

REDUCTION IN PROFESSIONAL STAFF WORK FORCE

When the Board determines that it is necessary to reduce the number of administrative positions, the following procedures shall apply.

1. To the extent possible, the number of administrators affected by a reduction in force will be minimized by not employing replacements for employees who retire, resign or whose limited contracts are not renewed for reasons other than reduction in force.
2. Reductions needed beyond those resulting from attrition are made by suspending or non-renewing contracts. Those contracts to be suspended are chosen as follows.
 - A. All administrators are placed on seniority lists. Seniority is defined as the length of continuous service in the District. Seniority is not interrupted by authorized leaves of absence.
 - B. Reductions shall be made with preference being given first to administrators with seniority.
 - C. If two or more administrators have the same length of continuous service, seniority will be determined by:
 - 1) the date of the Board meeting at which the administrator was hired;
 - 2) next, by the date on which the administrator signed his/her initial limited contract in the District (in the event two or more staff members were hired on the same date) and
 - 3) then, the date on which the administrator submitted the first completed job application within the two-year period preceding the effective date of the administrator's first teaching contract with the Board, if the date is known.

If a tie remains after steps 1, 2 and 3, the Superintendent decides which contract is suspended.
3. The names of administrators whose contracts are suspended in a reduction-in-force action are placed on a recall list for up to 12 months from the date of the reduction. Administrators on the recall list have the following rights.
 - A. No new administrators will be employed by the Board while there are administrators on the recall list who are certificated to fill the vacancy.
 - B. Administrators on the recall list are recalled in order of seniority for vacancies in areas for which they are certificated.
 - C. If a vacancy occurs, the Board will send an announcement via certified mail to the first known address of all administrators on the recall list who are qualified

according to these provisions. It is the administrator's responsibility to keep the Board informed of his/her current address. All administrators are required to respond in writing to the District office within seven calendar days. The most senior of those responding are offered the vacant position. Any administrator who fails to accept the position within seven calendar days forfeits all recall rights.

- D. An administrator on the recall list, upon acceptance of the notification to resume active employment status, returns to active employment status with the same seniority, accumulation of sick leave and salary schedule placement as he/she held at the time of layoff. An administrator on the recall list who is unemployed and does not otherwise have group insurance coverage available may continue to participate for up to 18 months in those benefits which are provided to in active employment, provided that the teacher or administrator pays 102% for such benefits.

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