



**MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

AND

**MANCELONA SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION/MEA/NEA
BUS DRIVERS**

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RECOGNITION

Section 1

- 1.1 BARGAINING UNIT DEFINED-Board hereby recognizes the Mancelona Support Personnel Association, MEA/NEA, as the exclusive bargaining representative as defined in Section II of Act 379, Public Acts of 1965 for all full-time and regularly employed part-time bus drivers, including the head bus driver, employed by the Mancelona Public Schools, but excluding all supervisors, administrators, teachers, substitutes and all other employees.
- 1.2 All personnel represented by the MESPA/MEA/NEA in the above-defined bargaining unit shall, unless otherwise indicated, hereinafter be referred to as "Bargaining Unit Members," or "employees."

EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

Section 2

2.1 SEVERABILITY

The parties agree that this contract incorporates their full and complete understanding and any prior oral agreements or practices are superseded by the terms of the Agreement. The parties further agree that no such oral understanding or practices will be recognized in the future unless committed to writing and signed by the parties as supplement to this Agreement.

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS & PERIODS

Section 3

3.1 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

A. Mandatory Deductions

1. Withholding tax - Federal, State, Local (if applicable)
2. Social Security
3. Retirement (if authorized under MIP)

B. Voluntary Deductions

1. Applicable medical and supplemental insurance options
2. Mancelona Education Foundation
3. Communities In Schools of Northwest Michigan
4. Tax deferred annuities as offered by:

MRIC Core Providers –
AIG Retirement Service (Valic)
GLP & Associates
Lincoln Investment
MEA Financial Services

Midwest Capital Advisors
Plan Member Services

Authorized Wildcard Investment Providers –
Ameriprise Financial
AXA Equitable
Design Financial Group
Invesco Oppenheimer Funds
Putnam Funds
TBA Educational Credit Union

ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

Section 4

4.1 ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Board agrees to make available to the Association in response to association requests information relating to the financial resource of the district and other information necessary for the preparation of contract proposals, the processing of grievances, or other administrative hearings.

4.2 USE OF FACILITIES

The Association shall have the right to use school facilities for meeting upon proper facility authorization by the building principal when such use will not interfere with previously scheduled activities; and school equipment when not otherwise in use shall be made available for Association use. The Association shall reimburse the district for any excessive use of district supplies.

4.3 MAIL AND COMMUNICATION

The Association shall have the right to use regular inter-district mail services, Internet and e-mail for purposes of communication.

4.4 BULLETIN BOARDS

The Association shall be provided with accessible bulletin boards; one (1) in each building where members work.

4.5 ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Authorized representatives of the Association shall have the right to transact official Association business on school property during off duty time. The Association representative may request authorization from the building principal or immediate supervisor to transact the Association business at other times. Permission is not required for the association president and/or association representatives occasionally to conduct association business of a brief nature (not to exceed five minutes).

4.6 ASSOCIATION LEAVE

At the beginning of each contract year the Association shall be credited with ten (10) days per year to be used by members of the bargaining unit. Use of such Association days shall be at the discretion of the Association. Not more than three (3) members of the bargaining unit may use an Association day on the same date except by mutual agreement of both the Association and the Employer.

The Association agrees to notify the Personnel Office, if possible, a minimum of five (5) work days prior to any such leave.

The cost of the substitute, if one is used, shall be borne by the Association. State law requires the Employer to exclude this time from MPERS contributions, unless the affected employee or the Association reimburses the Employer for the actual cost.

Members of the Association shall be allowed to attend any functions of the Association without pay, but shall accrue benefits as per Section 19.4.

MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

Section 5

5.1 The employer hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing the sole and exclusive right to manage and operate the Facility in any and all of its operations and activities, except as limited by this agreement:

- a. The right to hire, promote, discharge, discipline, layoff, and recall employees and to maintain discipline and efficiency;
- b. The right to determine and implement all matters pertaining to the services to be furnished, including the methods, procedures, means, equipment and machines required to provide such services;
- c. The right to determine the composition and number of facilities and their locations;
- d. The right to establish the numbers of personnel required;
- e. The right to establish or modify job descriptions.

- f. The right to assign work to employees within their classification;
- g. The right to direct and control operations;
- h. The right to discontinue, combine or reorganize any services or any part or all of the operations;
- i. The right to direct the work force;
- j. The right to assign work in a reasonable manner in the interests of efficiency of operations and to determine the number of employees assigned to operations;
- k. The right to study and use improved methods and equipment, machinery, or processes, to change or eliminate existing equipment and institute technological changes, decide on materials, supplies, and equipment to be purchased;
- l. The right to construct new facilities or improve existing facilities;
- m. The right to determine the size of the work force and increase or decrease its size;
- n. The right to schedule hours of work and shifts as per this Agreement and to determine lunch rest periods and clean up times;
- o. The right to establish work schedules;
- p. The right to select employees for promotion or transfer to supervisory or other positions and to determine the qualifications and competency of employees to perform available work; and
- q. The right, in all respects, to carry out the ordinary and customary functions of management except as specifically restricted by the terms of this Agreement.
- r. The right to efficiently manage and conduct the operation of the school district's transportation within its legal limitations and with its primary obligation to provide educational and extra-curricular opportunities for the students of Mancelona Public Schools. Therefore, when unanticipated situations arise, management will make every effort to follow the trip assignment steps outlined in this agreement, but the agreement will not be allowed to interfere with management's right to respond to these

unanticipated situations by assigning, within its sole discretion, drivers to ensure that the District is providing opportunities for and keeping its commitment to our students.

