or designate** not exceeding five (5) school days per school year upon written application by the employee and on the recommendation of the **principal**.

8.07 Negotiation Leave

If the bargaining committees agree to meet to conduct negotiations during working hours, the director will provide leave with pay for a maximum of three (3) employees for the time spent in negotiations. The board shall bill the union for the wage and benefit costs of any additional employees, and the union shall reimburse the board for these costs.

8.08 Pressing Personal Leave

An employee shall be entitled to a leave or leaves for pressing personal reasons for up to four (4) days in any school year. The first two (2) such days in any school year shall be with pay, and the remaining days shall be without pay. Requests for such leave shall be made through the principal to the director or designate [e.g., inclement weather (out of town residents only), graduation/convocation (self, child, or spouse), household emergency, emergency childcare, care of parents, wedding of child or grandchild, child illness, or to accompany a spouse to a medical appointment or procedure when the employee's presence is required].

8.09 Compassionate Care Leave

An employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay but without loss of seniority of up to eight (8) weeks in order to care for a critically ill family member who is dependent upon the employee for care. An employee shall apply in writing, providing proof of the nature of the dependent relationship and the critical illness of the family member.

ARTICLE 9 - STATUTORY HOLIDAYS AND VACATION LEAVE

9.01 Vacation Entitlement Leave

All employees shall, after one (1) year of service, be entitled to annual vacation with pay, and in each year of consecutive service thereafter, on the following basis:

- a) Those with over one (1) year of service will be entitled to three (3) weeks' vacation with pay.
- b) Those with over eight (8) years of service will be entitled to four (4) weeks' vacation with pay.
- c) Those with over sixteen (16) years of service will be entitled to five (5) weeks' vacation with pay.
- d) Those with over twenty-four (24) years of service will be entitled to six (6) weeks' vacation with pay.

- e) Employees not having a year of service prior to the vacation period shall be allowed vacation at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 ¼) working days for each completed month of service. An employee leaving the service of the board at any time in a vacation year prior to taking vacation shall be entitled to payment of wages in lieu of earned vacation.

9.02 Vacation Pay

Effective the first of the month following the date of ratification, all employees employed on a ten (10) month basis shall receive pay in lieu of an annual vacation computed as follows:

- a) Employees with over one (1) year of service – 3/52 of gross annual pay.
- b) Employees with over eight (8) years of service – 4/52 of gross annual pay.
- c) Employees with over sixteen (16) years of service – 5/52 of gross annual pay.
- d) Employees with over twenty-four (24) years of service – 6/52 of gross annual pay.

9.03 Public Holidays

Academic year employees shall be entitled to the following public holidays:

New Year's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Easter Monday	Christmas Day
Victoria Day	Boxing Day
Labour Day	Family Day

All twelve (12) month employees shall receive the following holidays with pay, pro-rated in relation to hours worked in the previous four (4) week period:

New Year's Day	Victoria Day	Thanksgiving Day
Family Day	Canada Day	Remembrance Day
Good Friday	Saskatchewan Day	Christmas Day
Easter Monday	Labour Day	Boxing Day

Employees will be paid hour for hour for the above holidays and for any time worked on such holidays according to the provisions of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*. A copy of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* shall be placed by the board in a central location within each school.

ARTICLE 10 – HOURS OF WORK

10.01 Hours of Work

The normal scheduled hours of work are set out in Appendix “A” and are not a guarantee of hours to be worked but serve as a basis for the calculation of overtime and scheduling.

10.02 Scheduling

The days to be worked at the daily hours of work, including starting times, **meal breaks, rest periods,** and finishing times shall be determined by the school principal, in accordance with Appendix “A,” and shall be communicated to the employee **at least one (1) week in advance of the schedule commencing. The board agrees to post a schedule covering at least four (4) weeks of work.**

Employees shall be provided at least one (1) week’s notice of any change in schedule except in unforeseen or emergency circumstances.

