

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN:**

WATERLOO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

(hereinafter called the "Board")

OF THE FIRST PART

-and-

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' AND ITS LOCAL 2512

(hereinafter called the "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth formally the rates of pay, hours of work and other working conditions that have been agreed upon, along with procedures for dealing with grievances and complaints. It is recognized by the Agreement to be the duty of the Employer, the Union and the employees to cooperate fully, individually and collectively for the advancement of the said conditions.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

- 2.01 The Board recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all office, clerical, educational assistants, youth care workers and technical employees of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, save and except officers, and those above the rank of Officer, secretaries to the Director of Education, secretaries to the Superintendents, secretary to the Controller of Building & Maintenance, secretary to the Business Administrator, secretary to the Human Resource Services Officer, secretary to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services, and students employed during the school vacation period.
- 2.02 The word "employee" in this Agreement shall mean the employees for whom the Union is the bargaining agent as set out in Section 2.01.
- 2.03 The words "part-time employee" in this Agreement shall mean persons regularly employed for not more than 24 hours per week for whom Union is the bargaining agent as set out in Section 2.01.
- 2.04 The words "full-time employee" in this Agreement shall mean persons regularly employed for

more than 24 hours per week for whom the Union is the bargaining agent as set out in Section 2.01.

ARTICLE 3 - UNION SECURITY

3.01 An employee's participation in CUPE is recognized as being a positive contribution to the system because one of their primary purposes is to provide the best service to the needs of the students.

All employees covered by this Agreement shall have Union dues deducted each pay as a condition of employment. In the case of new employees hired prior to or on the date of ratification of this Agreement, such deduction shall take effect on the first regular deduction date following the first sixty (60) working days of employment calculated from the date of employment. Any new employees hired after the date of ratification of this agreement, shall have such dues deducted following the first day of employment.

3.02 a) The Board agrees to deduct such regular monthly dues as are levied upon all members of the Union in accordance with its constitution and by-laws from each pay of all present employees, and remit such monthly dues to the Treasurer of the Union along with a printout of such deductions. T-4 Slips shall show deductions made for Union dues.

b) The remittance of Union dues shall include the amount deducted for each employee and the total regular earnings for each employee.

3.03 The Board will use its best endeavours to comply with the provisions of this Article but it is relieved by the Union of any and all responsibility and/or liability of deducting or failure to deduct Union dues.

3.04 Neither the Union nor its members shall conduct or participate in Union meetings or other Union activities on the Employer's time or on the Employer's premises except as expressly provided for in the Agreement, without prior written consent from the Employer.

The Union shall apply for a permit for use of Board facilities and premises for the purpose of Union Executive and General Membership meetings. Permits for these meetings will be without permit fee or hourly use fees. It is understood that the Union will be responsible for the cost of liability insurance in accordance with the Board's Use of Facilities Procedures and for the cost of custodial services when necessary.

3.05 The employer agrees to issue to all new employees covered by this collective agreement a union created and approved union orientation package. The employer shall not add to, or remove any contents of the package nor shall the employer discuss the contents of the package with the employee. This orientation package will be provided to the new employee within three (3) weeks of the employee's original hire date. The union shall place only information material in the package regarding CUPE Local 2512, its affiliates and the labour union movement history. The package shall not include any material specifically addressing the employer or workplace conditions/issues.

3.06 In the event of any reduction in the workforce, the Union's Executive Committee and the

Union's Negotiating Committee shall be the last employees to be affected.

ARTICLE 4 - JOB SECURITY

4.01 The Board agrees that no employee in the bargaining unit will suffer loss of employment with the Board as a result of any contracting out of work during the lifetime of this Agreement.

The Board will endeavour to offer temporary employment to recall employees prior to contracting work out.

4.02 In the event of the Board considering the contracting out of any work normally performed by employees in the bargaining unit, the matter will be discussed with the Union Committee. The Board will take suggestions made by the Committee into consideration, along with all other circumstances, when making a decision.

4.03 The words "contracting out" in this Article are also intended to mean sub-contracted, transferred, leased, assigned or conveyed.

4.04 The Board agrees to notify the Union in advance of any technological changes the Board has decided to introduce which will affect employees who are in the Bargaining Unit. A Technological Change Committee will be formed to discuss the changes that will be introduced. The Committee will make recommendations involving practical ways and means of minimizing the effect, if any, on the employees concerned.

These Recommendations will be reviewed by the Board before the changes occur.

4.05 Where the Board has determined training is necessary, the Board will provide training at no loss of pay for the employees affected.

4.06 No member of the bargaining unit on probationary or permanent staff shall be laid off or suffer a reduction of or a change in normally scheduled hours of work as a result of the use of volunteers.

4.07 The Board will not engage volunteers as a means of avoiding the hiring of additional staff. Persons such as volunteers, students, co-op students, parents and others who provide assistance to the Employer shall be used only to enrich programs or provide other services and shall not be used to carry out the primary duties of any bargaining unit member.

4.08 The parties recognize the desirability of providing opportunities for co-op students, peer helpers and for field placement students as an important part of their education. Consistent with this understanding, it is agreed that the function of such placements will be only to further their education and not replace any bargaining unit members. The Board shall advise the Union of such placements.

Any issues arising out of the use of volunteers will be dealt with in Labour/Management meetings.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 5.01 The Union recognizes and accepts that all rights of the Employer to manage the affairs of and administer the school system of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board are reserved to the Employer exclusively, and, in accordance with its commitments and responsibilities within the financial resources available to the Board. It is the exclusive function of the Employer to:
- a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
 - b) hire, discharge, lay-off, classify, assign, direct, transfer, promote, demote and suspend or otherwise discipline employees;
 - c) generally to manage the enterprises in which the Board is engaged, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to determine the work to be done, the methods and procedures to be used, the kinds, location and use of equipment and maintenance of same, the processes, materials and parts to be incorporated in the work, and to determine and exercise all other functions and prerogatives which shall remain solely with the Board except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement.
- 5.02 The Employer has the right to make and alter rules and regulations to be observed by the employees but will advise the Union Committee in advance of any alterations to give it the opportunity of commenting on the alterations.
- 5.03 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, it is expressly understood and agreed that any breach of the Employer's rules will be sufficient for disciplinary action of an employee, including dismissal.
- 5.04 The Board agrees that these functions will be exercised in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and a claim that the Board has exercised any of these rights in a manner inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Agreement may be the subject of a grievance.

ARTICLE 6 - DISCRIMINATION

- 6.01 There shall be no discrimination, restraint or coercion against any employee because of membership in the Union or union activity as provided in this Agreement.
- 6.02 The parties hereto agree that the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code, as amended periodically, shall apply to all employees.
- 6.03 The Board agrees to ensure that in addition to relevant legislation, all Board policies and procedures regarding violence in the workplace are adhered to and enforced. Furthermore, the Union agrees to adhere to the aforementioned legislation policies and procedures.

ARTICLE 7 - UNION COMMITTEE

7.01 The Board recognizes the establishment of five (5) Union Stewards within this bargaining unit, one of whom shall be appointed to be the Chief Steward.

There will be no more than one (1) Steward at any given location.

7.02 The Union shall appoint and the Employer shall recognize a Union Committee, consisting of not more than six (6) employees. The Employer will meet with three (3) members of the Union Committee plus one (1) Union Representative on any matter properly arising out of this Agreement, and/or to process grievances in accordance with the Grievance Procedure. The Employer will meet with five (5) members of the Union Committee plus one (1) Union Representative to conduct negotiations for the renewal of this Agreement.

7.03 a) The Union acknowledges that the members of the Union Committee must continue to perform their regular duties and that all activities of the Union Committee will be carried on outside the regular working hours of the members thereof unless otherwise mutually arranged.

b) The Union President or designate to be mutually agreed, shall be entitled to a 50% leave of absence from their regular duties for Union business. The Board agrees to continue to pay the wages and make any appropriate deductions for which it shall be reimbursed by the local of the Union. The Board also agrees to supply a replacement for this time at the Board's discretion.

Approval for this absence must be obtained prior to any absence. The Board agrees approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

7.04 Providing there are matters arising out of the Agreement to be discussed, the Union Committee and the Employer Representatives will meet. Such meeting will be arranged within one (1) week after one party notifies the other by letter of the matters for discussion. The Employer agrees to prepare an agenda for these meetings outlining the date, the time and matters to be discussed, with such agenda sent to all persons who are to be present at the meeting.

7.05 a) The President of the Union and Stewards have regular duties to perform while employed by the Board. They will not absent themselves from their regular duties unreasonably in order to deal with grievances or other Union business. They will not leave their regular duties without receiving permission from the Principal or immediate Supervisor.

b) The employer will replace representatives of the Union when making representation on Board committees at the request of the Board for the full duration of any such absence provided the absence is at least one half day in duration.

7.06 It is understood that the President of the Union and Stewards will not lose any compensation while performing duties outlined in Article 7.05 during their regularly scheduled work time.

7.07 The Board will compensate those members of the Union Committee who take part in the negotiation process leading to the renewal of the Collective Agreement for their regularly scheduled hours spent in negotiations up to the time an application is made for conciliation and provided the Board is notified of the names of those members before negotiations begin.

- 7.08 The Union shall keep the Employer notified in writing of the names of the members of the Union Committee and Stewards, and will keep such a list up to date at all times.
- 7.09 The union shall have the right to have the assistance of the National Representative of CUPE and/or consultants when meeting with the employer in matters arising out of this Agreement.
- 7.10 The Board shall provide one (1) copy of newly approved board policies and procedures to the Union as updated.

ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 8.01 It is the mutual desire of the parties that complaints of employees and of the Employer be adjusted as promptly as possible.

