

CITY OF SAINT PAUL & INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625

#### **Professional Employees Association**

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## CONTRACT 2023-2025

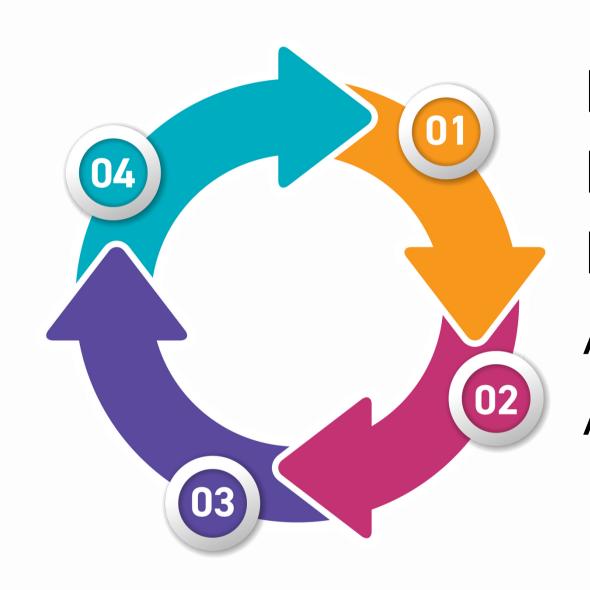
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED APRIL 20TH, 2023

## Our Goals

- Increase across board in COLA
- Add 7 year step
- Increase Deferred Comp
- Remote Work
- Workplace Safety



### The Process



February 24th, PEA Presents Opening Proposal March, 9th, City 1st Response March 31st, Full day of negotiations April 12th, Full day of negotiations April 17th-TA reached

## Voting for Tentative Agreement

Voting will take place on-line
May 16th and May 17th.
Only full members can vote and will
receive an email invitation to vote.



## New Benefits

2 days of bereavement leave

#### Details

#### **Bereavement Leave**

Any employee shall be granted up to 2 days for funeral leave of an immediate family member (see definition below). Funeral leave is separate from sick and vacation time. Sick time would be used for any additional time requested, as the appointing authority deems necessary, for bereavement beyond the funeral leave if an employee has accumulated sick time.

Immediate Relative: An individual with any of the following relationships to the employee

- 1. Spouse and parents, thereof;
- 2. Children and spouses thereof;
- 3. Parents, and spouses, thereof;
- 4. Siblings and spouses, thereof;
- 5. Grandparents and grandchildren, and spouses thereof;
- 6. Domestic partners and parents thereof, including domestic partners of any individual in 1 through 5 of this definition; and
- 7. Any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.



## New Benefits

#### 8 Weeks Paid Parental leave



#### Details

Paid Parental Leave: The City may provide up to eight (8) weeks (320 hours) of Paid Parental Leave to eligible employees following the birth, placement for adoption or adoption of a child. The Paid Parental Leave must be used in a continuous eight-week block of time and will run concurrently with any other leaves available under existing federal and state laws. The Paid Parental Leave must be requested, approved an used within 6 months of the qualifying event or the opportunity to request and/or use the leave will be forfeited.

To be eligible for this leave, the employee must:

- 1.be the biological parent or the adoptive parent or the spouse of the biological or adoptive parent of the child; and,
- 2.must have worked for the City for at least one year preceding the first date of the leave; and,
- 3.have 1,250 hours of worked time in the twelve months immediately before the leave.

The eligible employee using Paid Parental Leave will be paid at their assigned rate of pay for the average number of hours worked per week the previous twelve (12) months. Vacation will accrue during the Leave as if the employee were working. If a regularly scheduled holiday falls during the employee's use of Paid Parental Leave it will be not considered Paid Parental Leave but will be Holiday leave.

The City will continue to pay its share of the cost of an eligible employee's group health insurance during a Paid Parental Leave. The eligible employee's share of the premium will be deducted from the eligible employee's pay in accordance with normal practices

## New Benefits

## Paid Leave for dangerous conditions

#### Details

• In the event the employer closes a facility due to non-weatherrelated health and safety concerns/imminent threat of danger, employees who are sent home will be paid for the remainder of their shift.



