



**Bargaining Proposal—2019**

Proposal Number: U90

Date: August 26, 2019 Time: 7:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE C.2 SENIORITY**

2. Porting Seniority

- a. Effective ~~September~~ **July 1, 2006 2019** and despite Article C.2.1 above, an employee who achieves continuing contract status in another school district shall be credited with up to ~~ten (10)~~ **twenty (20)** years of seniority accumulated in other school districts in BC.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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For BCTF

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For BCPSEA

**BETWEEN  
BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
AND  
BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

RE: ARTICLE C.2.—PORTING OF SENIORITY—SEPARATE SENIORITY LISTS

This agreement was necessitated by the fact that some districts have a separate seniority list for adult education teachers, i.e., 1 seniority list for K – 12 and a second separate seniority list for adult education seniority. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this agreement is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decisions with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed and considered at labour management. There are 4 possible situations and applications:

1. Teacher in a district with 1 list ports to a district with 1 list (1 to 1)
  - Both K–12 and adult education seniority are contained on a single list in both districts.
  - Normal rules of porting apply.
  - No more than 1 year of seniority can be credited and ported for any single school year.
  - Maximum of ~~10 years~~ **20 years** can be ported.
2. Teacher in a district with 2 separate lists ports to a district with 2 separate lists (2 to 2)
  - Both K–12 and adult education seniority are contained on 2 separate lists in both districts.
  - Both lists remain separate when porting.
  - Up to ~~10 years~~ **20 years** of K–12 and up to ~~10 years~~ **20 years** of adult education can be ported to the corresponding lists.
  - Although the seniority is ported from both areas, the seniority is only activated and can be used in the area in which the teacher attained the continuing appointment. The seniority remains dormant and cannot be used in the other area unless/until the employee subsequently attains a continuing appointment in that area.
  - For example, teacher A in District A currently has 8 years of K–12 seniority and 6 years of adult education seniority. Teacher A secures a K–12 continuing appointment in District B. Teacher A can port 8 years of K–12 seniority and 6 years of adult education seniority to District B. However, only the 8 years of K–12 seniority will be activated while the 6 years of adult education seniority will remain dormant. Should teacher A achieve a continuing appointment in adult education in District B in the future, the 6 years of adult education seniority shall be activated at that time.
3. Teacher in a district with 2 separate lists ports to a district with 1 seniority list (2 to 1)
  - A combined total of up to ~~10 years~~ **20 years** of seniority can be ported.
  - No more than 1 year of seniority can be credited for any single school year.
4. Teacher in a district with 1 single seniority list ports to a district with 2 separate seniority lists (1 to 2)

- Up to ~~10~~ **20 years** of Seniority could be ported to the seniority list to which the continuing appointment was received.
- No seniority could be ported to the other seniority list.
- For example, teacher A in District A currently has ~~14~~ **23** years of seniority and attains a K–12 position in District B which has 2 separate seniority lists. Teacher A could port ~~10~~ **20** years of seniority to the K–12 seniority list in District B and 0 seniority to the adult education seniority list in District B.

The porting of seniority only applies to seniority accrued within the provincial BCTF bargaining unit. The porting of seniority is not applicable to adult education seniority accrued in a separate bargaining unit or in a separate BCTF bargaining unit.

**Note: June 30, 2019—The references to Irene Holden’s previous awards refer to her January 16, 2007 award and February 20, 2007 letter of clarification.**

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2011

Original signed by:

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Renzo Del Negro  
For BCPSEA

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Tara Ehrcke  
For BCTF

RE: ARTICLE C.2—PORTING OF SENIORITY & ARTICLE G.1 PORTABILITY OF SICK LEAVE—SIMULTANEOUSLY HOLDING PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS IN TWO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS

The following letter of understanding is meant to clarify the application of Article C.2.3 and G.1 of the provincial collective agreement with respect to the situation where a teacher simultaneously holds part-time continuing appointments in two (2) separate school districts, i.e., currently holds a part-time continuing appointment in one (1) district and then subsequently obtains a second part-time continuing appointment in a second district. Should this specific situation occur, the following application of Article C.2.3 and G.1 shall apply:

1. The ability to port sick leave and seniority cannot occur until the employee either resigns/terminates ~~his/her~~ **their** employment from the porting district or receives a full leave of absence from the porting district.
2. The requirement for the teacher to initiate the sick leave verification process (90 days from the initial date of hire) and the seniority verification process (within 90 days of a teacher's appointment to a continuing contract) and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district shall be held in abeyance pending either the date of the employee's resignation/termination of employment from the porting district or the employee receiving a full leave of absence from the porting district.
3. Should a teacher port seniority under this Letter of Understanding, there will be a period of time when the employee will be accruing seniority in both districts. For this period of time (the period of time that the teacher simultaneously holds part-time continuing appointments in both districts up until the time the teacher ports), for the purpose of porting, the teacher will be limited to a maximum of 1 years seniority for each year.
4. Should a teacher receive a full-time leave and port seniority and/or sick leave under this letter of understanding, the rules and application described in the Irene Holden award of June 7, 2007 concerning porting while on full-time leave shall then apply.
5. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this agreement is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decision with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed and considered at labour management.