Before it can be considered a grievance, any complaint must first be discussed by the employee with the Principal or Supervisor concerned. Such discussion may take place either in person or by telephone when it is not possible to meet in person and must take place within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the incident which gave rise to the complaint.

Where the complaint is based on events which are outside the jurisdiction of the Principal of the school or the immediate Supervisor where the employee works, discussion shall take place with the appropriate Principal or Supervisor within fifteen (15) working days of the event upon which the complaint is based.

A grievance is a dispute arising out of the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Collective Agreement.

The Principal or Supervisor shall reply in writing to the employee within ten (10) working days of such discussion taking place.

8.02 **Step 1**

If the complaint is not resolved as a result of the discussion in Article 8.01, the employee shall then submit the grievance in writing to the Human Resource Services Officer or a designate within ten (10) working days of the reply referred to in Article 8.01. The grievance shall specify in detail the facts of the matter and the Article which is alleged to be violated.

The Human Resource Services Officer will give a decision in writing to the employee within fifteen (15) working days.

8.03 **Step 2**

If not then settled in Step 1, the employee may within ten (10) working days submit the

grievance in writing to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate. The Senior Manager of Human Resource Services shall give a decision in writing within ten (10) working days of the submission. The grievance shall specify the facts and the section or sections claimed to be violated or relied upon and the decision shall specify the facts and reasons upon which the decision is based.

8.04 **Step 3**

- a) If the grievance is still not settled, the grieving party will notify the other party within thirty (30) working days of the reply in Step 2 of their desire to proceed to arbitration.
- b) Within twenty (20) working days after notification, each party will appoint a nominee to an Arbitration Board and will promptly advise the other party of the name of their nominee.
- c) The two (2) nominees will then attempt to agree upon a Chairman, and if they cannot agree within a further fifteen (15) working days, then such a Chairman shall be appointed by the Minister of Labour at the request of either party.
- d) Each party shall bear the expense of its own appointee and its witnesses and the expense of the Chairman shall be shared equally by both parties. No costs of any arbitration shall be awarded to or against either party.
- e) The arbitrators shall not be authorized to alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement, nor to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions thereof.
- f) The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties and the decision of the majority of the Board will then be final and binding on the parties. In case there is no majority of the Board, then the decision of the Chairman shall be similarly final and binding.
- g) The Union and the Board may agree that such grievance can be heard by a single arbitrator.

Where a single arbitrator is used, the above sections (a), (d), (e), and (f) shall apply.

- 8.05 At any stage of the Grievance Procedure, including arbitration, the conferring parties may have the assistance of the employee or employees concerned and any necessary witnesses.
- 8.06 A grievance arising directly between the Board and the Union concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement, shall be originated under Step No. 2 as a Policy Grievance within fifteen (15) working days of the event upon which the grievance is based. However, it is expressly understood that the provisions of this paragraph may not be used by the Union to institute any individual grievance directly affecting an employee which such employee could institute. Any grievance by the Board or the Union as provided for in this paragraph shall be commenced within fifteen (15) working days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred.
- 8.07 Failure at any time on the part of the grievor to adhere to the time limits will result in the complaint or grievance being dropped. The time limits may be extended by mutual agreement

of the parties in writing.

- 8.08 In this Article a work day is defined as a regular work day from Monday to Friday.
- 8.09 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all previous steps of the grievance Procedure, unless Section 37A of the Ontario Labour Relations Act applies.
- 8.10 No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in any attempt to settle the grievance.
- 8.11 a) A representative of the Union will be allowed at any stage of the grievance Procedure to make representation on behalf of the Union or Union member.
- b) The Board will be allowed representation at any stage of the Grievance Procedure.
- 8.12 Where it is the desire of the Board, before giving a written reply to the grievor, to meet with the grievor, the meeting will take place within the time limits normally established for the written reply, unless mutually extended by the parties. This will cause an automatic extension for the written reply. The written reply will then occur after the meeting within the time limits outlined in the respective stage.

When meeting with the grievor, a Union Steward will be present if requested by the grieving employee.

- 8.13 Any correspondence/communications and results of any grievance will be directed to the Chief Steward, the President and the grievor.

ARTICLE 9 - DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE CASES

- 9.01 The Board agrees to notify the employee in all cases of discipline or discharge and the reason for the discipline or discharge. All such notification will be in writing and a copy of the notice will be sent to the President and Chief Steward.

All employees may be represented, at the employee's request, by an officer or steward of the union at any meeting where written notice of discipline or discharge is being served. Disciplinary meetings will be scheduled a minimum of 48 hours after written notice is given to the employee that a disciplinary meeting will be taking place and will be informed that they may have union representation at said meeting.

The absence from the normal workplace of the officer or steward will not be unreasonably withheld.

- 9.02 In cases of suspension or discharge resulting in a loss of pay an employee claim of being unjustly suspended or discharged shall be treated as a grievance if the written statement of such grievance is lodged by the employee with the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate within three (3) working days after the suspension or discharge or within three (3) working days after the Union has been notified, whichever is later. The grievance will be initiated as Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

Where the discipline has not resulted in a loss of pay, a claim by an employee of being unjustly disciplined shall begin at the start of the grievance procedure as a complaint as outlined in Article 8.01.

9.03 In this Article, days shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and paid holidays.

ARTICLE 10 - EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL FILE

10.01 The recognized personnel file of an employee shall be located in the Board office in a secure location. An employee shall, upon written request to the **Human Resource Services Officer** or a designate, be granted the opportunity to view the contents of her/his personnel file.

Where the employee questions the contents of the file, they may pursue a complaint under the provisions of Article 8.01.

10.02 Upon a written request by the employee to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate, any disciplinary correspondence in an employee's personnel file which is dated eighteen (18) months or more prior to July 1st each year may be removed from that personnel file as of that date.

10.03 When an adverse report is placed in an employee's personnel file, the employee may make a written reply to such report. The reply shall be attached to the file with the adverse report.

ARTICLE 11 - STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS

11.01 a) During the life of this Agreement, the Union agrees that there will be no strike and the Board agrees that there will be no lockout. The definition of the words "strike" and "lockout" shall be those set forth in the Labour Relations Act, Ontario, as amended from time to time.

b) The Union further agrees that if any such illegal collective action takes place it will repudiate it forthwith and do all in its power to ensure that its members return to work. Any employee participating in any such illegal strike or other illegal collective action may be subject to disciplinary measures.

ARTICLE 12 - SENIORITY

12.01 a) New employees shall serve as probationary employees until they have completed four (4) months of continuous service. This time may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. When an employee has completed the probationary period, seniority shall date from the original date of hiring.

b) The Board shall maintain a master seniority list showing the name and hiring date of each employee. Seniority shall be unit wide.

c) The seniority list shall be updated on December 1st and April 1st and a copy shall be

posted in each school and sent to each Board Office Department, and sent to the Union within thirty (30) calendar days.

Within thirty (30) calendar days after the lists have been published, employees who feel there has been an error made will contact the Union Steward to request correction. After the aforementioned thirty (30) calendar days, the list will be deemed correct until the next update. If errors are identified within the thirty (30) calendar day period, a revised list will be sent to each school and Board Office Department for posting.

The union's copy of the seniority list will contain the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all current CUPE employees. The Union and its members agree to save the Board harmless by the release of this information to authorized Union representatives.

- 12.01 d) In the event that two or more employees have the same seniority date, order of seniority will be determined by draw. This will determine the permanent seniority order for those with the same seniority date and will be maintained by Human Resources.

Where a draw is necessary to determine seniority order for permanent employees, the names of the individuals will be placed in a container. Names will be drawn from the container with the first name being the most senior and so on. The process will continue until all of the names have been drawn. This will determine the permanent seniority order for those with the same seniority date and will be maintained by Human Resources. The draw will take place within 60 working days of ratification or date of permanent hire. The union shall be present during the process.

- 12.01 e) i) Should a temporary employee be made permanent and his/her seniority date then matches that of another permanent employee(s), the temporary employee shall be deemed to have the lesser seniority.
- ii) Should an employee's seniority be affected through provisions in this Collective Agreement and his/her seniority date then matches that of another employee(s), the affected employee shall be deemed to have the lesser seniority.

- 12.02 a) Fundamentally, the rules respecting seniority are designed to give employees an equitable measure of security based on length of continuous service with the Board consistent with consideration of qualifications and ability to perform the work as determined by the Board.
- b) It is understood that the employer will not make decisions as to an employee's ability to perform the work under 12.03 or 14.04 in an arbitrary, discriminatory or bad faith manner subject to all conditions of the Collective Agreement.

12.03 An employee will lose all seniority rights and employment terminated in the event that:

- a) Employee is discharged for just cause and is not reinstated through the Grievance or Arbitration Procedure.
- b) The employee terminates their employment.

