

Palliser Regional Division No 26

This agreement is made in duplicate this 13 day of October AD 2005 pursuant to the *School Act* and the *Labour Relations Code*.

Between the Palliser Regional Division No 26 of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") of the first part and the Alberta Teachers' Association is a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") of the second part.

Whereas the Association is the bargaining agent for the teachers employed by the Employer; and

Whereas the terms and conditions of employment and the salaries of the teachers have been the subject of negotiations between the parties; and

Whereas the parties desire these matters be set forth in an agreement to govern the terms of employment of the said teachers;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises of the mutual and other covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. The collective agreement applies to all employees of the Employer who, as a condition of their employment, must possess a valid teaching certificate issued under the authority of the Department of Learning, the Province of Alberta, herein collectively called the teachers or where the context requires, teacher, except those designated as the superintendent of schools or the associate superintendent of schools.

2. The salaries and the terms and conditions of the teachers' employment with the Employer are governed by the provisions of this collective agreement and any statutory provision relating thereto.

3. Term and Effective Date

3.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this collective agreement, this collective agreement shall be retroactive to September 1, 2004 and shall remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2007.

3.2 Either party may give to the other party not less than 60 and not more than 200 days prior to the termination of this collective agreement, a notice in writing, of its intention to commence collective bargaining with a view to striking a new collective agreement. The parties may exchange proposals any time after notice is given and shall, in any event, table all particulars of amendments sought no later than the first meeting between the parties.

4. Salary

4.1 The following shall determine the placement on the salary schedule:

- (a) The amount of university education;
- (b) The length of teaching experience.

4.2 The Employer shall pay all teachers monthly 1/12 of the salary rate in effect for that month as herein set forth and computed. For the purpose of this agreement, allowances shall be considered to be part of salary.

4.3 The grid shall be increased by:

4.3.1 2 per cent effective September 1, 2004;

4.3.2 0.75 per cent effective August 31, 2005;

4.3.3 2 per cent effective September 1, 2005;

4.3.4 0.75 per cent effective March 1, 2006;

4.3.5 2.25 per cent effective September 1, 2006; and

4.3.6 0.5 per cent effective January 1, 2007

The "roll-up" on the grid shall progress through the grid. (See Appendix A.)

4.4 All teachers employed shall be evaluated by the Teacher Qualifications Service according to policies established by the Teacher Salary Qualifications Employer, established by memorandum of agreement between the Department of Education, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Alberta School Trustees' Association dated March 23, 1967.

4.4.1 The number of years of teacher experience for placement on the salary schedule shall be determined upon commencement of employment, the beginning of each school year or February 1 of each school year.

Any teacher in the employ of the Employer wishing to have previous employment evaluated shall provide necessary documentation to the superintendent of schools at the above time period, prior to the completion of three consecutive years of service with the Employer.

4.4.2 Each teacher claiming additional teacher education and each teacher commencing employment with the Employer shall, within 60 days of September 1 or February 1 or commencement of duties, submit to the Employer proof of having applied for a statement of qualifications to be issued by the Teacher Qualifications Service of the Association.

4.5 A year of teaching experience in a school under the jurisdiction of a provincial, state or national department of education is any one school year during which a teacher has rendered service in an ECS through grade 12 school under contract for not less than 120 days. A teacher who has rendered service in an ECS through grade 12 school under contract for not less than 60 days in any one school year shall receive credit for 1/2 year of teaching experience. An ECS through grade 12 school is any school where any or all grades from ECS through grade 12 are offered. One-half year teaching experience not to be paid except that 2 1/2 years of teaching experience in different school years shall count as one year of teaching experience. Experience evaluations of Employer staff prior to January 1, 1982 shall not be affected by the terms of this clause.

4.5.1 Notwithstanding clause 4.5, any teacher hired on a regular part-time basis such that 120 full days of teaching cannot be accumulated in one school year, or 60 days in one semester, shall receive credit for one year's teaching experience upon a total accumulation of 120 full days of teaching. Such credit shall be determined on the dates specified in clause 4.4.1.

