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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ITS CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 777

#### **COVID-19 DIFFERENTIAL COMPENSATION**

## AUGUST 23, 2021

The Pasadena Area Community College District ("District") and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter 777 ("CSEA") (collectively "Parties") recognize the importance of maintaining safe facilities and operations for the benefit of the students and communities served by the District, and for the safety of District employees.

On July 26, 2021, Governor Newsom announced a new initiative for state employees, "implementing a first-in-the-nation standard to require all state workers and workers in health care and high-risk congregate settings to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week, and encourage all local government and other employers to adopt a similar protocol." (July 26, 2021.) Thereafter, the District announced a local vaccination verification program, and on [AUGUST 18, 2021], the Parties negotiated and executed an MOU by which represented unit members were notified of their obligation to submit proof of vaccination or exemption on or before September 30, 2021.

Pursuant to negotiations between the Parties, the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) supplements without replacing the agreement related to the COVID-19 vaccination policy in a manner that is calculated to encourage and promote campus safety while recognizing the tremendous efforts undertaken by unit members to ensure that District services remain available to the community and to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. To these ends, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Term</u>: This MOU shall become effective on the first day of the Fiscal year 2021, July 1, 2021, through December 23, 2021. This MOU is intended to apply to all on-campus District work performed by classified unit members during the Fall 2021 term, and shall apply retroactively in the event that the MOU is executed or ratified subsequent to August 23, 2021.
- 2. <u>Differential Compensation</u>: Consistent with Education Code Section 88182, the Parties acknowledge that ongoing public health conditions and the vaccination verification transition period present unique working conditions for classified staff performing in-person services. The District agrees to provide differential compensation to eligible unit members in the amount of \$50 per full day of assigned work. This differential shall be applied without regard to whether straight-time and/or overtime compensation is earned during that workday or whether a unit member works only a portion of their regular assignment.
- 3. CSEA (Essential personnel) members shall be eligible a one time, off schedule Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund payment of \$1500 based on their onsite work associated with implementing evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress COVID-19 in accordance with public health guidelines, including sanitation, safety, and security measures to the campus and community.

Additionally, for CSEA members providing proof of vaccination status by September 30, 2021, the District will compensate the member \$500.00. Any sequential submission after September 30, 2021, will be reduced monthly by \$200.

- 4. **<u>Eligibility</u>**: All unit members shall be eligible to earn the differential compensation set forth in Paragraph 2 under the following circumstances:
  - a. The differential shall be paid for all shifts/hours that unit members are directed to perform services at the unit members primary on-campus work location.
  - b. The differential shall be paid for all shifts/hours that unit members are directed to perform public-facing services at District sites or non-District sites (e.g. community partners) in support of District operations.

Unit members performing "remote" work assignments, on an approved leave of absence with or without pay, on a classified reemployment list due to layoff and/or medical inability to work, or who remain employed pending the outcome of any disciplinary action initiated by the District shall not be eligible for the differential. Eligibility for the differential is dependent upon being actively employed on the date this MOU is signed and is only continued through the active employment of the member through December 23, 2021. No differential compensation shall be paid to unit members who experience a change in assignment or leave status that renders them ineligible.

5. <u>Temporary Adjustment</u>: The differential compensation set forth above shall be paid to eligible unit members. Consistent with Education Code Sections 88180 *et seq*, this differential is intended to be temporary, and shall not create any entitlement to an increased rate of pay beyond the expiration of this MOU.

#### 6. Miscellaneous:

- a. Compensation granted pursuant to this MOU shall not be creditable/pensionable compensation for purposes of CalPERS reporting.
- b. The Parties acknowledge and understand that the purpose of the compensation detailed herein is to support and encourage efforts to fight the spread and transmission of COVID-19 at the District.

The Parties agree and understand that this MOU may be modified, rescinded, or extended upon the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Unless otherwise evidenced by written agreement, this MOU shall continue in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on December 23, 2021, at which time the MOU shall expire. This MOU shall be non-precedential, and may not be cited by either Party has as evidence of the existence of a past practice.