

# News Bulletin

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## HALF DAY FOR NEW YEARS - CLARIFICATION

This issue was incorrectly quoted in the last ShopTalk! **In 2017 there is no option to take the ½ day off on December 29<sup>th</sup> for New Years.** The intent of the language negotiated in 1985 was to allow employees a half day off for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. For the next six (6) years, both of these 'Eves' fall on a weekday and, as long as school is not in session, they will be half days of work. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

## CARETAKER VACATION

As the Christmas/New Year school shutdown this year includes the week of January 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018; Caretakers who wish to take vacation during this time are entitled to do so, as per Article 6.1 C.:

*"Annual vacations for caretakers shall normally be taken during spring break, summer vacation closure, and the Christmas/New Year break."*

## EYE GLASS REIMBURSEMENT

Reminder - anyone who works in front of a computer screen all day is entitled to receive a reimbursement from the Employer. As per Article 8.2 F.:

*"Annual re-testing of eyes shall also be carried out at the employee's request. The Board will pay for these eye examinations if the cost is not covered in an insurance plan, but not for time lost (wages).*

*If an Ophthalmologist recommends, by form of prescription, the need for eye glasses/lenses for VDT work, the Board will pay up to \$100 for lenses."*

Submit your receipts to the Employer for reimbursement.