5.2 CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

The superintendent will be responsible for contract interpretation on behalf of the board of education, unless otherwise stated in this agreement.

BARGAINING UNIT MEMBER RIGHTS

Section 6

6.1 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The employer is committed to nondiscrimination in its employment practices as required by law.

6.2 NOTICE OF DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION

The Employer agrees to promptly notify in writing, the employee, his/her Association representative and the Association president of the discharge or suspension. Said written notice shall contain the specific reasons for the discharge or suspension.

The discharged or suspended employee will be allowed to discuss his/her discharge or suspension with his/her Association Representative. The Employer will make available a room for their meeting. Upon written request, the Employer or his/her designated representative will discuss the discharge or suspension with the employee and the Association Representative.

6.3 APPEAL OF DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION

Should a discharged or suspended non-probationary employee and/or the Association Representative consider the discharge or suspension to be improper, it shall be submitted to the grievance procedure.

6.4 USE OF PAST RECORD.

In imposing any discipline or discharge on a current charge, all infractions more than four (4) years old, except for complaints of sexual harassment and/or Title IX complaints, shall be pulled from the file by the Superintendent prior to any investigation unless there has been subsequent discipline, a repeat of a complaint, or must remain in the file by law.

Pursuant to 2005 Public Acts 129-131 and 138, all employees shall self-report to the District and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) when arraigned/charged with certain identified crimes. Within three (3) business days of arraignment, the employee must report the arraignment/charge to the Superintendent, or the employee may be found guilty of an additional crime.

6.5 DISCIPLINE STANDARD

Non-probationary Employees of the bargaining unit shall not be disciplined, discharged or suspended for an arbitrary or capricious reason.

6.6 BUS DRIVER/CDL STAFF DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

Failure of drug and alcohol testing shall follow all that applies in 6.2 through 6.5 above, unless superceded by state law.

6.7 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The Employer will provide, to each bargaining unit member, written information as to his/her rate of pay, sick days, and personal leave days on their individual pay stubs with every pay check.

6.8 PERSONNEL FILES

No material related to employee evaluation originating after initial employment by the Board will be placed in the personnel file unless the employee has had an opportunity to review the material. The employee may submit a written notation regarding any material and the same shall be attached to the file copy of the material in question. If the employee is asked to sign material placed in his/her file, such signature shall be understood to indicate his/her awareness of the material, but in no instance shall said signature be interpreted to mean agreement with the content of the material.

Each employee may review the contents of his/her personnel file within two (2) work days after making such a written request. Confidential materials, pre-employment letters of recommendation and materials received from educational institutions and previous employers may be removed from the personnel file and may not be subject to disclosure to the employee.

- A. Single and exclusive file.

There shall be only one personnel file maintained on an employee and it will be kept in the main business office.

6.9 COMPLAINTS

Any complaint made against an employee by any parent, student or other person, will be promptly called to the attention of the employee. It is understood that signature is only an indication of receipt and shall not be considered an admission of guilt or agreement with the information contained herein.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 7

7.1 DEFINITION

A claim by a bargaining unit member or the Association that there has been a violation, misapplication or misinterpretation of any provisions of this Agreement may be processed as a grievance as hereinafter provided.

- A. The statement of a grievance shall name the employee involved, shall state the facts giving rise to the grievance, including the date of the alleged violation, shall identify by appropriate reference all provisions of the Agreement alleged to be violated, shall state the contention of the employee with respect to these provisions, and shall indicate the specific relief requested. All grievances must be signed by the employee involved or the Association President, or the designee, if it is an Association grievance.
- B. The grievance procedure shall not apply to the extension of the probationary period, or non-renewal, discipline or termination of a probationary employee.

7.2 GRIEVANCE STEPS

A. INFORMAL LEVEL

Any employee or group of employees with a grievance shall within ten (10) work days of its alleged occurrence, or the discovery thereof (if the discovery could not reasonably have been made at the time of occurrence), discuss it with the immediate supervisor. At this and subsequent steps in the grievance procedure, an Association representative may accompany the employee upon request of the employee. The immediate supervisor will render his/her

decision within five (5) work days to the grievant and association representative.

B. STEP I

If the discussion at the informal level above does not resolve the grievance, within five (5) work days following the decision the Association Representative shall submit the grievance in writing to the immediate supervisor who shall render his/her decision in writing to the grievant and association president within five (5) work days of the submission.

C. STEP II

If the grievance remains unresolved within five (5) work days of the written decision in Step I, the Association Representative shall submit a copy of the written grievance to the superintendent, or his/her designated representative, who within five (5) work days of the receipt of the grievance shall meet with the employee and Association Representative in an effort to resolve the matter. Within ten (10) work days of the receipt of the grievance, the Superintendent or his/her designated representative, shall indicate in writing his/her disposition of the grievance to the grievant and Association Representative.

D. STEP III

If the grievance remains unresolved within five (5) work days of the receipt of the written decision in Step II, the Association shall refer it in writing to the Board of Education. The Board shall hold a hearing within thirty (30) calendar days or designate one or more of its members to hold a hearing, or otherwise investigate the grievance or prescribe such other procedure as it may deem appropriate for consideration of the grievance. The Association, and/or its designated representative shall have an opportunity to present its evidence and views at this step. Within ten (10) work days the Board or such representative as it may authorize, shall render a decision of the grievance, and present it in writing to the aggrieved, the Association, the immediate supervisor and the Superintendent. The Board's decision is final and binding on the parties.

