

**Side Letter Between the State of Maryland  
And the Maryland Professional Employees Council**

March 23, 2023

Re: Additional Employee Pay Enhancements

This Side Letter will confirm the agreement of the parties that effective July 1, 2023, the State of Maryland will add 2 additional steps (steps 23 and 24) to the Standard Salary Schedule.

Additionally, the State of Maryland will provide employees in Bargaining Unit G who have an entry on duty date that is prior to July 1, 2018, and who have been continuously employed with the State, with an additional step effective July 1, 2023. In accordance with Salary Guideline 16A, which pertains to employees in the State Personnel Management System, or Transportation Service Human Resource System (TSHRS) Policy 9B in the case of TSHRS employees, this additional step will be processed after the July 1, 2023, cost of living adjustment (COLA) and any Fiscal Year 2024 increment that an employee may receive on July 1, 2023.

Additionally, the changes to **Article 5, Section 16. Bilingual Pay and Article 6, Section 5. Pay on Promotion/Reclassification** contained in the December 29, 2022, Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for employees in Bargaining Unit G, dated January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023, will be effective retroactive to January 1, 2023, and pertains to actions with an effective date of January 1, 2023, or later.

This Side Letter and the agreements contained herein are contingent upon the incorporation of a supplemental budget to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Bill that provides for the pay enhancements described herein, and passage of the same by the General Assembly.

For the State of Maryland:

  
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