4.5.2 Teaching experience obtained by a teacher prior to engagement by the Employer is counted as if it had been teaching experience in schools under the Employer's jurisdiction. Teachers claiming recognition for prior teaching experience shall be responsible for providing documentation from their previous employer which verifies the previous experience. Evidence that such documentation has been requested from previous employers shall be presented to the Employer within 60 days of commencing employment with the Employer.

4.5.3 No teacher shall receive credit for teaching experience gained while the teacher was not holding a valid teaching certificate.

4.5.4 A teacher who has rendered substitute service to the Employer may accumulate one experience increment by combining service rendered in three consecutive years immediately preceding appointment to regular staff provided that a minimum of 120 days service has been rendered during this three-year period.

5. Allowances

5.1 Principal - In addition to his/her salary in clause 4, each principal shall receive monthly, an allowance equal to 1/12 of the following schedule based on the number of teachers, including the principal and vice-principal:

- 5 per cent of the fourth year minimum for each of the first five teachers;

- 2 per cent of the fourth year minimum for each of the next five teachers;
- 1.5 per cent of the fourth year minimum for each remaining teacher.

Each principal shall receive a minimum allowance of 25 per cent of the fourth year minimum step of the salary grid. For the purpose of this clause, a proportionate allowance shall be paid for part-time teachers.

5.1.1 In addition to his/her salary in clause 4, each vice-principal or other administrative support personnel shall receive 60 per cent of the allowance paid to the principal, except that where there are more than one vice-principal or other administrative support personnel in a school, a sum equal to the principal's allowance shall be divided between or among them in the ratio of their responsibilities.

5.1.2 The director of information technology shall receive an allowance equal to 25 per cent of fourth year minimum, effective September 1, 2004.

5.1.3 The early intervention specialist shall receive an annual allowance equal to 25 per cent of fourth year minimum.

5.1.4 (a) One teacher assigned to each Hutterite school in Palliser Regional Division No 26 shall be assigned the designation vice-principal.

(b) The designation vice-principal shall apply only while the teacher is assigned to the Hutterite school and shall terminate should the teacher's assignment change.

(c) The vice-principal administration allowance received by each teacher shall be determined as per clause 5.1.1 of the collective agreement (ie, 5 per cent of the Hutterian principal's allowance).

5.2 In a school where regularly designated administrative personnel are absent, a teacher shall be designated by the Employer to be acting principal and shall be paid an amount equivalent to 1/400 of 60 per cent of the principal's allowance for each half-day of the principal's absence. This is to be accumulated at the end of December and at the end of June and paid in a lump sum.

5.3 Payment of the full amount for administration shall commence on the effective date of appointment of the administrator.

5.4 It is the right of the Employer to create and fill new positions. If the Employer determines that an allowance is appropriate, this allowance will be determined by a committee composed of two EPC members, one trustee and one central office personnel. If the committee is unable to determine an allowance within 10 working days, the allowance will be set by the Employer and will be subject to bargaining at the next round of negotiations.

6. Substitute Teachers

6.1 A substitute teacher means a teacher employed on a day-to-day basis.

6.2 Substitute teachers shall be paid the following rates of pay, inclusive of holiday pay:

6.2.1 Effective September 1, 2004 - \$149.57 per day;

6.2.2 Effective August 31, 2005 - \$150.69 per day;

6.2.3 Effective September 1, 2005 - \$153.70 per day;

6.2.4 Effective March 1, 2006 - \$154.85 per day;

6.2.5 Effective September 1, 2006 - \$158.33 per day;

6.2.6 Effective January 1, 2007 - \$159.12 per day.

The Employer shall pay the appropriate retroactive pay to all substitute teachers employed during the 60

working days prior to the date of ratification.

Substitute teachers who have been employed during the term of this agreement but have not been employed within the 60 working day period preceding the date of ratification of this agreement shall be paid the appropriate retroactive pay upon written application to the Employer within 60 calendar days of the date of ratification of this agreement. The Employer shall bear no responsibility for informing individuals of their written application rights under this clause.

The rate of pay for a teacher employed on a substitute basis who fills the same teaching position for more than five consecutive days shall be effective the sixth consecutive day, according to placement on the salary grid subject to the terms of this agreement.

6.3 Notwithstanding clause 6.2, a substitute teacher who fills a teaching position for more than four consecutive days and who accepts a contract of employment with the Employer shall be paid effective the first day according to placement on the salary grid.