7.3 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. The processing of grievances, or any consideration thereof, shall not be conducted during duty hours, except by mutual consent.
- B. To expedite the processing of a grievance, the Board shall permit the affected employee access to the right to inspect and acquire copies of his/her personnel file and any other recorded evaluations which pertain to the employee. A representative of the Association may accompany and assist the employee in this regard.
- C. The time limits established by this grievance procedure shall be strictly construed; provided however, the parties to this Agreement reserve the right to mutually extend or alter said time limits in writing. Any grievance not advanced to the next step of the grievance procedure within the time limits specified shall be deemed abandoned.
- D. In the event the Board's representative fails to respond to a grievance within the time limits specified, said grievance shall be deemed denied and subject to advancement to the next step of the grievance procedure.
- E. In the event a grievance is filed after May 15th of any year and strict adherence to the time limits may result in hardship to any party, the parties shall use their best efforts to process such grievance prior to the end of the school term or as soon thereafter as possible.
- F. Notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement, any claim or grievance arising during the term of this Agreement and timely filed, may be processed as herein provided until resolution.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Section 8

8.1 SCHOOL CLOSING

Employees shall suffer no loss of time whenever school is closed due to inclement weather.

In the event the District is not required to make up such days by the State, employees will receive their regular rate of pay for the day(s). If the District is required to make up the day(s) no pay will be issued for the make-up day(s) to members that were paid for such days at the time of their occurrence. Employees hired after said days shall be paid for the hours worked.

BARGAINING UNIT WORK

Section 9

9.1 MOVEMENT OF WORK

The employer agrees that in any movement of work not covered by this Agreement, to notify the Association in writing of the change and the names of the employees involved. If the union disagrees with the change, they shall notify the employer within five (5) working days. Thereafter, the matter shall become a proper subject for negotiations.

9.2 SUBSTITUTING OUTSIDE OF BARGAINING UNIT

The parties recognize that the work between certified personnel and bargaining unit members overlap. Bargaining unit members will not be replaced by certified personnel on a regular basis.

Members of the bargaining unit will not, on a regular basis, be required to assume the responsibility of employees in a different bargaining unit.

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

Section 10

10.1 UNFORESEEN MATTERS

If any provisions of this agreement or application thereof shall be contrary to law, then such provisions or application shall be deemed not valid, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in force and effect.

In the event any provisions are so invalidated as per above, this agreement shall be reopened for the express purpose of renegotiating such invalidated or unenforceable provisions.

10.2 NEGOTIATIONS RELEASE TIME

Members of the negotiations committee shall not lose wages while in negotiations. Members shall give advanced notification to the Supervisor of such time. However, state law requires that the employee or Association reimburse the District for MPSERS contributions on such wages.

10.3 COPIES OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT

Copies of the Master Agreement will be delivered electronically to all members who have provided either a school or private valid email address to the central office.

11.1 WORK YEAR

- A. Twelve (12) month employees.
- B. School year employees scheduled to work the school year at least one hundred seventy (170) days. This number may be reduced with the permission of the bargaining unit member and his/her immediate supervisor. Beginning and ending dates established by the Mancelona academic calendar.

Changes in the specified work time before and after the academic year can be made by mutual consent of the bargaining unit member(s) and the superintendent for reasons of changes in the workload or financial hardship in the school district.

11.2 WORK WEEK

- A. FULL TIME

An assignment of thirty (30) hours or more per week for at least one hundred and seventy (170) days per year.

Combining classifications does not affect your benefit eligibility.

- B. PART TIME

An assignment of less than thirty (30) hours per week or for less than one hundred and seventy (170) days per year.

11.3 ALTERATION

The specific starting and quitting time for bargaining unit members who generally work an eight (8) hour day will vary with the program or shift to which they are assigned.

11.4 DUTY FREE LUNCH

Lunch is generally part of the eight (8) hour day for evening and afternoon shifts. Day shift shall be allowed thirty (30) minutes off for lunch, not included in their eight (8) hour day.

11.5 BREAKS

Part time employees shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute break for each three (3) hours of scheduled work time. Unpaid duty free lunch shall not be included in the work day of part time employees except by mutual consent of the employee and his/her supervisor. Full time employees shall be allowed fifteen (15) minute breaks during the first half of the shift and fifteen (15) minute breaks during the second half of the shift. The employer shall provide an authorized space for breaks in each building or work area.

11.6 OVERTIME SCHEDULE

A. OVERTIME PAY

Any person, with permission from his/her immediate supervisor, who works in excess of forty (40) hours per week shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half times his/her regular hourly rate for each hour he/she worked overtime hours. An employee called in for overtime shall be guaranteed at least two (2) hours pay at the overtime rate.

B. For purposes of overtime calculations, "hours worked" does not include paid time off (e.g. sick, personal, etc.) vacations or holidays.

11.7 EXTRA DUTY/OVERTIME TIME SHEETS

Time sheets will be used to report extra hours worked per day and will be turned in to the immediate supervisor every two weeks. It will be the responsibility of the bargaining unit member's immediate supervisor to verify the exact number of extra duty/overtime hours during each pay period.

11.8 SUBSTITUTES

A. If deemed necessary, the Board may hire a substitute for the full work day when a bargaining unit member is absent from duty for the full work day. Bargaining unit members will only be asked to perform duties outside their classification if after a diligent effort to obtain a substitute has met with negative results. A substitute list will be provided to each building secretary and be made available to classification representatives upon request.

