

LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Memorandum of Understanding
RetroActive Salary Schedule Improvement 2025-26 and Continuing 2026-27 Improvement
SEIU

Background

Due to several factors, including strategic enrollment management, unused ongoing resources, and other resources, the unit has ample one-time resources available.

For SEIU, the District is recommending a one-time off salary schedule improvement of 7% for 2025-26 salary. In addition, to encourage participation in a High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), the District proposes an additional Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution for 2028. Eligible SEIU employees would receive \$104 per month above the SEIU's established contribution, for each prospective month their HSA is available for funding, up to \$1,248 for the year. The contribution would be shared equally between the District and SEIU.

The 2026-27 State Budget Act includes a 2.87% statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and a 1.44% discretionary COLA. These resources, combined with strategic enrollment management and the District's prudent budgeting practices, allow the District to provide ongoing salary schedule increases for the 2026-27 fiscal year. SEIU's priorities for these ongoing resources include:

- A 2.2% ongoing schedule increase; and
- An increase of \$300 to the District Medical Contribution, effective January 1, 2027.

As a condition of receiving the 1.44% discretionary COLA, community college districts must implement the provisions of Assembly Bill 65, which provide eligible employees with up to 14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave. Significant uncertainties remain at the state level regarding the implementation and cost of this new benefit.

It is recommended that SEIU commit to using unit resources to fund the estimated costs of paid pregnancy disability leave attributable to SEIU-represented employees, including costs incurred retroactive to July 1, 2026, and ongoing costs in future years. Because implementation guidance and utilization data remain limited, the specific amounts cannot yet be determined. The District will notify SEIU by August 2027 of the estimated retroactive and ongoing unit resources required. The required funding amounts will be adjusted as actual cost and utilization information becomes available.

Any residual funds from the 2025-26 compensation calculation will be carried forward to 2026-27 and any residual 2026-27 funds will be carried forward to 2027-28. Those funds will be available to the units to support compensation cost increases/improvements in 2027-28.

Agreed Items

The District and SEIU, Local 1021, agree to the following compensation and benefit adjustments:

2025-26 Retroactive salary schedule improvement

The 2025-26 off salary schedule payments shall be calculated at 7% of the interim salary schedule. This shall be paid in August 2026 and is the final improvement for the 2025-26 year. Compensation for this one-time improvement is not compliant off salary schedule pay special compensation for CalPERS' purposes, since all employee units received a permanent continuing improvement in the 2025-26 fiscal year. Therefore, the compensation shall not be reported to CalPERS as additional compensation for the purposes of pension calculations.

Any residual funds from 2025-26 will be carried forward to 2026-27.

2026-27 Continuing Salary schedule improvement

Effective July 1, 2026, the 2026-27 base salary schedules shall be improved by 2.2% as an advance against 2026-27 new revenue. The adjusted salary schedule shall be effective July 1, 2026, with corresponding salary payments reflected beginning in August 2026.

Any residual funds from 2026-27 will be carried forward to 2027-28.

Medical

Eligible SEIU employees shall receive an increase of \$300 per month to the District medical contributions, effective January 1, 2027.

For 2028 only, eligible SEIU employees who are enrolled in a District HDHP, will receive an additional HSA contribution of \$104 per month above SEIU's established contribution, for each prospective month their HSA is available for funding, totaling up to \$1,248 for the calendar year. The cost of the contribution will be shared equally between the District and SEIU.

14 weeks of paid pregnancy disability leave

SEIU commits to using unit resources to fund the estimated costs of paid pregnancy disability leave attributable to SEIU-represented employees, including costs incurred retroactive to July 1, 2026, and ongoing costs in future years. Because implementation guidance and utilization data remain limited, the specific amounts cannot yet be determined. The District will notify SEIU by August 2027 of the estimated retroactive and ongoing SEIU resources required. The required funding amounts will be adjusted as actual cost and utilization becomes available.

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