7. Payment

7.1 Teachers under contract, except substitute teachers, shall be paid the last banking Friday of each month, with the exception of December when the teacher shall be paid on the last teaching Friday.

7.2 Payment for teachers shall be in accordance with the memorandum between the Association and the Alberta School Trustees' Association signed on or about January 6, 1972, regarding calculation of salary for the purpose of both payment and deduction.

8. Cumulative Sick Leave

8.1 In the first year of service with the Employer, a teacher shall be entitled to 20 school days of sick leave at full salary. During the second and subsequent years of service, sick leave with full salary will be granted for 90 calendar days.

8.2 A teacher who is absent from school duties to obtain necessary medical or dental treatment or because of accident, disability or sickness shall continue to be entitled to the full number of sick leave days stipulated in clause 8.1. Notwithstanding the above, after 20 school days of continuous absence during a teacher's first year of service, no further salary shall be paid. After 90 calendar days of continuous absence during a teacher's second or subsequent years of service, no further salary shall be paid and the provisions of ASEBP shall take effect. A teacher who, in the second or subsequent year of service, returns to work after a continuous absence of 90 calendar days shall have sick leave entitlement under clause 8.1 reinstated.

8.3 A teacher who has had previous service with the Employer and re-enters its employ within 26 months of leaving and upon production of a medical certificate of good health, the sick leave accumulated under clause 8.2 during the period of employment with the Employer shall be reinstated to the credit of the teacher.

8.4 The provisions of clause 8.2 shall not be altered because of a teacher's leave of absence.

8.5 Before any payment is made under the foregoing regulation, the teacher may be required to provide:

8.5.1 A declaration, on a form to be provided by the Employer, where the absence is for a period of three consecutive teaching days or less;

8.5.2 A certificate signed by a qualified medical or dental practitioner where the absence is for a period in excess of three consecutive teaching days; or

8.5.3 A further medical certificate at the end of each month if the illness is a lengthy illness.

8.5.4 The Employer may require a teacher to undergo a medical examination by a physician named or approved by the Employer. All costs associated with the medical examination shall be borne by the Employer.

9. Leave of Absence

9.1 A teacher is entitled to temporary leave of absence with pay and such leave is deemed to be an authorized absence approved by the Employer pursuant to section 111(1)(d)(i) of the *School Act*. Where such teacher is absent:

9.1.1 For not more than five teaching days, if necessary, because of the critical illness or death of a relative of the teacher or of the teacher's spouse.

9.1.1.1 For three days per school year to attend to the medical/dental needs of immediate family members, provided the teacher's sick leave credit is reduced accordingly.

9.1.2 For the period of one day, plus one day for travelling, if necessary, per school year to attend the teacher's convocation of a university or graduation from a post-secondary institution.

9.1.3 For not more than two days per school year for the purpose of writing examinations in academic or professional courses, including travel time if necessary.

9.1.4 For those days on which a teacher is unable to reach the school from the teacher's usual place of residence because of impassable roads when the absence is approved by the principal.

9.1.5 To attend the Annual Representative Assembly of the Alberta Teachers' Association as an official delegate.

9.1.6 For two teaching days per year in the event of the birth of the teacher's child or the adoption of a child by the teacher.

9.1.7 Leave of absence without loss of salary shall be granted for:

- (a) jury duty or any summons related thereto; or
- (b) to answer a subpoena or summons, to attend as a witness in any proceeding authorized by law to compel the attendance of witnesses, provided that the teacher remits to the Employer any witness fee or jury stipend (excluding allowances and/or expenses set by the court or other body).

9.2 Temporary leave of absence with pay, provided the Employer is reimbursed for the cost of a substitute, shall be granted to teachers as follows:

9.2.1 Personal leave for not more than four days in any school year shall be granted for attending to private concerns. Where possible, at least one day's notice shall be given to the principal, or in the case of a principal to the superintendent or his office.

9.2.2 For the period of one day, plus one day for travelling if necessary, to attend the convocation or graduation from a post-secondary institution of the teacher's spouse or child.

9.3 Maternity Leave - Teachers are entitled to maternity leave to a maximum of 15 weeks. Leave shall be granted under the following conditions:

(a) The leave will begin and end at the discretion of the teacher. The teacher shall, when possible, notify the Employer of her leave requirements three months in advance of the first day of said leave, but no later than two weeks before the said leave.