B. Any employee substituting for another employee in the same job classification shall be paid on his/her own salary step unless otherwise stated in this agreement.

11.9 INSERVICE

A. ADMINISTRATIVELY REQUESTED

When an employee is sent by the administration to job-related training programs or courses, the costs of tuition, books, and supplies related to such training will be paid by the district. Employees will receive regular hourly pay if such attendance is during the employee's regular working hours. Employees shall be compensated at the employee's regular wage for any hours in attendance that is in excess of the normal work schedule.

For out-of-town conferences, courses or workshops which the employee must attend at the direction of the administration, the district will pay all the employees' expenses, including regular hourly pay, pursuant to attendance.

B. MEMBER REQUESTED

Conferences, courses or workshops requested by the bargaining unit member and approved by the administration will be reimbursed.

C. PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES

Payments for expenses incurred by the District pursuant to this section will be subject to itemization (i.e. receipts) and subject to per diem reimbursement rates as established by the District if not covered in this contract.

GENERAL WORKING CONDITIONS Section 12

12.1 UNIFORMS

- A. Bus drivers and bus driver assistants shall be supplied no less than once every three (3) years (not to exceed \$75.00) one fall-spring jacket. The jackets shall include the Mancelona Public School's logo on the upper left chest area and identification as a member of the Employer's transportation department.

12.2 PHYSICAL EXAMS

The employer agrees to reimburse bargaining unit members for work required medical tests and examinations which are not covered by that member's insurance.

12.3 TIME CLOCKS

- A. Bargaining unit members will be paid the agreed upon number of hours for the position unless additional hours are required on a day-by-day basis.
- B. Bargaining unit members will be required to fill out a timesheet daily.

12.4 SUPERVISION

Each bargaining unit member shall be notified annually, in writing, as to who their immediate supervisor is. If their immediate supervisor changes, then each affected bargaining unit member will be notified immediately of the name of his/her new immediate supervisor.

12.5 ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

In accordance with state law and school board policy/guidelines #5330, the following procedures shall be followed: in order to dispense medication to a student, an employee must be designated by the school administrator. Medication, whether prescription or otherwise, shall be administered by the designated employee in the presence of a second adult except in the case of an emergency that threatens the life or health of the student.

Prior to dispensing any medication, written authorization signed by a licensed physician and the student's parent/guardian shall be received by the district and furnished to the designated employee. Training, if necessary, will be provided for the non-health service personnel who are responsible for dispensing of medication.

12.6 MILEAGE

Employees using their personal vehicle at the request of the District shall be compensated at the rate of \$.40 per mile.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Section 13

13.1 WORK OUTSIDE NORMAL SCHEDULE

Drivers required to work more than 40 hours per week, shall be compensated at time and a half for those additional hours.

13.2 TRANSPORTATION

A. RUNS

1. MORNING PICK-UP AND AFTERNOON TAKE HOME

Regular morning pick-up and afternoon take home runs for the same routes will be combined for posting purposes.

Regular morning pick-up and afternoon take home runs will be granted a minimum of two hours credit each.

2. NORTHWEST EDUCATION SERVICES CAREER TECH

Northwest Education Services Career Tech Bus Run shall be compensated as a regular run (hourly rate) at a minimum of 4.5 hours, plus ten (10) cents a mile. Drivers and assistants shall suffer no loss of wages due to inclement weather providing the route has already been started and for the safety of the students cancels and the district approves the canceling of the remainder of the run and returns to the school district.

3. BUS RUN ELIMINATION

Bus drivers who have their run eliminated shall have the right to elect to bump the next least senior or below and take that run. Drivers bumped under this section shall also be allowed to bump.

4. EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM RUN

Early Childhood Program bus runs will be compensated for not less than 2 hours or the actual hours worked – whichever is greater.

B. EXTRA TRIPS

1. TRIP DISTRIBUTION

- a. Extra trip distributions shall be assigned by seniority rotating through the list. Each driver will have the choice to choose which trip they would like to take when it is their turn on the seniority list. Extra trips will be posted at

least three (3) days in advance, when possible, in the bus garage on the bulletin board. An up-to-date listing showing rotation will be maintained and posted after each trip on the appropriate bulletin board. The trips will be assigned once per week during the meeting that takes place the last scheduled workday of the week, unless an alternate date is agreed upon. At the beginning of each school year, a new seniority list will begin with the most senior driver and so on down the list. Any driver added to an already active list will be added to the least seniority position. Distribution of summer extra trips shall be rotated by seniority. The substitution for summer special education buses/vans will be filled in accordance with section 13.2.I.

- b. Distribution of extra trips shall be upon notice of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. In the event a trip should materialize under the minimum time limits, the driver receiving the assignment shall have the right to refuse, without losing their place in rotation. In the event the extra trip is cancelled with less than one hour's notice, the driver shall be compensated by receiving three (3) hours pay. The driver who is cancelled cannot bump another driver who is already scheduled for a trip. A driver will consider himself/herself scheduled when notified of the said extra trip. Any driver who agrees to an extra trip and then cancels shall lose their place in rotation. If no regular driver is available, substitutes may be used.

c. **AVAILABILITY**

All regular drivers must indicate their availability for extra trips when asked by the trip coordinator/administrative liaison at the beginning of the school year. Likewise, any driver interested in summer trips must indicate his/her availability in the same manner at the end of the school year. If their availability changes, the driver must first notify the trip coordinator/administrative liaison, then in writing notify the driver's immediate supervisor.

2. OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

Out of town trips will be paid at the driver's regular hourly rate of pay. There will be a minimum of three hours per trip. The Employer agrees to pay for all meals and lodging for overnight trips calling for the same as per 13.2.B.4. Drivers who have regular runs during the school days such as vocational ed, or kindergarten may refuse such trips and such trips shall not be charged against them. They will retain their position in the extra trip order. Any driver of summer trips (not regularly scheduled summer runs) will be paid at the regular extra trip rate. Any buses which carry more than 12 pre-kindergarten children shall include a school-approved, trained person in addition to the driver, in accordance with state laws and regulations, to the bus with legal transportation equipment.

3. CHAPERONES

Buses on trips shall have teachers or an adult chaperone traveling with the students. Teachers, chaperones, and athletic coaches are responsible for conduct of students while they are on the bus. The supervising adult(s) will support and assist drivers in maintaining order and discipline on the bus. Any unsafe or hazardous conduct reported by the driver to the supervising adult(s) shall be corrected as soon as possible.

4. MEAL REIMBURSEMENT

Bus Drivers will be reimbursed for meals while on overnight trips up to the following scheduled amounts. Receipts for meals must be turned in to payroll before meals will be reimbursed.

Breakfast - \$8.00; Lunch - \$10.00; Dinner - \$16.00

To be eligible for breakfast, the extra run must leave prior to 7:00 a.m. or be in conjunction with an a.m. run. To be eligible for lunch, the extra run must return after 1:00 p.m. or be in conjunction with a noon run; to be eligible for dinner, the extra run must return after 6:00 p.m. or be in conjunction with a p.m. run. These times shall not be held to be all-inclusive if, on the extra trip, the person in charge of the trip requests the driver to stop the bus for a

meal for the passengers on the bus at times other than those stated above.

C. DISTRICT TRIP COORDINATOR

The district trip coordinator/administrative liaison person will be compensated for an additional two (2) hours per work day over and above the regularly-scheduled work day.

D. BREAKDOWN

In the event a bus breaks down or is stuck the members of the bargaining unit involved to resolve the problem, shall be paid his/her regular rate of pay or overtime pay.

E. SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

All school sponsored activities which require the use of school-owned or leased vehicles where a bargaining unit member was required to drive such vehicle shall be driven by association members within the transportation classification (except as noted below).

When any event requires travel/transportation of six students or less, the school van should or may be used whenever possible, and sponsoring adult may drive such van (mini-van) as long as he/she is properly licensed and insured to do such.

In the event that an extra trip cannot be covered on a voluntary basis (i.e., first offering the trip to all member staff and then substitute drivers), the least senior employee on the seniority list will be required to take the extra trip in question. This obligation shall be covered on a rotating basis (e.g., first instance would be covered by the most junior driver, second instance by the second most junior driver etc.).

Exception: an individual that is on approved leave (other than a regularly scheduled day off) shall not be required to make the run, but shall be required to take the next such run.

F. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Scheduling for bus driver disciplinary ticket meetings shall require at least twenty-four (24) hour prior notice to the bus driver involved.

G. BUS ASSIGNMENTS

Any new buses will be assigned to runs where most needed, as determined by the Employer. The driver already assigned to that route receiving the new bus will be the driver of the new bus, regardless of seniority.

H. LICENSING

The employer shall reimburse the full cost of the bus drivers' chauffeur licenses and certification fee required under the Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act Rules and Regulations. For new hires reimbursement shall be spread over a two-year period in two (2) equal payments. Payments for reimbursement will be made not later than June 15, of each year. Should an employee quit or be discharged prior to receiving full payment as reimbursement, the payment will be pro-rated for the period of time served as an employee. A schedule of license/certification fee reimbursements due employees shall be available at the business office for employee informational purposes.

I. SUBSTITUTING

Substituting for the Northwest Education Services Career Tech Bus/Van shall be filled by the most senior person available for and desiring to fill the position provided the head bus driver is given advance notice of the need for a substitute.

J. CUSTODIAL WORK

Bus drivers shall not be required to do custodial work in the bus garage as part of their regular duty. Drivers agree to sweep their bus daily and wash as needed with a minimum of once a month.

SENIORITY

Section 14

14.1 DEFINITION

Seniority shall be defined as an employee's length of continuous service with the Employer since his/her last hiring date. "Last hiring date" shall mean the employee's Board hire date. No time shall be deducted from an employee's seniority due to absences occasioned by authorized leaves of absence, sick or accident leaves, or periods when school is not in session. Seniority status at the time of layoff shall be maintained.

Seniority shall not be affected by the age, race, sex, marital status, or dependents of the employee.

14.2 NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROBATIONARY PERIOD

All new employees shall be probationary employees until they have completed ninety (90) work days for the Employer. The purpose of the probationary period is to give the Employer an adequate opportunity to observe the performance of the new employee and thus determine whether such employee has the ability and other attributes which will qualify him/her for regular employee status.

During the probationary period, the employee shall have no seniority status and may be laid off or terminated at the sole discretion of the Employer, the exception being Association activity.

New employees will be able to take extra trips within 30 miles of MPS upon Board hire. After 30 days, the head bus driver and/or superintendent will ride along with the driver to provide feedback and driving recommendations. After this point, the driver will be allowed to take trips up to 60 miles from MPS. Prior to the completion of 60 work days, another supervised drive will occur and additional feedback will be provided. Before completion of the 90-day probation, drivers must have completed the Beginning Bus Driver Class provided by the Northwest Michigan Transportation Consortium. When the driver is determined to meet all driver expectations, he/she will have no restrictions regarding extra trips.