- c) If an employee fails to report within three (3) days after receiving a written notice of recall by Registered Mail at her/his last address according to the records of the Board, that he/she intends to return to her/his position with the Board stating the date of her/his return (which date shall not be more than seven (7) days thereafter or any greater number of days mutually agreed upon by the Board) and/or the employee fails to actually return by the date he/she so stated. It is agreed that the Chairperson of the Union Committee will be sent a copy of the written notice. It is the duty of the employee to notify the Board promptly of any change of address. If an employee fails to do this, the Board will not be responsible for failure of a notice sent by Registered Mail to reach such employee.
 - d) If the employee is absent from work in excess of three (3) working days without giving a satisfactory reason to the Board.
 - f) The employee is laid off/on recall for a period longer than eighteen (18) working months. (The intent here is not to include normal layoff periods during the summer break.)
 - g) The employee fails to report to work upon termination of an authorized leave of absence, vacation or suspension unless he/she gives satisfactory reason for such failure.
 - h) The employee is absent from work because of sickness or accident for a period of time longer than eighteen (18) months unless she has applied for and has been granted a Leave by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of this Agreement, or if the accident is covered by Workers' Compensation or the illness is covered by the Board's sick leave provisions.
 - i) The employee attains the age of 65 years and therefore retires from her/his employment on the 1st of the third month following age 65 years.
- 12.04 a) No employee will be transferred outside of the bargaining unit without the employee's consent.
- b) An employee that takes a temporary position outside the bargaining unit shall retain, but not continue to accumulate, their previously earned seniority for a period of up to two (2) years. After the two (2) year period, all seniority shall be lost.

Employees returning from a leave under this 12.04 b) prior to the 2 year period will have their seniority date prorated for the period of time on leave. This will be done by adding the number of calendar days of leave to the seniority date of the individual. This will then be their new seniority date.

ARTICLE 13 - SURPLUS / LAYOFF / RECALL
PREAMBLE

The Board will review staffing issues with CUPE through Labour/Management meetings. The areas to be addressed will include but not be limited to the following:

1. the allocation of services at the Board's various sites;
2. the monitoring of and implementation of the staff allocation process;
3. CUPE recommendations to the Board addressing staffing concerns;
4. Board recommendations to CUPE addressing staffing concerns.

For surplus, layoff or recall purposes the following procedure and hour banding will apply:

The Human Resource Services Department will divide all employees into one of the following hours per week band denoting each employee's job and level category.

- 10 hours per week and less
- more than 10 hours per week but less than 24.5 hours per week
- 24.5 hours per week but less than 30 hours per week
- 30 hours per week but less than 35 hours per week
- 35 hours per week or greater

13.01 SURPLUS

The parties recognize that certain positions are determined by enrolment and student needs which vary each school year. In order to expedite these surplus placements, the following procedures will apply.

Assessment Process:

The Board will determine the positions and hours that will be allocated to schools according to staffing formulas and student needs. The Board will review with CUPE, as noted above, the existing allocation and will produce a list identifying individual school reductions or increases.

Decrease

Where a decrease is identified, surplus will be declared. Human Resources Services will notify the supervisor of the location(s) affected. The supervisor(s) will call a meeting with those employees currently holding the identified surplus position(s). Volunteers for the surplus will be sought first. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee(s) holding said position(s) will be declared surplus to the location. A surplus list for the system will be produced in order of seniority denoting - job, level and hour band.

Increase

Where an increase is identified, a list of known openings that exist will be identified. The opening list shall include the following information:

- 1) School location
- 2) Position(s) available and position level
- 3) Hours per week
- 4) Special requirements of the student, if any

A meeting(s) will be set by the Human Resources Department inviting all identified surplus employees to participate in the "Surplus Placement Process" as noted below:

Any employee who has not been declared surplus during this process, shall be considered as staffed in the current work location providing that the student needs at that location remain constant. It is understood that if a special education student(s) transfer(s) school(s) or leaves the Board, surplus will be declared at that location at any time of the year.

Placement Process

Employees declared surplus for part of their allocation, may choose to relinquish the other part of their allocation or may choose to accept another same vacant position to combine with their non-surplus allocation, to maintain their present hour band.

- a) The most senior employee will choose first from the known openings for the position which he/she has been declared surplus from, within their hourly band or from a lower hourly band. The next senior will choose next, and so on.
- b) If an employee chooses a position from a lower hourly band, the employee will forfeit their right to their former hourly band.
- c) If the same position in the employees hour band is available and the employee chooses not to accept a position, the employee shall be deemed to have terminated their employment with the Board.
- d) If at the end of the placement period there are employees without a placement, the employee will receive notice of layoff in accordance with Article 13.02 and have all rights therein.

The Board will endeavour to notify all surplus and projected surplus staff of their status by June 15th of each school year.

- Student need driven surplus staff will proceed through the surplus placement process prior to the end of June with another possible surplus process taking place in September or October.
- Enrolment driven staff will maintain their present allocation until the end of the second week of the school year where the projected enrolment remains within ten students of maintaining the current staffing level. Enrolment data as of the end of the second week of the school year will be used to determine final surplus staff and openings.

The intent of this change is to allow the Board to declare surplus of enrolment driven staff at schools where it is clear that the enrolment in September of the next school year will result in a change in staffing according to the staffing formula. This is to be proactive in reducing staff disruption in September

For enrolment driven staff, all placements of surplus staff will be finalized no later than the end of the fourth week of the school year. For student need driven staff all placements of surplus staff will be finalized no later than the end of October.

13.02 LAYOFF

If the employer is required to reduce staff, probationary and temporary employees will be terminated first without recall rights. Any regular employee who receives a notice of layoff shall have the right to fill a vacancy resulting from the termination of probationary employees or displace the employee with the least seniority subject to the following:

- a) The employee who has received notice of layoff shall have the right to displace the least senior employee in the same job and same hour band.
- b) If there is no less senior employee to displace in a), the laid off employee, may choose to displace the least senior employee in the same level/hour band or a lower level/hour band provided the employee has the qualifications, skills and ability for the job. If the employee cannot displace the least senior employee due to qualifications, skills and ability, the laid off employee will look to the next least senior employee and so on. If the laid off employee chooses to displace in a lower hour band, the employee forfeits their right to their former hour band. Employees who fill a job with a lower rate of pay will have their present rate of pay red circled.
- c) Any employee who is displaced shall have the right to displace the least senior employee as in b) and so on.
- d) If there is no less senior employee to displace, or if the employee chooses not to displace, the employee will be laid off and subject to recall provisions as set out in article 13.03. While on the recall list, the employee may fill any available temporary assignments for which the employee has the qualifications, skills and ability for the duration of the temporary assignment or until such time as any vacant position becomes available for which the employee has the qualifications, skills and ability. When such a position does become available, the recall provisions of this agreement would be applied.
- e) If more than one employee has the right to displace at the same time, the employee with the greatest seniority shall displace first, whether the next greatest seniority employee had received notice of layoff or had been displaced, and so on.
- f) Employees who displace in the same position will not be placed on a trial period. Employees who do not displace in the same position will be placed on a trial period of thirty (30) working days or up to one hundred and twenty (120) working days where the Human Resource Services Department determines that training is required.
- g) If the trial period will exceed thirty (30) working days, the Human Resource Services Department will notify the employee and the union in writing, stating the length of the trial period and outline the training required. Where the Board has determined that within the trial period the employee is unable to successfully meet the job requirements, the employee will be placed on the recall list.

13.03 **RECALL**

Employees will remain on recall for a period no longer than eighteen (18) working months.

(The intent here is not to include normal layoff periods during the summer break.) The Board will notify the Union in writing by the 15th of each month of the employee(s) on recall.

Employees will be recalled from layoff when the number of employees and/or positions covered by this Collective Agreement are increased. The order of recall will be in the reverse order of seniority. Employees shall be recalled according to their former hourly band to a position for which they possess the qualifications, skills, and ability to perform the work. In the event that there are two or more positions available, the employee with the greatest seniority will be given the first choice of the available position, and so on.

If a position becomes available in a lesser hourly band for which they possess the qualifications, skills, and ability to perform the work, the employee may choose to accept this position and forfeit their right to a position in their former hourly band. If the employee chooses to not accept the position in the lesser hourly band, he/she does not forfeit her/his place on the recall list.

Employees recalled to the same position will not be placed on a trial period. Employees who are not recalled to the same position will be placed on a trial period of thirty (30) working days or up to one hundred and twenty (120) working days where the Human Resource Services Department determines that training is required. Where the Board has determined that within the trial period the employee is unable to successfully meet the job requirements, the employee will be placed back on the recall list. The period of time the employee spends on a trial period will not be included as part of the 18 month recall period.

ARTICLE 14 - TRANSFERS / TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES

- 14.01 a) Nothing herein shall prevent the Employer from making temporary transfers and hiring temporary substitutes in case of emergency without applying the seniority provision of this Agreement.

A temporarily vacant position may be filled with a temporary employee for a period not to exceed forty (40) working days. At the end of the forty (40) working days, the vacant position will either be posted or declared redundant. If a vacant position is declared redundant, the Board will notify the Union.

Should the position be posted at the end of the forty (40) working days, the temporary employee may continue in the position until it is possible to place the successful applicant. The Board will endeavour to complete this process in thirty (30) working days. Should this time period need to be extended beyond thirty (30) working days, the Board will discuss the reasons for the extension with the Union.

- b) Nothing herein shall prevent the employer from making temporary transfers or hiring temporary substitutes in the case of special work assignments for a period of one hundred and ten (110) working days. The Union and the Employer can by mutual agreement provide for an extension to this time. In the event of accidents, illness, and leaves, the Board may make temporary transfers or hire temporary substitutes without

applying the provision of this Agreement for the length of the absence.

No temporary employee will be employed in the same special work assignment for more than one hundred and ten (110) consecutive working days per calendar year.

Special assignments shall be defined as work other than normal duties and/or work overload of a bargaining unit employee.

