

**INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
STAFF RELATIONS**

TO: Principals and Administrators

DATE: June 2017

FROM: Leticia Figueroa, Assistant Chief Human Resources Officer, Staff Relations

SUBJECT: **JUNE 2017 - UPDATE AND REMINDERS**

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 12, 2017 Last day to upload documents to the legacy Certificated Performance Evaluation System

June 13, 2017 Last day to upload documents to the EDST performance evaluation system

June 28, 2017 Last day to upload documents to the EDSSL performance evaluation system

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. REMINDER ON BEHALF OF OGC: SCHOOL FILES PROJECT

The LAUSD School Files application is the LAUSD application designed for Principals and Administrators to upload inappropriate behavior-related documents on a regular basis into the School Files system. This web-based application only requires a few entries to add documents. Please note that all user logins are recorded. Users are to upload documents as PDF files. Login to the application using your SSO account at: <https://schoolfiling.lausd.net>. For specific instructions on completing this process and for a copy of the mandatory coverage, please contact your Staff Relations Field Director or Emily Mohr at emily.mohr@lausd.net (Attachment #1)

2. VACATION CAP

It is important that supervisors work with employees to have them take vacation to ensure that employees' vacation balances will not be over their cap. Scheduling employees' vacation time now for the coming months will provide the most flexibility and will ensure sufficient staffing of schools and offices. Contact your timekeeper and/or approver to find out which employees are over the vacation cap. They can access and print a vacation statement at any time via BTS using the transaction code ZTMRVACBAL.

CERTIFICATED INFORMATION:

1. RETURN RIGHTS

Deans, Coordinators and Coaches at your school longer than one year and one day who were not reelected or confirmed for the coming year have return rights to your school and can displace using seniority on the matrix. If they came from another school they may return if there is an opening.

ARTICLE XI, SECTION 12.0, Section b, (See Attachment # 1 for more details)

2. CHANGE OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENT AFTER THE INITIAL TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENT

Teachers shall be notified as soon as feasible of a change in tentative assignment. If a teacher is notified within 5 calendar days prior to the assignment (first student instructional day) that there will be a change of assignment, **upon request**, the teacher shall receive the equivalent of two days of preparation time. The change of assignment must affect the majority of courses taught in a secondary assignment and must require a preparation for a course not in the previous assignment. If the change of assignment does not affect the majority of courses taught but requires a new preparation, the teacher may request the equivalent of up to one day of preparation time. **(ARTICLE IX-A, SECTION 2.0, a)**

3. END OF YEAR PROCEDURES

It is always a good practice to notify staff in writing of the procedures and deadlines for turning in roll books/registers, assessments, keys, and other items. It is also advisable to inform the staff of the expectations for securing equipment and preparing their rooms for summer cleaning. For secondary schools, many administrators schedule a date prior to the last day to review roll books for completeness and correctness.

4. PREPARATION FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR OPENING

Principals should consider making a list of issues and concerns that have emerged over the past year and plan how they will be addressed during the opening staff meeting. Topics may include:

- Staff attendance
- Procedures for reporting absences
- Absences preceding/following holidays
- School based procedures for addressing student discipline
- Teacher hours
- Sign in Sign out procedures
- Substitute Lesson Plans/Folders
- Instructional Expectations
- Other identified areas for improvement

5. 2017-2018 TEACHER EVALUATION REPORTS

Determine immediately the status of current teachers for the upcoming school year; begin the process in July 2017 by listing all teachers by status and adding new hires with their status as they join your staff. To confirm the current status of a teacher, contact your Personnel Specialist, at (213) 241-6328. All non-permanent teachers are to be evaluated annually. Permanent teachers must be evaluated in accordance to the Article X, 3.0 (a-c) of the LAUSD/UTLA Agreement. Such article states that permanent teachers shall be evaluated at least every other year.

Please be aware that if a teacher evaluation was mutually extended in the past and the current administrator no longer agrees with that extension, the teacher needs to be informed that he/she will be evaluated before the end of the school year prior to the evaluation year. In this case, before June 12, 2017.