Notwithstanding the above, it is understood that rest periods and/or meal breaks may need to be adjusted due to operational needs.

10.03 Rest Periods

All employees who work six (6) hours or more shall be permitted a paid rest period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes in both the first and second half of the shift, scheduled as close to the middle of each half as possible. Employees who work less than six (6) hours shall be permitted one (1) paid rest period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes, scheduled as close to the middle of the shift as possible.

10.04 Meal Breaks

All employees working at least five (5) hours will be provided with an unpaid meal break of at least thirty (30) consecutive minutes, scheduled as close to the middle of the shift as possible.

10.05 Overtime

- a) Scheduled hours of work shall not exceed those listed in Appendix “A.” All time authorized by the principal and director or designate and worked in excess of those listed in Appendix “A” will be considered as overtime and will be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) of the regular base rate for the first two (2) hours and double the rate thereafter.
- b) In the event an employee starts work on any day and is sent home before completing three (3) hours of work, that employee shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours as per *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

- c) Employees required to remain on duty **before the commencement** or after the completion of their regular shift shall be paid in units of one-half (1/2) hour at the overtime rates provided that the employees remain on duty for the time they are claiming.
- d) The **board** agrees that employees be notified in advance (except in the case of emergency) of any activity in the schools where it is necessary to have an employee in attendance as soon as the supervisor is aware of the requirement.

10.06 Time off in Lieu

In lieu of receiving pay for overtime as outlined above, an employee may, if approved by the **director** or designate, choose to take time off at the applicable overtime rate. Such time off in lieu of pay shall be taken at a time mutually agreed **upon** between the employee's immediate supervisor and the employee.

ARTICLE 11 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

11.01 Definition

Should a dispute arise between the **board** and any employee or the **union** regarding the interpretation, meaning, operation, or application of this **agreement**, or when an allegation is made that this **agreement** has been violated, an earnest effort shall be made to settle the dispute in the following manner.

11.02 Procedure

a) Step 1

The employee(s) concerned, together with a **union** representative, shall, within ten (10) working days of the event(s) giving rise to the grievance, first seek to solve the grievance with the employee's immediate supervisor.

b) Step 2

i) Failing agreement within ten (10) working days after the meeting with the supervisor under Step 1, the grievance may be advanced by the **union** by submitting it in writing to the **superintendent** of education.

ii) **The employee concerned, a union representative, and the superintendent of education shall meet to discuss the grievance within ten (10) working days of its receipt.**

iii) A written decision shall be rendered by the **superintendent** of education to the **union** within ten (10) working days of such meeting.

c) Step Three

- i) Failing agreement **after meeting with the superintendent** under Step 2, **the grievance may be advanced by the union, in writing, to the director of education** within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision at Step 2.
- ii) **The employee concerned, a union representative, and the director of education shall meet to discuss the grievance within ten (10) working days of its receipt.**
- iii) **A written decision shall be rendered by the director of education to the union within ten (10) working days of such meeting.**

d) Step Four

- i) Grievances, which cannot be resolved through the above, may be referred to a **board of arbitration** within fifteen (15) working days following receipt of the **director's** decision at Step 3.
- ii) The **board of arbitration** shall consist of one (1) member appointed by the union, one (1) member appointed by the board, and a chairperson, jointly named by the two (2) members so appointed.
- iii) The party referring the grievance to arbitration shall, in the letter of referral, name its nominee to the **board of arbitration**.
- iv) The party receiving the referral shall, within fifteen (15) working days of receiving it, name its nominee to the **board of arbitration**.
- v) Where the appointees of the parties fail to agree within fifteen (15) working days of their appointment on the appointment of a chairperson, either party may request the chairperson of the **labour relations board** to make the third member appointment.

11.03 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Upon mutual agreement, the parties may enter into grievance mediation prior to progressing to arbitration or may choose to resolve the grievance through expedited arbitration. The union and the board shall each pay one-half (1/2) of the remuneration and expenses of the chosen alternative dispute resolution.

