

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AND
RTC AFT-CLASSIFIED

Temporary Layoff Opportunities Through the ESD SharedWork Program to Address Budget Issues

Section 1 - Scope of application and employee considerations

The parties agree that to address the serious budget shortfall facing Washington State, and in turn Renton Technical College (RTC), RTC will use the process set out below to temporarily reduce the hours of bargaining unit employees.

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, RTC may implement temporary layoffs (TLO) per Article 31.6, of up to twelve (12) days. Employees whose hours are temporarily reduced who participate in the ESD SharedWork Program up through July 25, 2020, may qualify to receive additional unemployment assistance for each week they are in temporary layoff status and are receiving unemployment compensation. To assist employees who are subject to the temporary layoffs (TLO) outlined in this MOU, RTC agrees to work with the Employment Security Department to arrange for educational guidance and assistance with the application process for the SharedWork program and assistance with applying for unemployment benefits for which they may be eligible. During the term of this MOU some employee performance measures may require consideration for an adjustment proportionate to the number of work days spent in temporary layoff status.

RTC, under this collective bargaining agreement and considering TLO, will apply for participation in the SharedWork program and utilize that program to provide benefits to their employees who are being reduced in hours (RIH) consistent with the SharedWork requirements. Once that decision has been made, the College agrees to follow the steps in the MOU.

Section 2 - Voluntary Option for Temporary Hour Reduction

RTC can also solicit volunteers for temporary layoffs for a minimum of one day per week (a reduction of 8 hours per week) for all eligible employees, but for no more than fifty percent (50%) of their weekly hours. Employee requests for voluntary reduction in hours/layoffs will be contingent upon College approval.

Section 3

In administering the assignment of Employer-directed reductions in hours RTC will strive to identify the largest employee pool possible in order to spread the burden of salary reductions over the widest population while also taking into consideration the operational and service delivery requirements of the college.

The parties agree that - should additional reductions in hours become necessary beyond the days set out above - the college shall provide notice of its intent to do so and will satisfy its bargaining obligations. In addition to the provisions outlined above, the parties agree to continued discussions on or after July 1, 2020, to identify options to address budget issues during the next biennium.

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