- c) After 40 working days, for the purpose of this Collective Agreement, temporary employees will begin to be covered under this Collective Agreement except for the following Articles for which casual employees will continue to be not included:
 - i) Article 12 - Seniority
 - ii) Article 23 - General Welfare
 - iii) Article 24 - Pension Plans

NOTE: Temporary employees covered under this Article 14.01(c) will be considered Other employees (including part-time) for:

Article 20 - Vacation (paid at applicable percentage)

- d) Effective the date of ratification any temporary employee hired into a regular position, seniority, and service (as it relates to vacation), will be credited subject to the following:
 - i) seniority date will be adjusted for time worked at a minimum of two-week increments (ten (10) working days) and then be credited backwards from the original date of hire to a regular position.
 - ii) a break in temporary assignment(s) of up to two weeks (ten (10) working days) not including regular school break times, will be allowed as if there was no break in the temporary assignment(s)

ARTICLE 15 - JOB POSTINGS

- 15.01 a) When a vacancy occurs in full-time employee positions in this Bargaining Unit, written notice of such vacancy shall be forwarded to each school and to each department to be posted on the bulletin board as outlined in Article 28.01. Receipt of such notice will be deemed to have occurred two (2) working days following notification. There will be no posting if an employee is offered and accepts an increase in hours.

Where the Board believes a position will be vacant due to a long-term illness, accident, or leave, for more than eighteen (18) months in a twenty-four (24) month period, the Board may, at its discretion, post that position. In this case, the normal rules for postings will apply.

Where employment has not terminated and the employee is able to return to active employment the employee will be considered on recall and subject to the recall provisions

of this Collective Agreement.

- b) In the event that there may be job vacancies during July and August, the Board shall mail employees postings to their home addresses on or before August 15th of each school year.
- 15.02
- a) Job vacancies shall be those vacancies in positions of more than twenty-four (24) hours per week of a long-term nature which arise because of resignations, promotions, retirements, discharge, or the establishment of new positions, and shall include the two (2) vacancies of more than twenty-four (24) hours per week resulting from the filling of the first vacancy through the posting procedure but not subsequent vacancies.
 - b) Multiple openings may be posted for selection by qualified permanent bargaining unit members at a mass posting. There will be three (3) rounds of selection if necessary.
 - i) The selection process will begin with the most senior employee in attendance at the time, selecting first from the openings available. It is understood that the member selecting must possess the qualifications, skills and abilities for the position. Those CUPE members seeking new positions who are not currently holding the same position must provide evidence to Human Resource Services, of qualifications and experience for the position, one month prior to the scheduled mass posting. The Board will make every effort to verify the information promptly, which may include an interview, and will determine whether the individual may participate in the selection process.
 - ii) Qualified members can choose in order of seniority from any of the openings. If after selecting a new position, a new opening is created, that opening will be placed on the list for next round of selections.
 - iii) If any positions remain open following ROUND 1 the same process as in ROUND 1 will apply for two subsequent rounds if necessary.
 - iv) If during any round, no vacancies remain, the process will be complete.
 - c) The employee selected for the position will be placed on a trial period of up to sixty (60) working days where the Human Resource Services Department has determined training is required. In the latter case, the length of the trial period will be outlined to the employee, in writing, with a copy of such notice given to the Union. Where the Board has determined within the trial period the employee is unable to successfully meet the job requirements, the employee will be returned to their former position.

When an employee is placed into a position for a trial period, the Board is not obligated to post the vacated position(s) that become vacant as a result of the trial period placement. The Board, at its sole discretion, may fill any such opening with a temporary employee until such time that the trial period is concluded. If the trial period is successfully completed, the vacant position will be posted in accordance with Article 15.

- d) The Board will notify the Union before posting newly created positions.

- e) There will be no job postings while there are employee(s) on recall as a result of Board action. In the event the recall employee(s) does not possess the necessary qualifications, skills and ability, the position will be posted.
 - f) Where the Board has posted a position in accordance with the Collective Agreement and subsequently decides that an additional position is required at the same location within four (4) working weeks of the position being posted the Board may, at its discretion, after advising the Union, select more than one candidate from the single posting.
 - g) Where the Board has posted a position and there were no internal applicants with the necessary qualifications, skills and ability apply for the position the Board will not be obligated to post for that position again for another three (3) months from the date of the last posting.
- 15.03 Any employee may, within five (5) working days of receipt of such notice, file with the Employer in writing her/his application to be transferred to fill such vacancy.
- 15.04 a) In filling job vacancies and in the case of promotions, demotions or transfers within the Bargaining Unit, the Board will consider the qualifications, skill and ability of the applicant with the greatest seniority first and determine if the applicant has the necessary qualifications, skill and ability for the job. If the greatest seniority employee does not have the necessary qualifications, skill and ability in the Board's opinion, the next senior employee will be considered, and so on.
- b) The Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate will determine the number of qualified applicants as set out in Article 14.04(a) to be interviewed.
- 15.05 a) An employee who has been denied the job posting will be advised by letter if the denial was due to seniority and by personal interview if for any other reason.
- b) If no member of the Bargaining Unit who has applied has the necessary qualifications, skills and ability for the job the position may be filled by the Board from any other source.
- c) If the Board intends to postpone filling of a vacancy or not to fill it, the Board shall notify the Union in writing at the end of the selection process.
- 15.06 The selection and promotion of employees to positions outside the Bargaining Unit are not governed by this Agreement.
- 15.07 No employee shall be transferred from a position in the Bargaining Unit as defined in Article 2 to an administrative position outside of the Bargaining Unit without the written application or consent of the employee.
- 15.08 Should the Board merge or amalgamate any of its operations with another Employer under provincial jurisdiction, the Board will endeavour to arrange for the transfer of any employees affected, together with all their rights, privileges and benefits afforded under this Collective Agreement.

15.09 New School Year - Transfer Procedure for High Needs Educational Assistants:

1. During the first week of March, the following notice will be sent to all Board locations for posting:

PLEASE POST
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT POSTINGS –
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2...

**ATTENTION ALL CUPE EMPLOYEES NOT CURRENTLY IN PERMANENT
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT POSITIONS**

In preparation for staffing of Educational Assistant positions for the new school year, a request is being made at this time to all permanent CUPE employees who wish to be considered for available Education Assistant positions. This request is directed at permanent CUPE employees who currently do not hold a permanent Educational Assistant assignment.

Those interested are asked to submit by the end of the second week of March (date to be inserted), an up-to-date resume including history of experience and copies of educational qualifications. Requests will be reviewed by Human Resource Services and interviews will be conducted where necessary. Those candidates that are deemed qualified by Human Resource Services will be included in the Educational Assistant Transfer Process that will take place in September and will be asked to complete a transfer request form.

2. By the last working day in May of each year, all CUPE employees qualified for Educational Assistant positions that are interested in a transfer will be required to submit a request for transfer form to Human Resource Services. These forms will be available at all locations and on the Board's intranet. The form will identify the following:
 - a. their desired full time assignment location(s) preference in priority order for transfer effective at the end of the fourth week of September of the following school year. (Appendix A). It is understood that by making a selection on this form, individuals will be transferred if the preferred assignment is available and the individual is the most senior individual requesting the transfer. Where none of the individual's preferences are available, the individual will not be transferred.
 - b. their desired part time assignment location(s) preference in priority order for transfer effective at the end of the fourth week of September of the following school year (Appendix A). It is understood that by making a selection on this form, individuals will be transferred if the preferred assignment is available and the individual is the most senior individual requesting the transfer. Where none of the individual's preferences are available, the individual will not be transferred.
 - c. after the deadline date of the last working day of May, no further transfer requests will be accepted.
 - d. forms that do not have original signatures of the employee requesting the transfer

consideration will not be included in the transfer process.

- e. no additions to the submitted requests will be made after the deadline date.
 - f. Individuals who wish to withdraw all or part of their request must do so in writing within five (5) working days following the deadline date (c) for submissions of the form.
3. All requests for transfer in order of preference and Full Time Equivalent will be placed in a database by Human Resource Services. This transfer request data will be used to staff openings in September of the next school year. Where selections are not made in order of preference, assignments will be ranked by Human Resource Services in the order that they appear on the form.
 4. All permanent Educational Assistant staff will begin the new school year in the assignment(s) they occupied in June of the previous school year unless notified otherwise by Human Resource Services of an alternate Educational Assistant assignment.
 5. In September of each year, Student Services will finalize a list of surplus and new Educational Assistant assignments for the school year.
 6. Human Resource Services will inform principals of their approved Educational Assistant allotment for the school year. Where a surplus is identified, the principal will hold a meeting with their existing Educational Assistants to inform them of the number of surplus declarations. The surplus individual(s) will be identified through the following process;

The principal will:

- a. Ask for volunteers to accept the surplus.
 - b. If more than one individual wishes to be declared surplus, the most senior individual(s) volunteering will be declared surplus. *Note, the maximum number of volunteers for surplus cannot exceed the surplus FTE identified by Human Resources.*
 - c. If there are no volunteers, the least senior employee(s) will be declared surplus.
 - d. The surplus staff identified will be required to complete a surplus placement request form listing their desired preference in priority order for surplus placement. A list of known openings will be made available to surplus staff. Principals will collect the surplus placement request forms and will forward them to Human Resource Services within two working days of the meeting.
7. Human Resource Services will staff surplus staff in order of seniority and preference using the surplus placement request information gathered. A list of known openings will be made available to surplus staff and they will be asked to rank all of the available positions in order of preferred placement.
 8. Following the surplus placements, Human Resource Services will transfer staff in order of seniority and preference to the remaining vacant assignments using the request for transfer data collected in 3 above. The same process will be used to transfer staff to two (2) subsequent full time vacant assignments resulting from the filling of the original full time opening. This satisfies the provisions of Article 15.02 b).