11.04 Single Arbitrator

Notwithstanding Step 4 above, the parties, upon mutual consent, may agree to the appointment of a single arbitrator who shall act in the place of the arbitration board as provided above.

11.05 Decision of the Board of Arbitration

The board of arbitration shall:

- a) not have the power to change this agreement or to alter, modify, or amend any of its articles;
- b) be limited to dealing with the issues which are submitted to it for arbitration; and
- c) render a final and binding decision within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

11.06 Time Limits

The time limits fixed in the grievance procedure may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties to this agreement.

11.07 Expenses of the Board of Arbitration

The union and the board shall each pay one-half (1/2) of the remuneration and expenses of the chairperson of the board of arbitration.

11.08 General Application

- a) Where a dispute involving a question of general application or interpretation of the collective agreement occurs, the board and union may agree in writing to bypass Step 1 and Step 2.
- b) Where a dispute involving an employee suspension or dismissal occurs, the union may proceed directly to submitting the grievance in writing as provided in Step 3.

11.09 Witness

At any stage of the grievance procedure, the parties may have the assistance of the employee(s) concerned as witness and any other witnesses, and all reasonable arrangements will be made to permit the conferring parties to have access to any part of the board's premises to view any working conditions, which may be relevant to the settlement of the grievance, providing there is no disruption or interference with educational operations. In no case shall union officers have access to a school without making their presence known to the principal.

11.10 Facilities for Meetings

The board will supply the necessary facilities for the grievance meetings.

11.11 Union Representatives

Representatives of the union shall not suffer any loss of regular straight time pay for time involved in grievance meetings with the board at Step 1, Step 2, or Step 3. Only one (1) local union officer and the grievor shall attend such meetings.

A local union officer shall not leave work during working hours to perform union duties without first obtaining the permission of the director or designate.

ARTICLE 12 – DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

12.01 Discipline Notice

a) Just Cause

No employee shall be disciplined or discharged without just cause. In the case of discipline or discharge, the union shall be advised in writing by the board of the reasons for such actions.

b) Right to have Union Representation

Employees asked to meet with the board or any representative of the board for disciplinary purposes **or any discussion the employee believes might be the basis of disciplinary action** shall be entitled to be accompanied by a union representative and shall be informed of that right.

12.02 Disciplinary Process

a) Non-Disciplinary Coaching and Counselling

The board recognizes that it is desirable to advise the employee of his/her conduct and his/her professional performance as soon as possible and informally. The board agrees to consider **coaching and counselling** in a spirit of cooperation and correction rather than in a spirit of punishment and shall endeavour to assist the employee in improving work performance.

a) **Progressive Discipline**

Except in cases of gross misconduct, the **board** agrees that progressive discipline will be used in dealing with **employees** whose job performance and/or conduct is not satisfactory. The **board** and the **union** recognize that any disciplinary measure shall be imposed only for valid reasons.

The **board** and **union** agree that disciplinary action will be a progressive fashion:

- Formal verbal warning(s)
- Written warning(s)
- Progressive Suspension
- Termination

b) **Presence of a Union Representative**

In cases where the **board** considers an **employee's** conduct to warrant disciplinary action (dismissal, suspension, verbal, or written reprimand) no step shall be taken other than in the presence of a **union** representative in writing and submitted to the **union** unless the member has waived their right to **union** representation prior to the meeting being held. The **employee** shall have an opportunity to state his/her side of the case in advance of discipline being imposed.

c) **Documentation**

It is also agreed that in cases of discipline, in subsequent proceedings or arbitration hearings, evidence shall be limited to the grounds stated in the written discharge or discipline notice to the **employee** and the **union**. The local of the **union** and the **employee** shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours notification of any meeting related to an **employee's** conduct. The notice provided shall include information pertaining to the purpose of the meeting. The **union** representative shall be given a reasonable opportunity to meet with the **employee** with no loss of pay or benefits prior to the **employee's** scheduled meeting with the **board**.