# Increased Benefits Deferred Comp Match increase by 50%

- Current Contract: Employee receives up to \$600 per year match
- New Contact: Employee receives \$700 in 2023
- \$800 in 2024
- \$900 in 2025

#### Increased Benefits

## 1 Day vacation Increase for longest serving employees



- Current Contract : Employees of 20 or more years received 28 days of vacation
- New Contact: Employees of 20 or more years receive 29 days of vacation

New Supports

PEA Support Equity

#### Details

• Article 1.3: The Union generally supports City goals, policies and practices intended to advance race and gender equity, reverse disparity trends and eliminate systemic racism to achieve fair, just and equitable opportunities for all people.



## New Supports

## Labor Management Comittee-Safety



- MOA created to create an LMC to address PEA members safety issues.
- Created within 180 days
- Representatives from City and Union

The Financial Package
Show me the Money!!

Cola increases by over 3 years

#### **Details**

- March 1st-3.5%
- 2024 -2.5%
- 2025-2.5%

**Total Over 3 years: 8.5%** 



The Financial Package
Moving on Up
Steps Restrucure



- Current steps 1-6 are annualized, then step 7 at 10 years of service, then step 8 at 15 years.
- New: All steps are annualized, no more getting stuck. You would receive step 7- five years early and step 8-nine years earlier based on 2080 hours of service.
- Step 8-1% is added to step increase
- New-Step 1 is eliminated

## The Financial Package

## Example of Annualized Steps



#### Details

Employee Grade 11 Example. Currently, employee has started 6th year of service and is on step 6 until 2027. Making \$37.43/hr

New Employee moves to Step 7 in 2023 to \$38.46 and step 8 in 2024 to \$40.13/hr.

Salary Step increase by 2024 = \$2.60 /hr or 7%

The Financial Package

NEW BENEFIT- Longevity Pay

Details -Cola added each year starting 2025

#### 2024

- 10 years of service-\$24/pay period-Annual-\$624
- 15 years of service-\$32/pay period-\$832
- 20 years or more-\$40/pay period-\$1040

#### 2025-Cola Increase

- 10 years of service-\$24.60/pay period-Annual-\$639.60
- 15 years of service-\$32.80 /pay period-\$852.80
- 20 years or more-\$41/pay period-\$1066



## The Financial Package

## NEW BENEFIT- Performance Pay

- Starting 2025, but workplans established in 2024
- Employees can receive up 3% increase on base wage!
- Increases would be included in your high 5!
- Increases would be 1%, 2%, 3% for satisfactory review. (unsatisfactory earns 0%)
- Max out at 9% above Step 8



## The Financial Package

NEW BENEFIT- Performance Pay

Details

Lump sum: If the merit increase would result in an increase above the salary range maximum, the employee's base salary will be adjusted to the range maximum and fifty percent (50%) of the balance of the increase will be paid to the employee in a lump sum. Similarly, if an employee is at the maximum of their salary range, they shall be paid a lump sum equal to fifty percent (50%) of the value of the increase that would have been payable but for being at the maximum of their salary range.



# The Financial Package NEW BENEFIT- Performance Pay Details

#### <u>Added Employee Protections</u>

- PEA can request met and confer or if the city proposes material changes to the process
- City commits to process that provides equal opportunity to earn performance pay with regard for budgetary considerations
- If an evaluation is not completed on or before eligibility date, the performance pay will be retro active
- Reviews can be appealed to department head or their designee



## The Financial Package Total Financial Benefit Increases

Details				
Employees at steps 1-3	23%			
Employees at step 4	21.5%			
Employees at step 5	22.5%			
Employees at step 6	18.5%			
Employees at step 7	15.5%			
Employees at step 8	10.5 %			

Does not include longevity pay and sets performance at min of 1%



Eliminated

Civil Service Rule 6-Examination Procedures
Civil Service Rule 7- Eligibility Lists

#### Thank You to Committee Members

## Members

- Kathleen Conger
- Jean Filipkowski
- Brian Balfanz
- Liz Carey-Linskey



Questions!!!

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