



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The Board of Education of School District No. 61
(the District)

And

The Greater Victoria Teachers' Association
(the GVTA)

Extension of Spring Break for 2026-2027

The parties agree that extending spring break for an additional week for the 2026-2027 school year requires modifications to the following articles: D.20.2, D.21.1, D.21.2, and D.21.4.

The parties agree that the 2026-2027 school year has **38 weeks**.

Article D.20.2 will be amended for the 2026-2027 school year to read as follows:

20.2 All days in the regular work year shall be scheduled between the Tuesday after Labour Day and the last Friday in June of the subsequent year, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, statutory holidays, winter break, and spring break *from March 15, 2027 -March 30, 2027*.

Articles D.21.1, D.21.2, and D.21.4 will be modified for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

21.1 The maximum length of the instructional week for elementary teachers shall be ~~1500~~ **1534** minutes which shall include a maximum of ~~1305~~ **1339** minutes of teaching, a minimum of 75 minutes for recess and a minimum of 120 minutes for preparation time.

21.2 The maximum length of the instructional week for secondary teachers shall be ~~1650~~ **1685** minutes which shall include an average of not more than ~~1345~~ **1380** minutes per week of teaching in each instructional cycle, exclusive of period change and teacher advisor time, and shall provide for a minimum of 12.5% of the classroom instruction cycle for preparation time.

21.4 The maximum length of the instructional week for middle school teachers shall be ~~1588~~ **1623** minutes which shall include a maximum of ~~1345~~ **1380** minutes of teaching, a minimum of 75 minutes for nutrition breaks and a minimum of 168 minutes for preparation time.

It is recognized that the Board must comply with pension reporting rules.

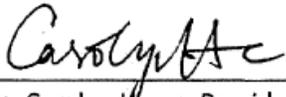
The terms of this agreement will be effective July 1, 2026, and will expire on June 30, 2027.

As this agreement impacts both the 2026-2027 school year, if there are unforeseen circumstances that may impact this agreement, both parties agree to revisit the terms by December 15, 2027. Otherwise, the parties will meet no later than December 15, 2027, to discuss continuing or amending this agreement for the 2027-2028 school year.

This agreement is without precedent or prejudice to either party. It is also understood that these terms of settlement apply only in School District 61 (Victoria) and are not binding on any other district.

This agreement is subject to approval by the GVTA membership, the BCTF, and the BCPSEA.

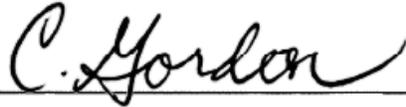
Signed: April 28, 2025



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BC Teachers' Federation



BC Public School Employers' Association