TUITION APPROVAL FORM- Updated as of June 1, 2015 Non-Teaching Staff

| NAME: | | | |
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| POSITION: | | | |
| BUILDING LOCATION: | | | |
| COURSE TITLE: | | | |
| IS COURSE ONLINE or TRADITIONAL? | | | |
| COURSE NUMBER: QUA | QUARTER CREDITS: | | |
| COLLEGE/TECHNICAL INSTITUTE: | | | |
| INCLUSIVE DATE OF COURSE: | | | |
| BUDGET CODE: | | | |
| EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE | DATE | | |
| SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE | DATE | | |
| HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE | DATE | | |

THE PROCESS: See reverse side...

| | Semester | Quarter | Other, (i.e., Blocks) |
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| Academic Session | 3 | 4.5 | Based on the institution's definition of "academic session" and the types of credits |
| Fiscal Year | 9 | 13.5 | students earn. For example: Bethel College uses blocks as their academic session, but students earn semester credits. |

Interpretation: See individual contracts for exact language.

- District shall reimburse 50% tuition and book expense not to exceed a total of nine credits in any one fiscal year for course work... (MSEA Paraprofessionals, Confidential contracts)
- District shall reimburse 50% tuition and book expense for up to three credits per academic session not to exceed a total of nine credits in any one fiscal year for course work ... (CLASS, Building Service Employees, Mechanics contracts)
- District shall reimburse 50% tuition, and required course fees, application fees and books up to \$150 per course for up to 9 credits in any one fiscal year for advanced (graduate level) college course work ...(AST)
- The above table may serve as a guide to determining the amount of credits the district will reimburse for approved courses. This table is based on the conversion that 1 semester credit equals 1.5 quarter credits.
- There are some instances where a higher learning organization does not use a semester or quarter system. These will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Ex: A 4-credit course is taken at the U of MN (quarter credits) at a cost of \$200 per credit. The employee will receive reimbursement of \$400 for tuition expenses.

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4 quarter credits x $200 - $800
$800 x 50% = $400
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If an employee takes 6 semester credits during one academic session, they are reimbursed for 50% of three of these credits. Ex: Employee takes two courses, three semester credits each, at a cost of \$200 per credit. The employee will receive reimbursement of \$300.

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6 semester credits x $200 = $1,200
reimbursement for 3 credits: 3 x $200 = $600
$600 x 50\% = $300
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Steps for receiving reimbursement:

- 1. **PRIOR** to taking a course, submit tuition approval form to principal/administrator for signature, then forward to Human Resources for final approval. You will receive a signed copy of the form informing you whether the course has been approved or not.
- 2. Upon completion of the course, submit the following items to Human Resources: $\sqrt{\text{Completed claim form}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Fee receipt for Tuition or books(if applicable) paid}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Signature of supervisor and account codes}}$