(b) The Employer may request a statement from a physician indicating the approximate date of delivery.

(c) The teacher shall, when possible, give the Employer 30 days, but not less than 14 days notice, in writing, of the intended return date.

9.3.1 The Employer shall pay the portion of the teacher's benefit plan premiums specified in article 11 of this agreement during the 15 weeks of maternity leave.

9.3.2 When a teacher on continuous contract is unable to attend work and perform duties for reasons associated with her pregnancy, the teacher shall be eligible for one of the following options:

(a) If the absence begins prior to 10 weeks before the estimated date of delivery and continues without return to work, the teacher shall be placed on sick leave until such point as the teacher is eligible to apply for extended disability benefits;

(b) If the absence begins within the 10 week period before the estimated date of delivery, or on the date of delivery, the teacher shall choose either (1) or (2) below and shall normally notify the Employer of that choice a minimum of two weeks prior to the planned commencement date of the leave. Such choice shall apply immediately and remain in effect until the teacher returns to work following delivery or until the teacher returns to work from maternity leave.

(1) The Employer shall implement and maintain a supplemental unemployment benefits plan which shall provide teachers on maternity leave with 95 per cent of their weekly salary under the SUB plan during the 13 weeks of leave.

(2) The teacher may access sick leave entitlement with pay as specified in clause 8 of the collective agreement only for the period of sickness or disability.

9.3.3 Parental Leave

(a) The Employer shall grant parental leave to a teacher, without pay or benefits, in the following circumstances:

(1) In the case of a teacher entitled to maternity leave, a period of not more than 37 consecutive weeks immediately following the last day of the teacher's maternity leave.

(2) In the case of a parent who is employed by the Employer, a period of not more than 37 consecutive weeks within 52 weeks after the child's birth.

9.3.4 (a) A teacher returning from a maternity leave of 15 weeks or less shall be returned to the school(s) to which the teacher was assigned at the commencement of the leave. The phrase "returned to the school(s) to which the teacher was assigned at the commencement of the leave" does not imply that a teacher on leave has any advantage or disadvantage in the event that a staff reduction or program change becomes necessary in a particular school.

(b) A teacher who wishes to extend a personal leave under clause 9.3.3 beyond the 15 week maternity leave period shall be returned to a teaching position no less favorable than the position occupied prior to the commencement of the leave.

9.3.5 The period of leave during which a teacher is in receipt of supplementary unemployment insurance benefits shall be included as days required for accumulation of an increment.

9.3.6 Notice of Parental Leave

(a) A teacher must give the Employer six weeks of notice of the date the teacher will start parental leave unless the medical condition of the birth mother or child makes it impossible to comply with the requirement.

(b) If the teacher cannot comply with the written notice requirement for any of the reasons stated under section 9.3.6(a), the teacher must give the Employer written notice at the earliest possible time of the date that the teacher will or has started parental leave.

9.3.7 Notice of Resumption of Employment - A teacher who wishes to resume work on the expiration of a maternity leave or parental leave shall give the Employer four weeks written notice of the date on which the teacher intends to resume work and, in no event, not later than four weeks before the end of the leave period to which the teacher is entitled, or four weeks before the date on which the teacher has specified as the end of the teacher's leave period, whichever is earlier.

9.4 Adoption Leave

9.4.1 The Employer shall grant, without pay or benefits, in the case of an adoptive parent who is employed by the Employer, a period of not more than 37 consecutive weeks within 52 weeks after the child is placed with the adoptive parent.

9.4.2 (a) A teacher returning from an adoption leave of 37 weeks or less shall be returned to the school(s) to which the teacher was assigned at the commencement of the leave. The phrase "returned to the school(s) to which the teacher was assigned at the commencement of the leave" does not imply that a teacher on leave has any advantage or disadvantage in the event that a staff reduction or program change becomes necessary in a particular school.

(b) A teacher who is granted additional leave under clause 9.6 beyond the 37 weeks adoption leave period shall be returned to a teaching position no less favorable than the position occupied prior to the commencement of the leave.