Upon completing the probationary period, the employee's name shall appear on the seniority list as of his/her Board hire date.

If the probationary period in the same classification cannot be completed in one school year, it may be carried over to the next school year. This, however, would not apply where the employee changed classifications between school years (i.e. assistant to bus driver classifications).

14.3 DATE OF HIRE

The date of hire shall be defined as the date the employee was hired by the Board of Education. If the employee starts before official Board approval, and the Board ultimately approves the hire, the date of hire will remain as the date the employee was hired by the Board of Education.

14.4 SENIORITY LIST

The seniority list will show the names and Board hire dates.

The employer will provide the Association President with an up-to-date seniority list, one for each building, by September 30, of each year. However, the Association may request an up-dated list more often as the need arises

Each employee will have the right to challenge the accuracy of the seniority reported for him/her for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after posting. If the accuracy of the list is not challenged within the time limit above, it shall be conclusively presumed to be correct. Adjustments will then only be made in the event of assuring proper seniority for layoff.

14.5 LOSS OF SENIORITY

An employee shall lose his/her seniority for the following reasons:

- A. He/she quits.
- B. He/she is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the procedure set forth in this Agreement.
- C. He/she is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer. In extenuating circumstances, exceptions shall be made. After such absences, the Employer will send written notification to the employee at his/her last known address that he/she has lost his/her seniority, and his/her employment has been terminated.
- D. If he/she does not return to work when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall procedure. In extenuating circumstances, exceptions will be made.
- E. If he/she does not return from sick leave and leaves of absence it will be treated the same as "C" above.
- F. RESIGNATION

All bargaining unit members shall give at least seven (7) calendar days written notice of resignation to his or her immediate supervisor with a copy of said written resignation to the Superintendent.

The seven (7) calendar day restriction may be waived with the permission of the immediate supervisor for good cause

or an emergency situation.

14.6 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

In the circumstance of more than one individual beginning employment on the same date, all individuals so affected will participate in a drawing to determine their position on the seniority list.

Seniority shall be continuous service and shall accrue to an employee only during a period of active service. When more than one (1) employee transfers from one classification to another on the same date, the date of hire shall be used to determine their order of seniority relative to each other in the new classification.

VACANCY, ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

Section 15

15.1 Management shall have the right to fill vacancies and transfer employees within the bargaining unit according to the terms of 15.6 and 15.9.

15.2 VACANCY DEFINED

A vacancy shall be defined as a position previously held by a bargaining unit member or a newly-created bargaining unit position.

15.3 TEMPORARY POSITION

Bargaining unit positions which are expected to exist not longer than sixty (60) work days shall be considered as temporary.

- A. Temporary positions need not be posted nor does the person filling the position become a member of the bargaining unit.
- B. If, however, the position is either expected to exist longer than sixty (60) work days, or, in fact, does exist longer than sixty (60) work days, it shall be posted as a vacancy according to subsequent sections of Section 15 except for medical or FMLA leaves that are known to exist for less than one school year. In special circumstances, if a student is still being evaluated by the Intermediate School District or an outside agency after 60 days and it has not been determined whether the student will continue, the 60 days will be extended not to exceed 80 days.
- C. If a temporary position is made permanent, the days spent working in that temporary position will count as days in the employee's probationary period.

- D. Seniority is not accrued in a temporary position.

15.4 VACANCY POSTING

Management agrees to post known vacancies as soon as possible, but in no event shall the period of time be more than ten (10) days after the date the vacancy occurs. Such postings shall be placed on all Association bulletin boards, with a copy to the association president, and include the following information:

- A. Classification title
- B. Location of work
- C. Hours to be worked
- D. Deadline for application to be filed and to whom.
- E. Location of job description for the posting

All vacancies shall remain posted for at least five (5) working days if during the school year or ten (10) calendar days if during the time when school is not in session before permanently filling the position.

15.5 VACANCY POSITION

Any bargaining unit member who desires to apply for another bargaining unit position which may become open during the summer shall make such interest known, in writing, prior to the summer recess period. The employer shall send a copy of the posting to the above-stated employee on the day of the posting if the posted position is within the previous request of the employee.

Interested qualified applicants shall apply in writing to the Superintendent for the position during the posting period as indicated on the posting. An applicant is qualified if he/she meet the qualifications identified in the job description or posting.

15.6 AWARD OF VACANCIES

Except for the Head Bus Driver/District Trip Coordinator classification, vacancies shall be filled in using the following steps in order.

- A. The most senior and qualified applicants within the same classification.
- B. The most senior and qualified applicants within the same classification on lay-off status.
- C. The most senior and qualified applicants from other classifications.

- D. The most senior and qualified applicants from other classifications on lay-off status.
- E. Outside applicants

For subsections A through D, qualifications are the minimum qualifications identified in the job description or posting.

- F. For a vacancy in the Head Bus Driver/District Trip Coordinator classification, the District has the discretion to fill this position without regard to seniority based on the most qualified candidate as determined by the District.

15.7 SELECTION

After the expiration of a posting, the employer will make known its decision within ten (10) working days after interviews are completed.

15.8 TRIAL PERIOD

The senior employee within the classification applying for the position shall be granted a trial period of thirty (30) work days.

