

CUPE LOCAL 1628 STPDL PD GUIDELINES
2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Short Term Professional Development Leave (STPDL) funds will be used to reimburse members for their participation in a certificate/credit course, conference, seminar or workshop designed to enhance, improve or develop job-related skills and/or professional or personal growth.

To qualify for negotiated CUPE Local 1628 STPDL funds, the applicant must be a **Permanent Member** of CUPE Local 1628. Members cannot be on a leave, or off due to illness at the time of the STPDL event. Members who are “casual” or “long term occasional” (LTO) do not qualify for STPDL funds. **STPDL funds are not available to any member who holds a position outside of CUPE 1628 (ie. Acting ASG) at any time during the leave from CUPE 1628.**

All STPDL requests must be made using the online forms found on the Peel Board Intranet. From **My Site**, click **forms** then **All Department Forms (Search for a form here)**, Type in STPDL and you should be able to access both forms here.

1. Professional Development Request Form (PDRF)
2. Short Term Professional Development Leave Reimbursement Form (STPDL)

Instructions are on the top of both forms that need to be completed. Both forms are required to be completed and submitted as part of your claim. PDRF is the approval form and STPDL Reimbursement Form is the expense request form.

Your package must include the following:

- a) Completed Professional Development Request Form (PDRF)
- b) Completed Short Term Professional Development Leave Reimbursement Form (STPDL)
- c) Copy of paid receipt(s). **You must submit original receipts for food.**
- d) All supporting documentation, such as: copy of workshop flyer, conference form, mileage
- e) Proof of completion/certificate (required for College/University course)
- f) Immediate supervisor’s signature, if during your normal working hours. Approval may be requested via email. *(Please note that your supervisor’s signature is not required if attending outside of working hours.)*

The CUPE Local 1628 Professional Development Committee is responsible for approving STPDL requests. The committee meets monthly to review and approve STPDL requests. Accounting will not reimburse members until the member sends in their complete package signed and approved by the Chair of the PD Committee after completing their workshop, course/conference.

The fund allocation as per the Collective Agreement (CA) is based on \$150.00 per year, per full time equivalent active employee of PDSB, CUPE Local 1628. Based on the current availability of funds, the PD Committee is allocating an additional \$600, per member, for a total of \$750, per member for the 2025 - 2026 School year (September 1st to June 30th). Total reimbursement requests cannot extend **the maximum of \$750.00 per member.**

All fees associated with STPDL requests must be paid upfront, by the individual. Members should not pay for courses/workshops using PDSB P-Cards. Each member is responsible for submitting their own STPDL claim. Group claims will not be accepted. Each member must have their own individual proof of payment. **Faxed, emailed or photocopied submissions will not be approved.** Please send your completed package by internal Board Courier to: **PD Committee, c/o CUPE 1628 Union Hall.** **Incomplete packages will be returned to you for re-submission.**

The school year runs from September 1st to June 30th. The PD Committee does not meet during July and August. As such, any STPDL Claims completed in July/August, will be processed upon return in September, and the amount will be deducted from previous STPDL Budget. These claims must be received by the PD Committee no later than September 30. All other STPDL claims must be received within **30 days from the date of your workshop/course completion date.** Any claims submitted after 30 days may not be reviewed.

Appropriate use of STPDL Funds	Inappropriate use of STPDL Funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any course certificate/credit offered through Community Colleges/University or other recognized agencies to assist with professional/personal growth (breakdown of costs may be requested) Textbooks relating to course/workshop Professional/Personal Development workshops/seminars/conferences (i.e. <i>Computers, Presentation Skills, Public Relations Skills, Who Me a Leader, OASBO, Mental or Physical Wellbeing, Stress Management</i>) Accommodations for over-night conferences only, based on <i>1 night for every 2-day conference</i> (i.e. <i>OASBO</i>) Membership fees associated with educational development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses or training offered by PDSB; LTSS or another department within the Board that is job related Community College / University Fees not associated with the course cost (breakdown may be requested) Accommodations for courses being taken (i.e. <i>University, College Courses</i>) Association Memberships Dues or Fees Gym/Fitness/Health Club Memberships (i.e. Goodlife, YMCA etc..) Medical or therapeutic therapies (ie. Massage Therapy) Anything that is, or can be covered through private health insurance (ie. Canada Life, Great West Life etc)

Events hosted by CUPE 1628 PD Committee (ie. *Annual Membership Dinner, Wellness Retreat*) will not account for this allocation.

If the conference/workshop is a full day, **and food is not provided**, you will be given a meal allowance of a maximum of \$95.00 per day. If food is provided, then this breakdown will be used to determine the difference- breakfast: \$20, lunch: \$30, and dinner: \$45. Original itemized receipts must be submitted; not the debit/credit card receipt. You cannot purchase alcoholic beverages.

Supply coverage will be provided for all single site workplaces. Otherwise, coverage will be on a one to two ratio. For example, if two CUPE Local 1628 members from the same location are attending the same conference, or different conferences on the same date, then only one supply will be provided for that location.

Mileage

Funds will be provided for parking and mileage unless otherwise noted on communications. Please note that mileage is paid from the work location to the destination. **Mileage is reimbursed using the online mileage form also found on the accounting page on My Site.** Mileage is claimed online after you attend the workshop, course/conference. Mileage will be paid for one round trip for courses, conferences, workshops, etc. The approver for mileage is the supervisor at your location and then STPDL funds will reimburse your location. **Please note that if you carpool only the driver claims mileage. Please print off your mileage confirmation email or direct deposit email statement from the Board and send this along with your completed PDRF form, STPDL reimbursement form and receipts to the CUPE 1628 PD Committee. You cannot claim mileage for the Board's PA days, or any event hosted by CUPE Local 1628.**

Once your STPDL claim has been approved and returned to you, you must submit the **original hard copy** of the **complete package** (PDRF & STPDL forms, original receipts, other information, email approvals (if applicable) to CBO Accounting by one of the options below. **Please make a copy for your records.** Send through the internal courier from your school/location to **“Finance Dept – STPDL”** or through the mail to: **Peel District School Board, 5650 Hurontario St, Mississauga, ON L5R 1C6.** If you have access to CBO, mark the envelope **“Finance Dept. - STPDL”** and drop it off in the CRC drop box behind the reception desk in the front lobby. Please make a copy for your records.

It is the intention of the CUPE 1628 Professional Development Committee to review the CUPE 1628 STPDL Guidelines annually and submit to the CUPE 1628 Executive Board before they will be added to our Locals' website. Tina Makwana, Chair PD Committee