9.4.3 Notice of Adoption Leave

(a) A teacher must give the Employer six weeks notice of the date the teacher will start parental leave unless the date of the child's placement with the adoptive parent was not foreseeable.

(b) If the teacher cannot comply with the written notice requirement for any of the reasons stated under section 9.4.3(a), the teacher must give the Employer written notice at the earliest possible time of the date that the teacher will start or has started parental leave.

9.4.4 Notice of Resumption of Employment

(a) A teacher who wishes to resume work on the expiration of an adoption leave shall give the Employer four weeks written notice of the date on which the teacher intends to resume work and, in no event, not later than four weeks before the end of the leave period to which the teacher is entitled, or four weeks before the date on which the teacher has specified as the end of the teacher's leave period, whichever is earlier.

9.5 Leaves of absence for the teacher's negotiation committee shall be granted to a maximum of five teachers by the Employer without loss of salary, provided, however, that the Employer shall be reimbursed by the Association an amount equivalent to the salary of a substitute for each teacher for the first five days of leave and 1/200 of each teacher's salary for each additional day of such leave.

9.6 Additional leaves of absence may be granted by the Employer for reasonable causes with or without pay and with or without benefits.

10. Transfers

10.1 The Employer, if requesting a teacher to transfer to another school in another community, shall pay to that teacher moving expenses of \$1,000 provided that the teacher finds it necessary to relocate the teacher's place of residence to the new community.

11. Group Insurance

11.1 The Employer shall effect and maintain:

- (a) Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP)
 - (1) Extended Disability Benefit - Plan D
 - (2) Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment - Schedule 2
 - (3) Extended Health Care - Plan 1
 - (4) Dental Care - Plan 3
 - (5) Vision and Hearing Aid Care Plan 3 (effective August 31, 2004)

(b) Alberta Health Care Insurance (AHC)

Applicable to and for the benefit of teachers in its employ according to the provisions of the plans.

11.2 All teachers shall be members of the ASEBP - Plan D, Schedule 2, as defined in 11.1 (a) (1) & (2).

11.2.1 With respect to clause 11.1, it is understood that participation in ASEBP - Extended Health Care Plan 1, Dental Care Plan 3 and Alberta Health Care insurance is not a condition of employment.

11.3 The Employer shall contribute an amount equivalent to 84 per cent of the monthly premium for the ASEBP (Extended Disability Benefit Plan D, Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Schedule 2, Extended Health Care Plan 1, Dental Care Plan 3, Vision and Hearing Aid Care Plan 3 and Alberta Health Care. Effective the first of the month following ratification, the Employer shall contribute an amount equivalent to 90 per cent of the monthly premium for the ASEBP and Alberta Health Care.

Effective September 1, 2006, the Employer contribution of the monthly premium for ASEBP and the Alberta Health Care premium shall increase from 90 per cent to 93 per cent.

11.4 Health Spending Account – Effective September 1, 2006, the Employer shall establish, for each teacher who is eligible for benefits under clause 11 of this agreement, an annual Health Spending Account of \$300. The Employer and the ATA shall meet expeditiously upon ratification of this agreement to resolve issues concerning the use of these funds to pay employee contributions and tax issues arising from the order of payment of Employer contributions.

11.5 It is understood that payment made toward the aforementioned benefit plans shall permit the Employer to retain and not pass on to teachers any rebates of premiums otherwise required under Unemployment Insurance Commission regulations.

12. Grievance Procedure

The following grievance procedure is in accordance with the requirements of the *Labour Relations Code* and provides for the peaceful settlement of any differences arising from the interpretation, application or operation of this agreement including any questions as to whether the differences are arbitrable and shall be dealt with as follows:

Step 1 - Such difference (hereinafter called a grievance) shall first be submitted, in writing, to the Chair of the Economic Policy Committee of the Local of the Association and to the secretary-treasurer or designate of the Employer.

(a) Such written submission shall be made within 30 days from the date the grievor first had knowledge of the alleged violation.

(b) The submission shall set out the nature of the grievance, the clauses of this agreement which are alleged to have been violated and the remedy sought.

Step 2 - In the event the grievance is not settled within 15 days from the date of the submission in accordance with Step 1, then within a further period of 15 days, the grievance shall be referred, in writing, to the grievance committee.

Either party and/or their representatives may appear before the grievance committee to also present an oral and/or written submission.