6. CONFERENCE MEMOS FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

When holding a conference with an employee to discuss his/her conduct, administrators should first consult with their Staff Relations Field Director *prior* to inviting the employee to the conference. If you intend to issue a conference memorandum to memorialize the conference, include the following when sending the draft conference memo to your Staff Relations Field Director:

- A. Draft conference memo
- B. All evidence from the investigation. Evidence may include written statements, logs, pictures, etc. (Operations Coordinators will assist administrators with the investigation)
- C. The most recent performance evaluation, including signatures and all of its attachments
- D. Also send in any previous Conference Memos that the employee might have received, particularly if the concerns/ allegations are similar to the ones being investigated

After holding the conference with the employee, issuing the written conference memo (within four days of the meeting), and giving him/her time to respond in writing, send your Staff Relations Field Director a PDF copy of the memorandum that includes the following:

- A. Issuing administrator's initials by his/her name on the memo
- B. All attachments that were provided to the employee.
- C. Any written response that the employee submits in response to the conference memo
- D. When you send it, in the email, inform your Field Director what discipline, if any, you wish to pursue

7. CONTRACT POOL TEACHERS CONFERENCE MEMOS

Regular employees assigned to the Contract Pool are to be treated as contracted teachers; they are not to be issued an Inadequate Service Report. Always confirm whether a substitute is a contract pool teacher or a day-to-day substitute. They are regular employees and should therefore be invited to a conference to discuss any concerns. After the conference you should issue a Summary of Conference (conference memo) as you would any other teacher on your staff in the same situation. Please contact your Field Director for questions.

8. ITINERANT CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES- CONFERENCE MEMOS

Itinerant employees are assigned either centrally or by a Local District administrator. These employees are supervised by these administrators who bear the direct responsibility for evaluating their performance. Examples of itinerant employees include Special Education Related Services personnel (Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Adapted PE Teachers, etc.), Itinerant Arts Teachers, Instructional Technology Facilitators, Nurses, PSA Counselors, and a host of other staff members. If performance or conduct concerns arise regarding these employees, contact their direct supervisors to coordinate the plan to address these issues. If you have additional questions regarding itinerant employees, contact Dr. Frank Serrato, Field Director, at fserrato@lausd.net or 213-241-8243.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION:

1. CLOSING OF CLASSIFIED POSITIONS (Office Staff, Instructional Aides, Campus Aides, et al.)

If during Budget development, you closed any Classified positions (such as Special Education Assistant/Trainee, Campus Aide, or a Clerical position), remember that the employee's official notice comes from the Personnel Commission (PC). You may advise an affected employee informally that his/her position is being cut, but you must not give an effective date (such as the end of this school year). A letter to the employee from the PC will give the employee a 60-day notice and an effective date of either his/her lay-off or new assignment, as applicable. It has not been announced when the notices will be sent this year; however, you will be a copy recipient of any letter sent to one of your employees.

2. SCHOOL SUPERVISION AIDES AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (CLASS CODE BEGINS 008...)

Employees in these Unit G classes are temporary and at-will. You may close the position and release the employee from service at your discretion. If the employee requests the reason for it, within 72 hours of the release, you must provide a reason. The reason need not be in writing, just oral. Please contact your Senior Human Resources Representative if you have any questions

3. FIRST AID AND CPR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

As a reminder, a valid First Aid and CPR Certificate is required of all Health Care Assistants, Special Education Assistants, and Special Education Trainees. Employees will be sent a reminder that they must comply with this requirement no later than the first day of their regular assignment basis of the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact your Senior Human Resources Representative if you have any questions.

If you have any questions about these items or other contract or discipline issues, please contact your Field Director assigned to your Local District regarding UTLA, or Senior Human Resources Representative for Unit D (clerical staff) and for Units B, F, G and S (paraprofessional, campus supervision employees, and the SAA).

School Files Project

ATTACHMENT A



School Files Submission Form

Confidential and Attorney-Client Privilege

TO: General Counsel

FROM: _____, Principal/Supervisor

_____ School

DATE: _____

RE: Summary of Site File Review

Employee Name and Position: _____ Employee Number: _____

Alleged Victim(s) Name and Age at Time of Alleged Incident: _____

Type of Conduct (check all that apply):

- Sexual Misconduct
 Inappropriate Behavior
 Violence
 Drug-related

Describe Alleged Incident (including dates): [Start typing here.]

Describe Investigation/Administrative Action taken (incl. dates & any disciplinary action): Start typing here

Other Comments: [Start typing here.]

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CC: Staff Relations

*Instructions: Please complete this cover memo **only** for those files you are reporting to Central Office. Scan and send as a pdf file this cover memo along with other pertinent documents from the employee file at issue to General Counsel via Staff Relations. You should send one pdf file that includes a single cover memo for an employee file (the single pdf file may include multiple incidents).*

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School Files Application

April 3, 2017

Summary

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Document Requirements/Limitations

Users are to upload documents as **pdf** files. The size of each file selected for uploading is limited to **20MB**.

Users must enter the **8-digit** employee number (Entering leading zeroes) to verify the correct employee. The Cost Center Code (Current Work Location) will automatically populate once a valid employee number has been entered. The user can manually override the Cost Center (if required). The Cost Center is a 7-digit number and must be entered in order to upload a document. Users must also select the "Conduct Type" associated with the document using the drop-down list.