9. Vacant positions remaining at the completion of the process identified in 8 may be filled by the Board from any other source as per the provisions of Article 15.05 b).
10. Staff will be notified of their placement and the effective date of the transfer by Human Resource Service through their current supervisor.
11. Staff assigned following this process will remain assigned to the new location(s) for the remainder of the school year.
12. Notwithstanding 11, in the event that a special needs student leaves the Board or transfers to another location within the Board, after the September transfer period, a surplus will be declared at the location the student is leaving from. The process identified in 6 a), b) and c) will be followed to identify the surplus individual(s).
13. In the event that the student transfers to a school within the Board, the surplus individual identified in 12 will transfer to the transferring student's new school.
14. In the event that the transferring student leaves the Board, the individual identified as surplus in 12 will;
 - a. be placed in any Educational Assistant vacancy within their hour band; or
 - b. be placed in a full year temporary opening if one exists; or
 - c. be assigned to an Educational Assistant position as identified by Student Services.

Procedure for filling vacancies after September of each year:

Following the completion of the September transfer process, any newly created or vacated permanent positions that become available for the remainder of the school year will be filled on a temporary basis as follows:

First Step:

- a) Vacancies will be filled from a list of qualified permanent part-time CUPE Educational Assistants who wish to increase their hours of work. It is understood that positions will be offered to individuals on the list where the vacant position does not conflict with their existing position. It is understood that an individual must be on the list at the time of the vacancy. Any additional hours gained through this process will be considered a temporary assignment until the next transfer process.

A notice inviting permanent part-time CUPE Educational Assistants who wish to increase their hours of work will be circulated in October of each year.

- b) Where vacancies are not filled in accordance with a) above, vacancies will be filled from a list of qualified part-time CUPE permanent staff that is not in the Educational Assistant classification. They must possess the qualifications, experience, skills and ability for the position. Employees that wish to be considered for this list will be required to furnish proof of qualifications, experience, skills and ability for the position. Interviews will be required where necessary before an individual is placed on the list. It is understood that an individual

must be on the list at the time of the vacancy.

Where an individual is placed in this temporary assignment, such assignment will not exceed a period of time that extends beyond the end of September of the following school year. A leave of absence will be granted from their permanent placement. At the conclusion of the temporary assignment, the individual will return to their original position. Where a permanent employee is placed into such a temporary assignment, they will be entitled to all of the benefit provisions of the collective agreement as though they were permanent hours of work for the duration of the assignment.

The Educational Assistant positions will be made available for permanent placement in the following school year should the allocations permit.

Where no individuals are available on the list at the time of a vacancy, the position will be filled as noted below in the second step.

Second Step: Notwithstanding 14.01 a) and b), the Board may fill the vacancy with a temporary employee for a period not to exceed the end of September of the following school year. The positions will be made available for permanent placement in the following school year should the allocations permit.

These placements will be filled until the end of June unless otherwise indicated by Human Resource Services.

ARTICLE 16 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

16.01 a) The Board has sole discretion to grant a Leave of Absence, with or without pay, for personal legitimate reasons. Such requests are to be made in writing on a leave request form to the Human Resource Services Officer or a designate three (3) weeks in advance of the start date of the leave. Requests for emergency leave are not subject to the three (3) week advance notice.

Members who while on approved leave for a period of one or more years may request a return to work in advance of the approved leave end date only after three-quarters (3/4) of the leave has been completed. Such requests must be presented in writing to Human Resource Services a minimum of three (3) weeks in advance of their requested new return date. Where no commitments have been made to replacement staff of the incumbent's position, they will return to their original placement. The Board maintains the right to offer the individual requesting an early return from their leave any available vacancy for which they have the qualifications skills and abilities. Requests that are not received within the timelines in the collective agreement will not be considered.

b) Leave of Absence of up to one (1) day will be granted to attend a post-secondary graduation for self, spouse or child. Written request must be made to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate.

16.01 c) An Employee shall be allowed a leave of absence without pay or benefits and without

accrual of seniority or service so said employee may run as a candidate in federal, provincial or municipal elections.

- 16.01 d) An employee who is elected to public office shall be allowed a leave of absence during the term of office for a maximum of up to one term.
- 16.02 Leave of Absence without loss of seniority may be granted, upon request to the Board, to an employee elected or appointed to represent the Union at a Union convention, seminar school or conference. It is understood that no more than four (4) employees may be granted such a Leave of Absence at any one time, and that the Leave is restricted to a maximum of thirty-five (35) working days per year for all employees. Such requests must be made in writing fifteen (15) working days prior to the commencement of the Leave, to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate. The Board agrees to continue to pay the wages of any such employees for which it shall be reimbursed by the Local of the Union.
- 16.03 Any employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the Union, the Canadian Labour Congress, the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Ontario Division or the National body of C.U.P.E., may be granted a Leave of Absence at the discretion of the Board without pay and without loss of seniority for a period of up to one (1) year. Such leave may be renewed for one additional year.
- 16.04 Pregnancy/Parental leave shall be granted in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.

An employee on Pregnancy or Parental leave shall continue to accrue seniority and service credits throughout the leave period.

ARTICLE 17 - SALARY SCHEDULE

- 17.01 a) Salaries shall be paid in accordance with the salary schedule and shall be paid every two (2) weeks.
- b) Salaries will be paid in accordance with the number of hours worked in different job classifications.

ARTICLE 18 - HOURS OF WORK

- 18.01 a) The normal work week for full-time employees will be thirty-five (35) hours per week, consisting of seven (7) hours each day, Monday through Friday. This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and shall not be construed as any guarantee of work or pay or of hours of work per day, per week or of days of work per week. The Board shall endeavor to, where required, establish Educational Assistants' positions of not less than 13.75 hours in any one location.
- b) The normal work week for full-time A-V and Computer technical employees will be thirty-seven and one half (37 1/2) hours per week, consisting of seven and one half (7 1/2) hours

each day, Monday through Friday. This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and shall not be construed as any guarantee of work or pay or of hours of work per day, per week or of days of work per week.

- c) Effective September 1, 2003, the normal work-week for full-time Child and Youth Care Worker employees will be forty (40) hours per week, consisting of eight hours each day, Monday through Friday. This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and shall not be construed as any guarantee of work or pay or of hours of work per day, per week or of days of work per week.

- 18.02 a) The normal starting and stopping time span shall be between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a one (1) hour lunch period. Such times will be arranged with the employee's immediate Supervisor. The supervisor will endeavour to provide an uninterrupted lunch period.

A starting time prior to 8:00 a.m. or a finishing time after 5:00 p.m. will occur only where there is mutual agreement between the immediate supervisor and the employee

- b) Employee(s) will not be scheduled for shifts shorter than two (2) continuous hours unless specified in writing as a condition of employment.
- c) Employees may be scheduled to work outside of the normal starting and stopping times as outlined in Article 18.02 a) and d) respectively, provided the need for such shift was established in the posting.
- d) Employees who are required to work a shift where the majority of hours occur after 3:00 p.m. shall be reimbursed \$.55 per hour for each hour worked.

- 18.03 Before any change of hours of work for an employee that would be implemented to be of a permanent change affecting the regular starting and stopping times of that employee, there will be at least forty-eight (48) hours prior notice to the employee by the appropriate Supervisor. The appropriate Supervisor will commit to writing the reason for this change.

This clause does not apply for emergencies.

This clause does not apply to employees required to work a schedule that must vary frequently depending on the need of the Supervisor. This need for flexible hours will be outlined to the employee in writing as a condition of that job, or, if known in advance, this will be outlined in the job posting.

- 18.04 Educational Assistants will be employed for the equivalent number of pupil teaching days and P.A. days.

ARTICLE 19 - OVERTIME

- 19.01 a) All approved time worked beyond the normal hours set out in Article 18.01 shall be considered overtime and shall be paid at the overtime rates in accordance with Article

19.03. All approved overtime hours will be paid at applicable overtime rates or taken in lieu at the overtime equivalent. The time at which any lieu time is taken must be mutually agreed to by the supervisor and the employee.

Where an employee is unable to use approved accumulated lieu time prior to the end of the school year, the employee shall be paid out the balance of lieu time at the end of the school year at the appropriate overtime rate.

Employee(s) who perform the duties of Supply Placement Clerk as well as duties in another job classification, will be paid overtime rates when the hours worked in a week exceed forty-four (44) hours. The overtime will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the Supply Placement Clerk rate.

- b) Employee(s) who are requested to work through their lunch period shall be paid time and one-half (1-1/2) for such work provided. As outlined in Article 18.02, all such overtime must be authorized beforehand by the appropriate Supervisor. Overtime will not be paid for work performed through the lunch period if the employee and the Supervisor had mutually agreed to another arrangement.

19.02 All such overtime work must be authorized beforehand by the appropriate Supervisor. Otherwise employees working beyond the normal hours set out in Article 18.01 will not be paid overtime rates, as outlined in Article 19.03.

19.03 Overtime rates shall apply as follows:

- a) Hours worked over and above seven (7) or seven and one-half (7-1/2) for Technical employees per day: one and one-half (1-1/2) the hourly rate.
- b) Hours worked on Sunday and on paid holidays when not a regular scheduled work day: two (2) times the hourly rate.

ARTICLE 20 - PAID HOLIDAYS

20.01 a) All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid for the holidays listed below, subject to conditions and exceptions as outlined in 20.01 (b), (i), (ii) and (iii):

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Day Before Christmas
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day
Civic Holiday	

- b) Floating Holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day to be taken during the Christmas break. It is understood that wages for the Floating Holiday will be earned as Remembrance Day and in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.

- i) The employee is not absent without leave on the days he/she is scheduled to work immediately preceding and following the holiday.
- ii) The employee is on an approved unpaid leave of absence on the day the employee is scheduled to work immediately preceding and/or following the holiday.
- iii) Easter Monday and the Day before Christmas are paid holidays only if they are declared school holidays by the Ontario Government Ministry of Education.