(a) Such grievance committee shall consist of two representatives of the Association and two representatives of the Employer.

(b) This grievance committee shall meet and endeavor to resolve the grievance and shall render its decision within 15 days following receipt of the submission.

(c) If the majority of the grievance committee reaches a decision as to the disposition of the grievance, that decision shall be final and binding on both parties. A majority decision shall be the decision of three members of the grievance committee.

Step 3 - In the event the grievance committee does not meet within 15 days following receipt of the submission or in the event that the committee does not reach a majority or a unanimous decision within the said time limitation, then either party may, by written notice to the other party, require the establishment of an arbitration board as hereinafter provided.

(a) Such notice must be given within 10 days after the date the 15 day limitation in Step 2 expires.

(b) Concurrently with the notice by the party requiring the establishment of an arbitration board the party

shall name its nominee to the arbitration board and the recipient of the notice shall, within five days, inform the other party of its nominee to the arbitration board.

(c) The two nominees so appointed shall, within five days of the appointment of the second of them, appoint a third person who shall be chairman of the arbitration board. In the event of failure to agree on the appointment of the chairman, any party may request the director of mediation services to make the necessary appointment.

Step 4 - The arbitration board shall hear and determine the grievance and shall issue an award, in writing, not later than 15 days after commencement of the hearings, provided that this time period may be extended by written consent of the parties.

(a) Such award shall be final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected by it.

(b) The decision of a majority of the arbitration board is the award of the arbitration board, but where there is no majority (or unanimity), the decision of the chairman governs and shall be deemed to be the award of the arbitration board.

(c) The arbitration board, by its decision, shall not alter, amend or change the terms of this agreement.

(d) Each party to the grievance shall bear the expense of its respective nominee and the two parties shall bear in equal proportions the expense of the chairman.

(e) All the aforesaid time limitations in the steps shall be exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays and in the event that at any stage of the aforesaid procedures (except in respect of appointing persons to a board) a party fails to take the necessary action within the time limit specified, the grievance procedure shall be deemed to be at an end.

(f) Any of the aforesaid time limits may be extended at any stage by mutual consent.

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13. Newly appointed teachers may be required to present a medical certificate of good health.

14. Staff deployment and administrative time shall be the responsibility of the superintendent and principal in consultation with his/her staff.

15. The parties hereby recognize that basic to the proper management and administration of a school system it is the Employer's right and responsibility to formulate and adopt policies.

15.1 The Employer and Association recognize the advantage and acknowledge the mutual benefits to be derived from communication through the various channels that are available to them.

15.2 The Employer shall submit proposed Employer policies pertaining to teachers to the executive of the ATA Local No 19 during the time which schools are operated. The executive shall be given a minimum of four weeks to provide feedback on proposed policies that pertain to teachers. The Employer will not implement a proposed policy within the four weeks.

16. The Employer shall notify the teachers of changes in the approved school calendar at least six months prior to the effective date of such change, except when mutually agreed upon.

17. The Employer shall provide each teacher in their employ with a copy of the Alberta School Benefit Plan explanatory booklet, as well as the member's insurance card. A copy of the Employer's *Policy Handbook* shall be placed in each staff room. The Employer shall post a copy of the collective agreement on the division's website within 30 days after the signing of the agreement by the ATA coordinator of teacher welfare.

18. The Employer shall instruct each school/site to establish an annual professional development fund from the instructional budget based on a formula as follows: the September 30 FTE teaching staff multiplied by a minimum of \$175 per teacher to be contributed to the fund in a school year. Effective the date of ratification,

the minimum will be increased to \$350 per teacher to be contributed to the fund in a school year. Allocation of the professional development funds shall be the responsibility of the school/site professional development committee including the principal. The fund is to be used exclusively for professional development activities of the certificated teaching staff. The funds shall be disbursed to certificated teachers as follows:

- (a) Support for teachers to take non-credit courses for the purpose of professional improvement, and
- (b) Expenses for approved seminars, workshops, conferences and specialist councils.

All monies remaining in the fund at the expiry of the budget year shall remain in the fund.

19. The Employer shall set and designate in each school year calendar two days for classroom teachers to be free from students to perform tasks related to classroom duties.