The following examples are intended to provide further clarification:

Example 1

Part-time employee in district A has 5 years of seniority. On September 1, 2007 she also obtains a part-time assignment in district B. On June 30, 2008, the employee resigns from district A. The employee will have 90 days from June 30, 2008 to initiate the seniority and/or sick leave verification processes and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district for the porting of seniority and/or sick leave. No seniority and/or sick leave can be ported to district B until the employee has resigned or terminated their employment in district A. Once ported, the teacher's seniority in district B cannot exceed a total of 1 year for the September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 school year.

## Example 2

Part-time employee in district A has 5 years of seniority. On September 1, 2007 she also obtains a part-time assignment in district B. On September 1, 2008, the employee receives a leave of absence from district A for her full assignment in district A. The employee will have 90 days from September 1, 2008 to initiate the seniority and/or sick leave verification process and forward the necessary verification forms to the previous school district for the porting of seniority. The Irene Holden award dated June 7, 2007 will then apply. No seniority can be ported to district B until the employee's leave of absence is effective. Once ported, the teacher's seniority in district B cannot exceed a total of 1 year for the September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 school year.

The porting of seniority and sick leave only applies to seniority and sick leave accrued with the provincial BCTF bargaining unit. The porting of seniority and sick leave is not applicable to seniority accrued in a separate bargaining unit or in a separate BCTF bargaining unit.

**Note: June 30, 2019—The references to Irene Holden's previous awards refer to her January 16, 2007 award and February 20, 2007 letter of clarification.**

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2011

Original signed by:

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Renzo Del Negro  
For BCPSEA

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Jim Iker  
For BCTF

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING No. 8

**BETWEEN  
BRITISH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
AND  
BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS' FEDERATION**

RE: ARTICLE C.2 – PORTING OF SENIORITY – LAID OFF TEACHERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON THE RECALL LIST

The following letter of understanding is meant to clarify the application of Article C.2.3 of the provincial collective agreement with respect to the situation where a laid off teacher on recall in district A obtains a continuing appointment in district B, i.e., while holding recall rights in one (1) district obtains a continuing appointment in a second district. Should this specific situation occur, the following application of Article C.2.3 shall apply:

1. Laid off teacher holding recall rights in one school district may port up to ~~ten (10)~~ **twenty (20)** years of seniority to a second school district when they secure a continuing appointment in that second school district.
2. Such ported seniority must be deducted from the accumulation in the previous school district for all purposes except recall; for recall purposes only, the teacher retains the use of the ported seniority in ~~his/her~~ **their** previous district.
3. If the recall rights expire or are lost, the ported seniority that was deducted from the accumulation in the previous school district will become final for all purposes and would be treated the same way as if the teacher had ported their seniority under normal circumstances. No additional seniority from the previous school district may be ported.
4. If the teacher accepts recall to a continuing appointment in the previous district, only the ported amount of seniority originally ported can be ported back, i.e., no additional seniority accumulated in the second school district can be ported to the previous school district.
5. The ability to port while on layoff/recall is limited to a transaction between two districts and any subsequent porting to a third district can only occur if the teacher terminates all employment, including recall rights with the previous school district.
6. Consistent with Irene Holden's previous awards on porting, implementation of this letter of understanding is meant to be on a prospective basis and is not intended to undo any previous staffing decision with the understanding that anomalies could be discussed between the parties.
7. This letter of understanding in no way over-rides any previous local provisions currently in effect which do not permit a teacher maintaining recall rights in one district while holding a continuing position in another school district.

The following examples are intended to provide further clarification:

Example 1

A teacher has 3 years of seniority in district “A” has been laid off with recall rights. While still holding recall rights in district “A”, the teacher secures a continuing appointment in district “B”. Once ported, this teacher would have 3 years seniority in district “B”, 3 years of seniority in district “A” for recall purposes only and 0 years of seniority in district “A” for any other purposes. This teacher after working 1 year in district “B” accepts recall to a continuing appointment in district “A”. Only 3 years of seniority would be ported back to district “A” and for record keeping purposes, the teacher’s seniority record in district “B” would be reduced from 4 years down to 1 year.

Example 2

A teacher has 3 years of seniority in district ‘A” has been laid off with recall rights. While still holding recall rights in district “A”, the teacher secures a continuing appointment in district “B”. Once ported, this teacher would have 3 years seniority in district “B”, 3 years of seniority in district “A” for recall purposes only and 0 years of seniority in district “A” for any other purposes. After working 2 years in school district “B” this teacher’s recall rights in school district “A” are lost. No further seniority can be ported from district “A” to district “B” and for record keeping purposes, the teacher’s seniority record in district “A” would be zero for all purposes.

**Note: June 30, 2019—The references to Irene Holden’s previous awards refer to her January 16, 2007 award and February 20, 2007 letter of clarification.**

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April 6, 2011  
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