20.01 The Civic Holiday will only be paid to employees who are normally scheduled to work on that day.

20.02 If any employee is requested to attend at her/his place of employment on any paid holiday for any reason, he/she shall be paid at the rate of two times her/his regular rate of pay for all time worked in addition to her/his regular pay for the paid holiday.

20.03 When a paid holiday as outlined above in Clause 20.01, with the exception of Easter Monday, and the Day Before Christmas, falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Friday preceding the holiday or the Monday following the holiday, whichever is mutually agreed on, will be considered the holiday for all intents and purposes of this Collective Agreement.

20.04 If a paid holiday occurs during an employee's vacation period, the paid holiday will be added to the said vacation period.

ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS

Twelve-Month Employees

All twelve-month employees covered by this agreement shall receive vacation pay as follows:

21.01 All employees who have completed less than one (1) year of service as of July 1st, shall be granted four percent (4%) of their gross salary for the vacation pay; it being understood that the employee may at her/his option take a vacation of one (1) or two (2) weeks during July or August.

21.02 All employees who have completed one (1) year or more of service as of July 1st shall be granted two (2) weeks vacation at their regular hourly rate of pay or four percent (4%) of their regular gross pay, whichever is greater.

21.03 All employees who have completed three (3) years or more of service as of July 1st shall be granted three (3) weeks vacation at their regular rate of pay or six percent (6%) of their regular gross pay, whichever is greater.

21.04 All employees who have completed nine (9) years or more of service as of July 1st shall be granted four (4) weeks vacation at their regular hourly rate of pay or eight percent (8%) of their regular gross pay, whichever is greater.

- 21.05 All employees who have completed fifteen (15) years or more of service as of July 1st shall be granted five (5) weeks vacation at their regular hourly rate of pay or ten percent (10%) of their regular gross pay, whichever is greater.
- 21.06 All employees who have completed twenty-five (25) years or more of service as of July 1st shall be granted six (6) weeks vacation at their regular hourly rate of pay or twelve percent (12%) of their regular gross pay, whichever is greater.
- 21.07 All employees going on vacation shall receive their appropriate pay prior to going on vacation, provided that at least three (3) weeks prior notice in writing is given.
- 21.08 Employees receiving two (2) weeks vacation or more shall take two (2) weeks during the months of July and August. Vacation entitlement over two (2) weeks shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the Board and employee. If conflict arises in assigning vacation periods, seniority shall rule.

Other Employees (Including Part-Time)

All other employees covered by this Agreement shall receive vacation pay as follows:

- 21.09 All employees who have completed less than one (1) year of service as of July 1st, shall be granted four percent (4%) of their gross salary for vacation pay.
- 21.10 All employees who have completed one (1) year or more of service as of July 1st shall receive vacation pay to be an amount equivalent to four percent (4%) of the total gross salary for the year for which the vacation is given.
- 21.11 All employees who have completed three (3) years or more of service as of July 1st shall receive vacation pay to be an amount equivalent to six percent (6%) of such employee's gross salary for the year for which the vacation is given.
- 21.12 All employees who have completed nine (9) years or more of service as of July 1st shall receive vacation pay to be an amount equivalent to eight percent (8%) of such employee's gross salary for the year for which the vacation is given.
- 21.13 All employees who have completed fifteen (15) years or more of service as of July 1st shall receive vacation pay to be an amount equivalent to ten percent (10%) of such employee's gross salary for the year for which the vacation is given.
- 21.14 All employees who have completed twenty-five (25) years or more of service as of July 1st shall receive vacation pay to be an amount equivalent to twelve percent (12%) of such employee's gross salary for the year for which the vacation is given.
- 21.15 All other employees (including Part-Time) shall receive their vacation percentage entitlement in each pay.
- 21.16 Gross salary for vacation pay purposes as mentioned above will be defined as:

All wages received as hourly rate, overtime, paid holidays, paid compassionate leave, previous

year's vacation pay and paid sick leave.

ARTICLE 22 - SICK LEAVE

22.01 Deductions shall be made from the employee's sick leave account for the number of days absent, with salary, due to personal illness or according to any other provisions covered in this Collective Agreement. When the employee's sick leave account is exhausted, salary payments shall cease.

22.02 An employee will not be allowed further sick leave entitlement if not on active duty.

22.03 When a sick leave is claimed for any illness or accident, an employee may be required to furnish proof of illness on a form to be provided by the Board. This form will not be requested for a period of less than three (3) working days.

The Board may at any time, at their expense, ask an employee to be examined by a Medical Officer of the Board's choice.

22.04 When an employee is absent as a result of an accident while at work and as a result is awarded Workers' Compensation, the Board shall continue to pay the employee and claim all Workers' Compensation reimbursement cheques subject to the following conditions:

- a) The percentage difference between what the Board pays that employee and what the Board received from the Workers' Compensation Board shall be deducted from the unused sick leave days accumulated by the employee.
- b) When the unused sick leave days are exhausted, the Board shall remit all Workers' Compensation cheques to the employee.

22.05 At the expiration of an employee's leave benefits, the employee, at the Board's discretion, may be asked to receive from the Board's physician and the employee's physician statements which will indicate one (1) of the following:

- a) The employee should be able to resume her/his regular duties with the Board.
- b) The employee is sufficiently disabled that he/she is unable to carry out any duties with the Board and her/his employment should therefore be terminated. In the event the physicians' statement differ, a third medical opinion shall be obtained before making a decision.

The employer is prepared to grant a Leave of Absence for illness, at the discretion of the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate, for up to nine (9) months under the circumstances referred to in (a) above and will guarantee to hold the employee's position for that period of time. However, if at the expiration of the employee's Leave of Absence for illness, he/she is unable to resume her/his regular duties with the Board, and an alternative occupation is not open to her/him, her/his employment will be terminated.

22.06 If an employee leaves the employment of the Board during the year:

- a) The current year's sick leave entitlement will be pro-rated on the basis of equivalent time worked.
- b) Sick leave credits with the Board are cancelled.

22.07 Employees who have accumulated some sick leave and are subsequently cut back to a lower entitlement will be allowed to carry their sick leave accumulation with them.

- 22.08 a) All employees who work fifteen (15) hours but not more than twenty-four (24) hours per week will be entitled to an allowance of five (5) days for each calendar year to be credited on September 1st of each year.

Employees who begin or return to employment during the year shall be credited with sick leave days on the basis of one-half (1/2) day per month beginning with the first day of the month worked following the date of hiring or return, and ending on June 30th of the current year.

Sick leave credits as of June 30th, in any year, in the account of each employee on the staff, together with all unused sick leave allowance shall be carried forward 100% as a credit to her/his account the following September 1st to a maximum of fifty (50) days.

- b) All employees who work more than 24 hours per week but less than 30 hours per week will be entitled to an allowance of 10 days for each calendar year to be credited on September 1st of each year.

Employees who begin or return to employment during the year shall be credited with sick leave days on the basis of one (1) day per month beginning with the first day of the month worked following the date of hiring or return, and ending on June 30th of the current year.

Sick leave credits as of June 30th, in any year, in the account of each employee on the staff, together with all unused sick leave allowance shall be carried forward 100% as a credit to her/his account the following September 1st to a maximum of one hundred (100) days.

- c) All employees who work 30 hours but less than 35 hours per week will be entitled to an allowance of 15 days for each calendar year to be credited on September 1st of each year. Employees who begin or return to employment during the year shall be credited with sick leave days on the basis of one and one-half (1- 1/2) days per month beginning with the first day of the month worked following the date of hiring or return, and ending on June 30th of the current year.

Sick leave credits as of August 31st in any year, in the account of each employee on the staff, together with all unused sick leave allowance shall be carried forward 100% as a credit to her/his account the following September 1st to a maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) days.

- d) All employees who work 35 hours per week will be entitled to an allowance of 20 (24)

days for each calendar year to be credited on September 1st of each year.

Employees who begin or return to employment during the year shall be credited with sick leave days on the basis of two (2) days per month beginning with the first day of the month worked following the date of hiring or return, and ending on June 30th of the current year.

Sick leave credits as of June 30th, in any year, in the account of each employee on the staff, together with all unused sick leave allowance shall be carried forward 100% as a credit to her/his account the following September 1st to a maximum of two hundred 200 (240) days.

The bracketed amounts refer to employees working at least 4 weeks in July and August.

- e) Employees receiving sick leave under 22.08 (a, b &c) who work during July and August will receive a monthly pro-rata which if unused can become part of the applicable maximum as outlined in Article 22.08 (a, b or c).

ARTICLE 23 - COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

- 23.01 In the event of a death of an employee's spouse, child, parent, step child or step parent the employee shall be granted such time off without loss of regular pay as may be required to enable the employee to have five (5) working days within an eight (8) calendar day period beginning with the date of death.
- 23.02 In the event of the death of an employee's sister, brother, grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, the employee shall be granted such time off without loss of regular pay as may be required to enable the employee to have three (3) working days within an eight (8) calendar day period beginning with the date of death.
- 23.03 In the event of the death of an employee's son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law, the employee shall be granted such time off without loss of regular pay as may be required to enable the employee to have one (1) working day within an eight (8) calendar day period beginning with the date of death.
- 23.04 One (1) day to attend a funeral may be granted at the discretion of the Senior Manager_of Human Resource Services or a designate.
- 23.05 Employees may request approval from the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or a designate for a Compassionate Leave for reasons not outlined in Article 23.01,23.02 and 23.03.