Employees placed in a new classification shall have a trial period of thirty (30) actual days worked. The thirty (30) days worked may be extended for approved absences of the employee during that period by the number of absences. Employees who do not successfully complete the trial period or would like to leave the position shall return to their former position or if it no longer exists, if qualified, to a comparable position based on seniority within the classification and building/work area vacated. During the trial period the employee shall receive the pay rate of the job he/she is performing.

15.9 TRANSFER DEFINED

- A. The right of determination of employee transfer is vested with the board or its designated representatives. The parties recognized that transfers may be necessary. When the board transfers an employee, it shall in the case of a voluntary transfer, transfer the most senior classification applicant and in the case of an involuntary transfer, transfer the least senior affected classification member. Any proposed transfer shall be discussed with the employee affected prior to the consummation of the transfer. If an employee is to be involuntarily transferred he/she will have the right, upon written request, to a

hearing with the superintendent.

- B. If an employee transfers to a position under the employer not included in the bargaining unit, and there after, within three (3) months, transfers back to a position within the bargaining unit, he/she shall have accumulated seniority while working in the position to which he/she transferred. Employees transferring under the above circumstances shall retain all rights accrued for the purpose of any benefit provided by this agreement.
- C. If and when operations or divisions or fractions thereof are transferred from one location to another for a period of more than ten (10) working days, employees affected will be given the opportunity to transfer on the basis of seniority, desire and classification. Location exchange will be allowed in such cases.

LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section 16

16.1 LAYOFF DEFINED

The word "layoff" means a reduction in the work force due to a decrease of work, or lack of funds.

16.2 LAYOFF NOTICE

Employees to be laid off will receive at least ten (10) work days advance notice in writing during the school year and no later than ten (10) days prior to the first day of school during the summer of the layoff.

16.3 LAYOFF PROCEDURE

In the event it becomes necessary for a layoff, the Employer will meet with the proper Association Representatives and President at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff. At such meeting the Employer shall submit a list of the number of employees scheduled for layoff, their names, seniority, job titles, work locations and classification. The Association will be given the opportunity to discuss the effects such a reduction will have on the work environment.

When a layoff takes place, employees not entered on the seniority list shall be laid off first. Thereafter, employees having seniority shall be laid off in the inverse order of their classification seniority, i.e., the least senior employee on the seniority list being laid off first provided the more senior employee is qualified to perform the duties of the remaining positions as identified in the job description. An employee is qualified if he/she meets the

qualifications identified in the job description. An employee who is laid off shall remain on the seniority list for up to two (2) years or their length of service to the district, whichever is less.

The Association President shall head the seniority list of the unit, during their term of office for the purpose of layoff.

16.4 RECALL

When the working force is increased after a layoff, employees will be recalled according to seniority, with the most senior employee within the classification on layoff being recalled first provided the recalled employee is qualified as identified in the job description. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his last known address by registered or certified mail. If an employee fails to report for work within five (5) days upon receipt of notice of recall, he/she shall be considered a quit. The five (5) day period may be waived by mutual agreement between the Association President and the Superintendent. The President will be notified of and provided a list of those employees to be recalled.

16.5 OVERTIME DURING LAYOFF

During layoff there shall be no regularly scheduled overtime.

SICK LEAVE

Section 17

17.1 SICK LEAVE

Bargaining unit members shall earn one (1) day per month for every month or portion of a month they are employed to use as paid sick leave. A regularly scheduled day shall mean the number of hours the employee regularly works in a day. Sick leave shall cease to accumulate during such periods of time when an employee is on an unpaid leave of absence or laid off. (Note: It is being understood that school-term employees shall earn ten (10) sick leave days per year). Notification for pre-scheduled sick time (doctor, dentist appointments etc.) must be made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance (except in emergency) with the employee's designated supervisor. As a reminder, reasonable attempts should be made by the employee to schedule routine appointments outside of the employee's regularly scheduled work day.

17.2 SICK LEAVE ACCUMULATION

Sick leave days shall carry over from year-to-year, with a maximum carry over of one hundred and eight (180) days.

17.3 SICK LEAVE ACCUMULATED USAGE

Accumulated sick leave may be taken and an employee compensated for these days for any illness or accident which involves an employee which prevents him/her from performing work normally and safely, or for doctor, dentist or other medical appointments, or for any other reason as permitted under the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act. Sick days will be used in ½ or full day increments.

An employee may use up to ten (10) sick leave days per year to care for a member of the immediate family. The immediate family is defined as spouse, biological or step-parent, brother, sister, child, step-child, grandchild, grandparent, current in-law, any other person living with and making his/her home in the employee's household, or any other individual that may be considered a family member under the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act. These days may be increased at the discretion of the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis.

17.4 EMPLOYMENT RELATED INJURY

Any person who is compensated under Workers Compensation shall not be required to have personal sick leave deducted for days which are Workers' Compensation compensable.

Each employee will be covered by Workers' Compensation as provided by applicable laws.

Any employee who is absent due to injury or illness compensable under Worker's Compensation, but for a shorter period of time than Worker's Compensation takes effect, shall continued to receive pay from the District without reduction of personal sick leave accumulation.

17.5 PAID DAYS OFF DONATION

In the event of a serious disability of a bargaining unit member, other bargaining unit members may donate from their paid days off to the disabled bargaining unit member not more than three (3) paid days off. At the request or permission of the affected employee, the association members and Central Office shall be notified by the Union when an Employee is in need of paid time off. No individual Employee solicitation is allowed. There shall be a time limit of 10 (ten) school days from the date the Union notifies Employees to advise the Payroll Department of such donation.