How to upload a document

1. Log-in to the application using your SSO account at: <https://schoolfiling.lausd.net>. The application is compatible with all major web browsers.
2. Enter **8-digit** employee ID number (add preceding zeros) for the individual who is the subject of the document being uploaded. Then click on the "Find Employee" button. Under "Employee Info" the employee name and currently assigned cost center will populate. Under "Upload Location" your cost center will populate. A message will appear in green below the search boxes validating the employee selection.
3. Proceed to the "Upload Employee School File" to the right. Click on the down arrow. You must choose the "Conduct Type" associated with the document using the drop-down list.
4. Click the "Browse..." button to attach PDF document. Choose the document to upload. Please note that only one document can be included per filing, but multiple related documents can be combined into one PDF.
5. After document is selected, the file name will appear. Select "Upload". You should receive a message in green at the bottom that says "File was uploaded successfully"
6. Documents you have uploaded will appear below, including the file you have just uploaded. You can also search for and view previously uploaded documents from your cost center.

Helpful Tips

1. Which Internet browser is preferred?

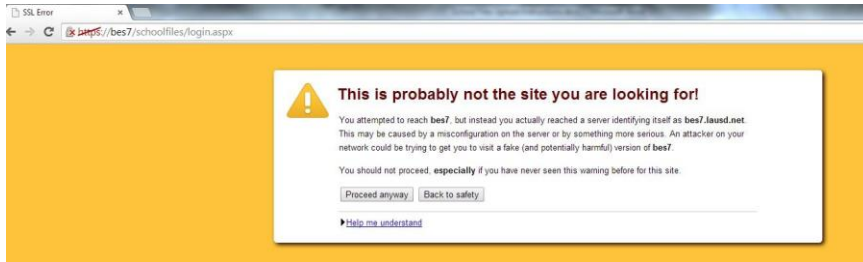
The application is compatible with all major web browsers (Internet Explorer, Chrome, and Firefox on a PC or Safari on a Mac), although the appearance of the application may vary slightly based on the browser.

2. I entered the Employee Number, but the application was unable to find the Employee Name

Verify the Employee Number is correct and contains 8- digits. (If required, precede less than 8- digits with leading zeroes).

3. I received the following messages. What should I do?

ATTACHMENT #1 Continued



Click Proceed anyway. The computer server that hosts the application does not have a certificate installed. The application resides on a computer located within ITD.

ATTACHMENT #2

There are three stages to the contractual matrix process under Article IX-A of the LAUSD/UTLA Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA):

I. PRIOR TO INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Administrators follow Uniform Staffing Procedures (Matrix) for all K-12 Schools described in Article IX-A, 2.0 and staffing out-of-classroom positions described in Article IX-A, Sections 4.0 – 10.0.

II. AFTER INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND BEFORE NORM DAY OR THE END OF THE 5TH WEEK OF SCHOOL (WHICHEVER IS SOONER)

Administrators working together with the department or grade level chair work shall reasonably determine who will fill an opening or vacancy as described in Article IX-A, Section 2.1 of the CBA.

III. STAFFING PROCEDURES AFTER NORM DAY

Teaching position openings or vacancies are filled by a new hire, transferee, substitute or auxiliary assignment as described in Article IX-A, Section 2.2 of the CBA. Spring Semester or subsequent tracks opening or vacancies in secondary schools are covered in Article IX-A, Section 2.3 and 3.2. Coordinator and dean vacancies are covered under Article IX-A, Section 8.0.

**Return Rights, Displacement, and Seniority Guidelines
for
Deans, Coordinators, Counselors, and Coaches Returning to the Classroom**

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Returning To	Time in Current Position	Dean (See XI, 12.0 b)	Coordinator or Locally Selected Coach (See XI, 12.0 b)	Counselor With Credential (See XI, 12.0 b)	Counselor Without Credential (XI, 12.0 b)	Centrally Selected Coach (See IX-C, 4.0 d)
Same School	<1 Year	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school unless RIF	Remain at same school Can displace No seniority on matrix
Same School	> 1 Year	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school Can displace using seniority on matrix*	Remain at same school unless RIF	Return rights if vacancy No displacement No seniority on matrix
Former School	<1 Year	Return to former school if opening or within same geographic area No displacement No seniority on matrix	Return to former school if opening or within same geographic area No displacement No seniority on matrix	Return to former school if opening or within same geographic area No displacement No seniority on matrix	Remain at current school unless RIF	Return to former school Can displace No seniority on matrix
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* Secondary- considered for classes in the department in which the teacher has taught for the major portion of teaching time during the most recent 6 semesters.