ARTICLE 24 - GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAM

- 24.01 **Group Life Insurance**

The Board agrees to pay 100% of the premium to provide \$50,000 of Group Basic Life Insurance coverage and a Dismemberment Insurance Plan, approved by the Board for each employee as a condition of employment.

24.02 **Extended Health Care**

Effective the first of the month following the date of ratification (of the Collective Agreement that comes into effect on September 1, 2000), the Board agrees to contribute 90% towards the premium of the Extended Health Care Plan for all employees who request to participate in the Plan.

24.03 **Dental Plan**

- a) The Board agrees to contribute 90% towards the premium of the Dental Plan for all employees who request to participate in the Plan.
- b) Effective October 1, 2003, the Board will enhance the dental benefit to active permanent employees to include orthodontics coverage for adults and children based on a 50% coinsurance with a lifetime maximum benefit of \$500.
- c) Effective October 1, 2003, the Board will enhance the dental benefit to active permanent employees to include major restorative coverage for adults and children based on a 50% coinsurance with an annual maximum benefit of \$500.

General

24.04 For the purpose of Article 24.01, 24.02, and 24.03, employees working less than thirty-five (35) hours per week will be entitled to the benefits as outlined in those articles subject to the underwriting requirements of the carrier.

For employees working less than thirty-five (35) hours per week, the Board will contribute a pro-rated amount of the premium according to the hours worked in relation to thirty-five (35) hours per week.

24.05 Part or all of the increased contributions towards the above Extended Health, Dental Benefits, and Life Insurance Benefits will be covered by the E.I. Discount Return.

24.06 Every new employee must participate as a condition of employment in the Extended Health and Dental Plans as outlined in this Article.

24.07 An employee may participate in either/or both Extended Health or Dental coverage. If the employee participates in Extended Health and/or Dental coverage, he/she must do so on the same basis.

24.08 a) Employees whose employment has terminated will have their Life Insurance, Extended Health Care and Dental Insurance continued until the end of the month employed.

b) Where employment has not terminated and the employee is not actively at work due to

illness, accident, leaves, etc. and not receiving sick leave or Workers' Compensation, all benefit coverage will cease unless the employee elects to pay in full the cost of the benefits the employee had at the time salary stopped for a period of lesser of:

- i) the date salary begins
- ii) the date employment is terminated
- iii) eighteen (18) months
- iv) a period less than (i), (ii), or (iii) at the discretion of the employee.

This Article 24.08 (b) does not apply for employees who are not receiving a salary and not actively at work due to the scheduled school breaks.

- 24.09 The Board shall make the Canada Savings Bonds-Payroll Savings Program available for purchase through the Board-approved payroll deduction plan.
- 24.10 The Board reserves the right to tender employees' benefits at any time providing that the level of benefits is not decreased.
- 24.11 Where an employee was receiving general welfare benefits under Article 24.01, 24.02 or 24.03 and the employee has retired prior to age 65, the employee may continue to participate in the benefit plans provided:
- a) the cost for the benefits are paid at the employee's own expense
 - b) it is understood coverage cannot continue beyond the age 65
 - c) the continuance of this privilege is contingent on the willingness of the insurer to provide this privilege.

ARTICLE 25 - PENSION PLANS

- 25.01 The Board will contribute to the present Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System Plan (O.M.E.R.S.) in accordance with the Acts and Regulations governing the Plan.

ARTICLE 26 - JURY DUTY

- 26.01 Time will be allowed with no loss of pay for an employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a crown witness. In such instances, the employee will receive full pay from the Board and in turn will turn over to the Board all remuneration received for jury duty or witness service. The Board may require the employee to furnish a certificate of service signed by the Clerk of the Court.

ARTICLE 27 - GENERAL

- 27.01 No employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Board or her/his representatives which may conflict with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

- 27.02 It is understood and agreed that the Board will recognize for all purposes including the terms of this Collective Agreement, the prior service of all its employees in the individual Boards now comprising the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and now coming under the scope of this Bargaining Unit, providing there was no break in employment.
- 27.03 When a school or building is closed because of severe weather, all employees affected will be allowed necessary leave of absence without loss of pay until their school or building is reopened. In rare cases where a school or building is not reopened, the employee may be requested to report to work at a different location.
- 27.04 a) The Employer will provide, at its expense, copies of the new Collective Agreement to all employees covered by this Agreement within thirty (30) calendar days after the Agreement has been signed.
- 27.04 b) The Employer will provide the Union with an electronic version of the Agreement after it is signed.
- 27.05 The administration of medication to students will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of The *Ministry of Education - Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings* as amended from time to time and The Waterloo Catholic District School Board Administrative Procedure APH004. No employee shall be required to carry out such duties without first receiving appropriate instruction or training.
- 27.06 Employees will be paid mileage in accordance with Board Policy.
- 27.07 Retroactivity on wages shall apply to current employees covered by the terms of this collective agreement, to employees who have retired during the collective agreement term, to employees on an approved leave of absence, to the estate of an employee who has deceased during the term of the collective agreement, and to an employee who has terminated their employment during the term of the collective agreement in each case prorated according to the hours paid since the effective date of the newly negotiated increases.
- 27.08 CUPE employees will not be required to accompany students on overnight visits as part of their regular duties.

ARTICLE 28 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 28.01 The Union shall elect a Health and Safety Committee of one (1) employee plus an alternate.
- 28.02 The Employer shall recognize and deal with the Health and Safety Committee on matters relating to the current Occupational Health and Safety Act.

ARTICLE 29 - BULLETIN BOARDS

- 29.01 The Board will provide a bulletin board for the purpose of posting union notices. All such

notices must be submitted to the Senior Manager of Human Resource Services or her/his designate for approval before they are posted. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 30 - NOTICES

30.01 Each employee shall keep the Human Resource Services Office informed of her/his current address and telephone number.

30.02 All communications between the parties shall be addressed to:

- a) Senior Manager of Human Resource Services
- b) President and the Secretary of the Local
- c) Representative of C.U.P.E. to the Union Office (Kitchener)
- d) Human Resource Services Officer

ARTICLE 31 - STAFFING FORMULA

31.01 Staffing Formula:

Effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2005, Library Technicians, Secondary Secretarial, Elementary Secretarial and Youth Care Workers will be staffed each school year using the following staffing formulas:

School year staffing will be carried out in accordance with Article 13.

Library Technicians

Schools of 300 Students or Over = 1.0 FTE Library Technicians
Schools Under 300 Students = 0.5 FTE Library Technicians

1.0 FTE = 35 hours/week, 41 weeks per year

Elementary School Secretaries - Effective September 1, 2003

Enrolment	Secretarial Hrs	FTE (based on 35 hrs/wk)
0 – 450.5	35	1.00
451- 650.5	52.5	1.50
651- 900.5	70	2.00
901	87.5	2.50

The first 35 hours of secretarial time will be based on the assignment of a Secretary to the Principal. Any additional hours above 35 will be assigned as a Secretary Main

Office position.

In addition to the formula above, schools with an enrolment between 351 and 450.5 will be provided with 25 hours of overtime per school year to be assigned by the supervisor.

Child/Youth Care Workers

Secondary

Enrolment - 600 + Students	=	1.0 FTE
Enrolment - 1200+ Students	=	1.5 FTE
Enrolment - 1800+ Students	=	2.0 FTE

Elementary

Staffed centrally based on system needs.

Secondary School Secretaries

Based on the enrolment projected for the following school year, secondary secretarial staff will be allocated on the basis of 9.2 hours per student, to arrive at a calculated number of hours divided by 1,435 hours to determine a calculated FTE, which will be rounded to the nearest 0.5 FTE, with a minimum FTE for a secondary school over 500 students of 6.0 FTE.

Special Education Educational Assistants:

Secondary Schools

Effective two (2) weeks following the date of ratification, Educational Assistants at five (5) period secondary schools will be staffed based on 32.5 hours per week for the equivalent number of teaching and P.A. days in the school year.

Educational Assistants at four (4) periods will be staffed based on 27.5 hours per week for the equivalent number of teaching and P.A. days in the school year.

ARTICLE 32 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

32.01 This agreement shall go into effect on September 1, 2002 and continue in effect until August 31, 2005 and thereafter shall continue from year to year unless either party gives written notice by March 1st to the other that it desires revision, modification or termination of this Agreement. In the event of notice being given, negotiations with a view to arranging a new Agreement shall begin within fifteen (15) working days unless there is mutual agreement for extension.