20. When a school is closed for all students due to inclement weather, health reasons or physical plant breakdown, teachers shall not be required to attend the affected school.

21. A teacher not in receipt of a continuous contract shall, where possible, be notified in writing by the superintendent of schools 45 days prior to the end of the current school year as to whether or not the teacher will be offered a continuous contract.

22. The Employer shall, through payroll deduction, collect Association fees set by bylaw of the Association from each teacher covered by this collective agreement.

The Employer shall remit the fees collected to the Association each month and shall provide the Association by November 30 of each school year with a list of teachers from whom fees have been deducted.

23. The Employer shall implement a deferred salary leave plan.

24. This agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their successors.

25. All previous collective agreements between or affecting the parties are hereby cancelled.

APPENDIX A

Teacher Salary Grid

September 1, 2004

Years of teaching experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				44,330	46,856	49,873
1				46,925	49,451	52,397
2/3				49,660	52,186	54,992
4				52,256	54,782	57,656
5				54,851	57,307	60,111
6				57,445	59,904	62,776
7				59,972	62,568	65,514
8				62,636	65,233	68,180
9				65,302	67,550	70,634
10				67,758	70,282	73,298
11				70,353	73,088	75,825

August 31, 2005

Years of teaching	Years of University Education

experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				44,663	47,207	50,247
1				47,277	49,821	52,790
2/3				50,032	52,578	55,405
4				52,648	55,193	58,088
5				55,262	57,736	60,561
6				57,876	60,353	63,247
7				60,422	63,037	66,005
8				63,106	65,722	68,691
9				65,792	68,057	71,164
10				68,266	70,809	73,848
11				70,881	73,636	76,393

September 1, 2005

Years of teaching experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				45,556	48,151	51,252
1				48,223	50,818	53,846
2				51,033	53,629	56,513
3/4				53,700	56,297	59,250
5				56,367	58,891	61,773
6				59,034	61,560	64,512
7				61,630	64,298	67,325
8				64,368	67,037	70,065
9				67,108	69,417	72,587
10				69,631	72,225	75,325
11				72,298	75,109	77,921

March 1, 2006

Years of teaching experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				45,898	48,512	51,636
1				48,584	51,199	54,250
2				51,416	54,031	56,937
3/4				54,103	56,719	59,694
5				56,790	59,333	62,236
6				59,476	62,022	64,995
7				62,092	64,780	67,830
8				64,851	67,540	70,591
9				67,611	69,938	73,131
10				70,153	72,767	75,890
11				72,840	75,672	78,506

September 1, 2006

Years of teaching experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				46,930	49,604	52,798
1				49,677	52,351	55,471

2				52,572	55,247	58,218
3				55,321	57,995	61,037
4/5				58,068	60,668	63,636
6				60,815	63,417	66,458
7				63,489	66,238	69,356
8				66,310	69,059	72,179
9				69,133	71,511	74,777
10				71,732	74,404	77,597
11				74,479	77,375	80,272

January 1, 2007

Years of teaching experience	Years of University Education					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
0				47,165	49,852	53,062
1				49,926	52,613	55,748
2				52,835	55,523	58,509
3				55,597	58,285	61,342
4/5				58,358	60,971	63,954
6				61,119	63,734	66,790
7				63,807	66,569	69,703
8				66,642	69,404	72,540
9				69,478	71,869	75,151
10				72,090	74,776	77,985
11				74,852	77,762	80,673

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN PALLISER REGIONAL DIVISION NO 26 AND THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Employer has established the position of AISI team leader for the period September 1, 2003 to the conclusion of the 2005-2006 school year, or the termination of the AISI project, whichever comes first. In accordance with the provisions of clause 5.4 of the existing collective agreement between the parties, it is hereby agreed:

1. The AISI team leader shall receive an allowance equal to 25 per cent of the 4th year minimum per annum.
2. The Letter of Understanding shall terminate on August 31, 2006.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN PALLISER REGIONAL DIVISION NO 26 AND THE ALBERTA TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

It is the understanding and intent that the practice of ordering the payment of benefits for taxation purposes, as done in the previous collective agreement under article 11.3.1, will continue for the period of September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006. This does not prejudice the ordering benefits continuing or not for the balance of the term of the collective agreement.