When an **employee** is non-verbally reprimanded, suspended, or dismissed, the **board** shall advise the **employee** in writing of the reasons for the action taken, and a copy shall be submitted to the **union** at that time.

If the **employee** concerned wishes to respond, they may do so in writing, and such response will become part of the documentation. At the **employee's** request, a copy of his/her response shall be forwarded to the **union**.

Provided there has been no further discipline, documentation of disciplinary action shall be removed from the **employee's** file:

- within one (1) year of the initial discipline for written reprimands
- within **two (2)** years of the initial discipline for suspension

ARTICLE 13 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

13.01 Occupational Health Committee

The board and the union shall adhere to the relevant portions of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*. A copy of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* shall be placed by the board in a central location within each school.

13.02 Violence in the Workplace

The board and the union agree that violence in the workplace is not acceptable and agree to work together toward the elimination of the incidence and causal factors of violence. Violence is defined, in accordance with *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*, as "...the attempted, threatened, or actual conduct of a person that causes or is likely to cause injury and includes any threatening statement or behaviour that gives a worker reasonable cause to believe that the worker is at risk of injury."

The board will continue to work toward minimizing the potential for violence by adopting preventive measures such as training for employees by:

- Developing ways and means of recognizing potentially violent situations;
- Establishing proactive approaches to prevent or minimize violence;
- Developing procedures for dealing with incidents of violence and how to obtain assistance; and
- Establishing procedures for reporting, investigating, and documenting violent incidents.

13.03 Workplace Conflict

a) The board and the union acknowledge a shared responsibility to:

- prevent harassment and/or violence
- promote a safe, abuse-free working environment
- uphold the philosophy of zero tolerance of harassment and/or violence

b) Attempt to Resolve

If an employee believes that a workplace conflict could escalate to harassment or violence, the employee should approach the opposing party in an attempt to resolve.

If there has been no resolution, or if the employee does not feel able to approach the other party directly, that employee, or the union, should approach the board and attempt to resolve the matter between the parties.

If the matter has no satisfactory resolution, the union, on behalf of the member, should file a formal complaint documenting the event(s) complete with time, date, location, names of witnesses, and details for each event.

Upon receipt of any verbal or written formal harassment complaint, the board shall attempt to resolve it through any means deemed appropriate in the particular circumstances of the complaint. The board must maintain written notes of their actions.

Failure to resolve shall result in the initiation of a formal investigation.

There shall be one (1) personnel file maintained by the board for each employee. Files are to be kept under lock and key. The director or designate must be present when an employee is reviewing his/her file.

13.04 Workers' Compensation

- a) When an employee is injured in the performance of his/her duties, or when an employee incurs an industrial illness, and the accident or illness is compensable under the provisions of the *Workers' Compensation Act*, the board shall continue to pay such an employee for up to a maximum of three (3) months their regular salary. The employee agrees that any benefits payable from Workers' Compensation shall be paid directly to the board on behalf of the employee.
- b) The director or designate and the union will work together to re-employ any employee who is unable to return to their normal duties following a work injury. In such circumstances, the director or designate and the union may agree to waive the provisions of articles pertaining to vacancies, promotions, lay-offs, and classifications.

13.05 Supplementation of Compensation Award

The board agrees that whenever employees are injured during the course of and in the performance of their duties for the board, said employees shall, for the period during which they received compensation under the *Workers' Compensation Act* or for the period of three (3) months after such injuries, whichever period is the shorter, be entitled to be paid by the board on the regular board paydays, such amount as may be required to bring their compensation for such period up to the amount of their full wages.

ARTICLE 14 – LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

14.01 Labour Management Committee

A labour management committee shall be established and shall meet as required up to three (3) times during the school year to discuss items of mutual concern. The committee shall not supersede the activities of any other committee of the union or of the board or engage in discussions which infringe upon the role or authority of the union or the board as set out in legislation and does not have the power to bind either the union or its members or the board to any decision or conclusion reached in their discussions. The committee shall reach conclusions by consensus, with the primary focus to discuss and settle issues of concern.