**Agreed on Behalf
of the Union**

Date:

**Agreed on Behalf
of the Board**

Date:

CUPE SALARY SCHEDULE

Appendix A

LEVEL I	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$15.18	\$15.45	\$15.72	\$15.97	\$16.25
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$15.64	\$15.91	\$16.19	\$16.45	\$16.74
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$15.95	\$16.23	\$16.52	\$16.78	\$17.07
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$16.11	\$16.39	\$16.68	\$16.95	\$17.24
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$16.43	\$16.72	\$17.01	\$17.28	\$17.59
Lunch Hour Supervisor					
Mail Clerk					
PAF Paraprofessional					
Supply Placement Clerk					
LEVEL II	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$15.68	\$15.94	\$16.22	\$16.48	\$16.75
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$16.15	\$16.42	\$16.71	\$16.97	\$17.25
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$16.47	\$16.75	\$17.04	\$17.31	\$17.60
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$16.64	\$16.91	\$17.21	\$17.49	\$17.77
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$16.97	\$17.25	\$17.56	\$17.84	\$18.13
Secretary -Library (Elem. & Sec.)					
Duplicating Machine Operator					
A-V Clerk					
Secretary – Elementary - Main Office (2nd)					
Secretary – Library Resource					
Data Entry Clerk					
JK & SK Educational Assistant					
Receptionist – Continuing Education					
Art Assistant					
LEVEL III	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$15.90	\$16.17	\$16.44	\$16.69	\$16.97
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$16.38	\$16.66	\$16.93	\$17.19	\$17.48
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$16.70	\$16.99	\$17.27	\$17.53	\$17.83
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$16.87	\$17.16	\$17.44	\$17.71	\$18.01
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$17.21	\$17.50	\$17.79	\$18.06	\$18.37
Switchboard-Receptionist					
Secretary – Secondary - Guidance					
Secretary – Secondary - Attendance					
Secretary – Secondary - Main Office					
Visually Impaired Assistant					
JK & SK Educational Assistant (Red Circled)					
Assessment Clerk					
Oral Interpreter					
Secretary – Secondary Library (Red Circled)					
Special Education Assistant - Remedial					

LEVEL IV	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$16.34	\$16.61	\$16.88	\$17.15	\$17.40
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$16.83	\$17.11	\$17.39	\$17.66	\$17.92
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$17.17	\$17.45	\$17.73	\$18.02	\$18.28
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$17.34	\$17.62	\$17.91	\$18.20	\$18.46
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$17.69	\$17.98	\$18.27	\$18.56	\$18.83
Outdoor Education Assistant					
Educational Assistant - High Needs					
Secretary – Human Resources					
Secretary – Board Office Departments					
Secretary – Secondary - Guidance (SAS)					
Brailist					
Intervenor for the Deaf and Blind (Certified)					
LEVEL V	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$17.69	\$17.96	\$18.22	\$18.49	\$18.75
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$18.22	\$18.50	\$18.77	\$19.04	\$19.31
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$18.59	\$18.87	\$19.14	\$19.43	\$19.70
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$18.77	\$19.06	\$19.33	\$19.62	\$19.90
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$19.15	\$19.44	\$19.72	\$20.01	\$20.29
Purchasing/Expediting Clerk					
Secretary to Principal - Elementary					
Secretary – Secondary - SAS					
Secretary – Secondary - Lead					
A-V Technician					
Library Technician					
Payroll Clerk					
Catalogue Technician					
LEVEL VI	START	6 MOS.	12 MOS.	18 MOS.	24 MOS.
Effective February 1, 2002	\$17.88	\$18.14	\$18.41	\$18.68	\$18.94
Effective September 1, 2002 3%	\$18.42	\$18.68	\$18.96	\$19.24	\$19.51
Effective September 1, 2003 2%	\$18.78	\$19.06	\$19.34	\$19.63	\$19.90
Effective February 1, 2004 1%	\$18.97	\$19.25	\$19.53	\$19.82	\$20.10
Effective September 1, 2004 2%	\$19.35	\$19.63	\$19.93	\$20.22	\$20.50
Child/Youth Care Worker					
Production Technician					
Accounting Clerk					
Computer Operator					
Payroll Clerk – Lead					
Computer Technician					

*In the event that annual percentage increases negotiated to the grid rates for the 2004/2005 school year of the OECTA Elementary Teachers' agreement is in excess of

2%, the CUPE grid effective September 1, 2004 will be adjusted to reflect the same percentage increase negotiated by OECTA. Further, any OECTA negotiated changes to benefits will also be applied to CUPE for the 2004/2005 school year.

In reference to the note above, “*negotiated changes to benefits*” in the last line of the paragraph refers to Health, Dental and Life Insurance benefits.

- (1) Students will be paid \$8.50 per hour.
- (2) Employees whose rate of pay as of March 14, 1991 exceeds the appropriate rate of pay for the respective job class will receive the incumbency rate of pay.

Letter of Intent
Educational Assistant Workload

The parties agree to form a joint committee in November 2001, to review the Educational Assistant workload in elementary and secondary schools. The committee shall consist of the following members:

Elementary Educational Assistant
Secondary Educational Assistant
Secondary Special Education Department Head
Elementary Special Education Teacher
Elementary Principal
2 Special Education Consultants
Human Resource Services Officer
CUPE Representative

The mandate of the committee will be to review the current workload of Educational Assistants in the school system. Based on this review, the committee will develop recommendations regarding the support needs and will forward these recommendations to the Superintendent responsible for Special Education. The Superintendent will review the recommendations and will prepare a report to be reviewed by the Planning and Priorities Committee. The Superintendent responsible for Special Education will act on the recommendations approved by the Planning and Priorities Committee.

Letter of Intent
Job Evaluation / Pay Equity Maintenance

In recognition of the parties' mutual commitment to the ongoing process of pay equity, following ratification of the Collective Agreement, the parties agree to meet to review the present process for achieving and maintaining the objectives of the Pay Equity Act.

Letter of Intent – Elementary Secretaries

The Board will place a temporary Elementary Secretary – Main Office (2nd) to maintain student attendance and provide receptionist duties on the first day of absence for the position of Secretary to the Principal at elementary schools. Replacements will be provided on the following basis:

1. During hours when students are in attendance.
2. During hours when Main Office 2nd Secretaries are not scheduled to work.
3. Replacements will be assigned subject to availability of temporary staff.
4. Part-time Main Office 2nd Secretaries may be utilized where temporary staff are not available.

Letter of Intent - Supervision of Students

Preamble: It is the responsibility of all staff who work with or interact with students to engage in supervision of student during the course of the school day. It is the responsibility of the teacher or principals to provide curriculum instruction to students and carry out discipline. Levels of supervision that are necessary are determined by the situation at hand and require the exercise of good judgement and common sense. Due to the nature of working with students, it is not possible to create concrete lines of supervision responsibility for any staff. However, the Board will take steps to address the following issues:

- 1. Supervision of students for disciplinary purposes**
 - Reasonable effort will be made to assign disciplinary supervision of students to teaching staff in the classroom when possible.
 - Where mutual agreement is reached between the principal, vice principal or principal designate and the CUPE staff member, such supervision will be permitted with the understanding that any problems that arise during the period of supervision are to be reported to the principal/teacher for action.

- 2. Supervision of students in the library**
 - Arrangements will be made in advance when teachers intend to send individuals or small groups of students to the library for independent work. It is the responsibility of the teacher to provide the instruction to said students prior to being sent to the library. Library Technicians will be responsible to supervise students for the purpose of ensuring that proper library procedures are followed. When students breach the library procedures, students may be sent back to their classroom.

- 3. Supervision of students during Grade 3 and 6 testing**
 - During grade 3 and 6 testing periods, where combined classes exist, Library Technicians will not be assigned primary supervision of the students from such classes that are not writing the test.

- 4. Use of staff for emergency supervision**
 - All staff may be utilized for supervision in emergency situations.

- 5. Procedure for addressing supervision issues during the school year**
 - Any issues arising regarding the supervision duties assigned to CUPE members that are not noted above will be discussed at Labour/Management meetings. When such concerns are raised the Union will provide the Board with the name of the school(s) and member(s) experiencing the problems. The Board will investigate concerns and will provide remedies after consultation with the Union.

Letter of Understanding - Breaks

It is understood that staff are allowed a break in the morning and afternoon where the needs of the students are not compromised. In elementary schools, this is usually during recess, however, other times are acceptable with the approval of the immediate supervisor. At other locations, the breaks are flexible to the workplace.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – Protocol for Responding to Assaultive and Destructive Behaviour

It is understood that the Waterloo Catholic District School Board will initiate a Safety and Security for Schools and Workplaces Working Group that will be responsible to identify a framework and action plan for policy and protocol development, resource development and staff training. This Working Group will identify an action plan by June 30, 2003.

Part of the mandate of this Working Group will be to develop a Protocol for Responding to Assaultive and Destructive Behaviour. This protocol will assist staff in understanding how to respond to situations that pose potential danger to students and staff in school settings and other learning environments. CUPE Local 2512 will have representation on the Working Group.

In the meantime the Board will insure that all school administrators identify a school level crisis response team and follow all procedures outlined in APH 012 – Physical Restraint of Student Policy. In addition the Board will continue to provide NCI training to staff.

Letter of Intent – Use of Board e-mail

Following ratification of the Collective Agreement, the Board will meet with the Union President to review a process for providing internet access to the Union for literature distribution to its members.

Letter of Intent Job Titles

The parties agree that the present job titles in the Salary Schedule – Appendix A will be reviewed by the Joint Labour-Management committee. The joint committee may enlist the assistance of job incumbents and industry standards in determining suitable job titles.

If the parties cannot agree on a change to the present job title, the position(s) in dispute will be referred to the joint Job Evaluation/Pay Equity Committee.

A change to the present job titles when finalized will become part of the current Collective Agreement.

Letter of Intent Discrimination and Workplace Harassment

A Committee with equal representation from all occupational groups will be formed with a recommendation for a new Workplace Harassment Policy to Planning and Priorities by May 1, 2003. The existing policy and Human Rights Code will continue to apply.

Letter of understanding Educational Assistant Transfer Process

It is understood that Article 15.09 will be applied for the term of this collective agreement on a trial basis. Issues that arise that may require a transfer of an Educational Assistant during the school year will be addressed on an individual basis through Labour/Management meetings. Arrangements when warranted will be made to transfer an Educational Assistants to a temporary assignment as mutually agreed by the parties.

It is further understood that issues that arise from the transfer process as identified in 15.09 will be discussed at Labour/Management. Any resolution of these issues will be reached through mutual agreement.

A review of the process will be carried out in March of each year of this agreement to determine improvements or concerns with the process.

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE WATERLOO CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

AND

**CANADIAN UNION
OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
AND ITS LOCAL 2512**

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2002
EXPIRY DATE: AUGUST 31, 2005

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