The parties shall exchange agenda items at least one (1) week prior to each meeting. A prescheduled meeting may be cancelled with mutual consent of both parties.

ARTICLE 15 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

15.01 Employee Benefits Plans

The board shall maintain the Saskatchewan School Board Association Group Benefits Plan as follows. The employee portion of the benefits paid will be deducted from the first pay period of each month.

- a) **Group Life – Core (2x Salary):**
 - **Sixty percent (60%) board paid; forty percent (40%) employee paid (effective September 1, 2025).**
- b) **Group AD & D – Core (2x Salary):**
 - **Sixty percent (60%) board paid; forty percent (40%) employee paid (effective September 1, 2025).**
- c) **Long Term Disability – Core A Reduced (at 75% taxable)**
 - **Sixty percent (60%) board paid; forty percent (40%) employee paid (effective September 1, 2025).**
- d) **Employee and Family Assistance**
 - **Sixty percent (60%) board paid; forty percent (40%) employee paid (effective September 1, 2025).**
- e) **Dental Plan C**
 - **Sixty-five percent (65%) board paid; thirty-five percent (35%) employee paid.**

- f) Vision Plan A
 - **One hundred percent (100%) board paid** (effective September 2019).
- g) Voluntary Life
 - Employee
- h) Voluntary AD & D
 - Employee
- i) Voluntary RRSP
 - Employee
- j) Extended Health Benefits
 - Employee (optional)

Compulsory Group Benefits Plan through the School Board Association Group Benefits Plan are for all employees working more than fifteen (15) hours per week.

15.02 Pension Plan

- a) Employees shall participate in **the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan (MEPP)** as required by the terms and conditions of such plan.
- b) The pension plan contributions made by employees will be matched by the employer.

ARTICLE 16 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

16.01 Bulletin Board

The board shall provide a location within each school for a bulletin board for the exclusive use of the union employees covered by this agreement.

16.02 Retirement

The age of retirement for all employees shall be in accordance with *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*.

16.03 Pay Periods

Wages and salaries shall be paid on a semi-monthly basis.

16.04 Extra Curricular Activities

Employees assigned in writing to participate in extra-curricular activities shall be paid their regular hourly wage for each hour so worked.

16.05 Out of Pocket Expenses and Mileage

Employees shall be compensated for every kilometre travelled when they use their own vehicle to perform tasks related to their work and shall, when travelling to perform tasks related to their work, be compensated for meals as follows:

- a) Out-of-town travel allowance: provincial government rates effective September 1 of the current year.
- b) Meal allowance: provincial government rates effective September 1 of the current year.
- c) In-town travel allowance: as per relevant administrative procedure.

16.06 Professional Development

- a) Where the director or designate requests an employee to take a specific course, the employee will be reimbursed the cost of the course, including any ancillary costs in accordance with the administrative procedure, upon proof of successful completion of the course. Where time away from work is required for purposes of attendance at the course, the director or designate will approve leave with pay.
- b) An employee may make written application to take a course or attend some other educational event, and the director or designate may approve reimbursement of the cost of the course upon proof of successful completion of the course, if appropriate, or a portion thereof, and may approve leave from work, with or without pay or with a portion thereof.

ARTICLE 17 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

17.01 Duration

This agreement, unless by mutual consent of both parties hereto, shall be in force and effective from and after September 1, 2023, up to and including August 31, 2027, and from year to year thereafter unless notification of desire to amend be given in writing.

17.02 Written Notice

Either party may, not less than sixty (60) calendar days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days before the expiry date hereof, give notice in writing to the other party to negotiate a revision thereof.

17.03 Salary Schedule

Schedule "A" salary grids shall be revised accordingly and effective on September 1 of each year of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in the Province of Saskatchewan, the 2 day of October, 2024.

On behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 4618

Ashley Kalski
Leanne Henderson
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On behalf of The Board of Education of the Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 212 Of Saskatchewan

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SCHEDULE "A"

Rates of Pay

September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Occupational Classification	Probationary & Casual (0-300 hours)	Step 1 (301 hours – 1100 hours)	Step 2 (1101 hours – 2200 hours)	Step 3 (2201 hours– 3300 hours)	Step 4 (3301+ hours)
Administrative Assistant	19.32	20.29	21.31	22.37	23.49
Educational Assistant	18.60	19.34	20.12	20.92	21.76
Library Technician	18.60	19.34	20.12	20.92	21.76
N-H Supervisor	18.60	19.34	20.12	20.92	21.76
Caretaker	18.60	19.15	19.73	20.33	20.93

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

Occupational Classification	Probationary & Casual (0-300 hours)	Step 1 (301 hours – 1100 hours)	Step 2 (1101 hours – 2200 hours)	Step 3 (2201 hours– 3300 hours)	Step 4 (3301+ hours)
Administrative Assistant	20.50	21.09	21.95	23.04	24.19
Educational Assistant	19.89	20.47	21.04	21.62	22.42
Library Technician	19.89	20.47	21.04	21.62	22.42
N-H Supervisor	19.89	20.47	21.04	21.62	22.42
Caretaker	19.67	20.09	20.50	20.93	21.56

September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Occupational Classification	Probationary & Casual (0-300 hours)	Step 1 (301 hours – 1100 hours)	Step 2 (1101 hours – 2200 hours)	Step 3 (2201 hours– 3300 hours)	Step 4 (3301+ hours)
Administrative Assistant	21.01	21.62	22.50	23.62	24.80
Educational Assistant	20.39	20.98	21.57	22.16	22.98
Library Technician	20.39	20.98	21.57	22.16	22.98
N-H Supervisor	20.39	20.98	21.57	22.16	22.98
Caretaker	20.16	20.59	21.01	21.46	22.10

September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

Occupational Classification	Probationary & Casual (0-300 hours)	Step 1 (301 hours – 1100 hours)	Step 2 (1101 hours – 2200 hours)	Step 3 (2201 hours– 3300 hours)	Step 4 (3301+ hours)
Administrative Assistant	21.64	22.27	23.17	24.32	25.54
Educational Assistant	21.00	21.61	22.21	22.83	23.67
Library Technician	21.00	21.61	22.21	22.83	23.67
N-H Supervisor	21.00	21.61	22.21	22.83	23.67
Caretaker	20.77	21.21	21.64	22.10	22.76

Increments are **reflected in the first pay period** following the completion of any experience requirement.

APPENDIX “A”

Hours of Work

Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 212

CLASSIFICATION	HOURS PER DAY/PER WEEK	SCHEDULED BETWEEN
Administrative Assistant	7.5/37.5	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
Library Technician	7.5/37.5	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
Educational Assistant	7.5/37.5	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
Caretaker	8.0/40.0	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHRIST THE TEACHER ROMAN
CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 212**

AND

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 4618

Re: Noon Supervision

The parties agree that the employees may voluntarily participate in the noon supervision program at the school. The hours worked in this capacity are (1) voluntary and (2) unrelated to the employee's regular assignment. Therefore, noon supervision time cannot be recognized as regular working hours and cannot be counted toward overtime.

Employees volunteering for noon supervision shall be paid at their regular hourly wage.

Employees choosing to volunteer for noon supervision shall do so at the beginning of the school year, and the commitment to supervise is for the full school year.

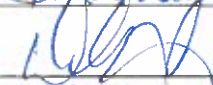
The principal shall track actual minutes supervised (as identified in the approved school supervision program), and these will be submitted by the principal to the division office for pay in June of each school year.

Signed this 2 day of October, 2024.

On behalf of The Board of Education of
The Christ the Teacher R.C.S.S.D.
No. 212











On behalf of Canadian Union of
Public Employees, Local 4618