17.6 INCENTIVE DAYS

Employees will receive the following incentive for unused paid leave days off during each year (September 1 – August 31). This incentive will be paid with the last payroll of the academic year.

0 days used	\$200
1 day used	\$150
2 days used	\$100

PAID LEAVE

Section 18

18.1 PAID LEAVE DAYS

Regular, reliable and punctual attendance is an essential function of every assignment. When the District has reason to suspect abuse of paid days off (such as a recurring pattern of absences or frequent intermittent absences), the District may require a statement of reasons for such absences, which may include verification of the need for such absence. If an employee utilizes three consecutive days of sick leave pursuant to the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act, the District may require documentation that the time used was for a purpose consistent with the Earned Sick Time Act. Misuse of paid leave or intentional falsification of the reasons for using paid leave shall be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

Employees may be granted two (2) days to be used as paid leave days each year, without loss of pay. Unused paid leave days are converted to sick leave and are added to sick leave accumulation each year.

Arrangements for paid leave days must be made twenty-four (24) hours in advance (except in emergency) with the employee's designated supervisor, approved by the Superintendent and a substitute is available.

No paid leave days shall be taken on a work day immediately before or after a holiday or vacation period, except in emergencies and on an individual basis and at the sole discretion of the employer through the Superintendent. Reasonable attempts should be made by the employee to schedule routine appointments outside of the employee's regularly scheduled work day.

Employer reserves the right to restrict the number of days to be used consecutively and the total number of employees on paid days off at one time.

18.2 BEREAVEMENT

Employees shall be allowed up to four (4) work days (bereavement) without loss of salary as funeral leave per death in the immediate family.

Death in the immediate family is defined as spouse, regular or step-parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, grandparent, current in-law, or any other person living with and making his/her home in the employee's household.

Absence for death in the immediate family, within the limits as outlined in this section, shall not be deducted from the employee's accumulated sick leave or paid days off. A record of absence form must be completed upon return from the leave.

A. ADDITIONAL DAYS

If additional days are required beyond those stipulated in 18.2 bereavement above, the employee, with the prior approval from his/her immediate supervisor, may be allowed to use a portion of his/her accumulated sick leave or vacation days as approved by his/her immediate supervisor. If necessary, the employer may request a physician's recommendation to support an employee's request for additional days which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved at the discretion of the employer.

Any employee selected to be a pall bearer for a deceased employee will be allowed up to one (1) funeral leave day with pay for the exclusive purpose of attending the funeral.

The Association President or his/her designee shall be allowed up to one (1) day funeral leave to attend the funeral of any member of the bargaining unit.

B. OTHER THAN IMMEDIATE FAMILY

An employee shall be allowed one (1) bereavement day for the death of an individual not included in the immediate family. Additional days, when approval is granted, will be deducted from the employee's paid days off.

18.3 JURY DUTY

An employee who serves on jury duty or is subpoenaed as a witness will be paid the difference between jury duty pay (excluding mileage and expenses) and his/her regular pay. Should jury duty pay be greater than the employee's regular pay

including FICA and retirement, the employee will be allowed to keep the difference as compensation for his/her service.

The employee is excused from work only during the time required to serve as a juror or as a subpoenaed witness.

Employees who will be serving as a juror or subpoenaed as a witness are required to provide appropriate advance notification to the Employer.

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 19

19.1 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence of up to one (1) year without pay may be granted by the Employer. Such leave may be extended by the Board. All requests for a leave of absence shall be in writing stating the reason for the requested leave and the expected duration.

Employees on an approved leave of absence other than personal or immediate family illness shall not earn additional sick leave, paid leave, seniority, or other benefits, but, upon return from leave shall be entitled to those benefits earned prior to the leave, except as may otherwise be limited in this section of the contract. If an employee is on an approved leave of absence for personal or immediate family illness, they can maintain their existing benefit package but will be responsible for all premiums due after their FMLA has exhausted.

19.2 RETURN FROM LEAVE

An employee on an approved leave of absence shall notify the school district of his/her intent to return to employment at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the approved leave.

Employees on an approved leave of absence except as stated in 19.3, in excess of one-half (1/2) of their regularly scheduled work year shall be returned to the same salary schedule step and classification with equal hours upon return from leave as they had prior to said leave and shall continue on that step in the ensuing year.

19.3 MEDICAL LEAVE

When applying for an unpaid leave of absence for illness leave for self or immediate family, the employee shall be returned to the same position held prior to the requested leave. For leaves other than above, the Employer will notify the employee if the leave will be granted with right of return to the same position. If the right of

return to the same position will not be granted, the employee will be given five (5) days to withdraw the request prior to official action or to ask that the request be granted with the right of return to a position.

An employee, who is granted a leave of absence due to disability for medical reasons for self or immediate family (as certified by a licensed physician) under this section of the contract, will be granted the right of return to the same position held prior to such leave such cases the Employer may assign a substitute employee or temporary employee to the position being held open for the individual on a leave of absence due to medical disability.

The Employer may require the employee to submit a physician's statement verifying the medical necessity for the leave, setting forth the specific disability or illness and the expected length of absence, and may thereafter periodically request recertification of the need for leave.

19.4 CHILD CARE LEAVE

Child care leaves of absence of up to one (1) year shall be granted, for the purpose of providing child care or for preparing for a new born or an adopted child.

Child care leave shall be granted without salary or other economic benefits except as provided under the family medical leave act. An employee on an approved child care leave of absence in excess of one-half (1/2) of their regularly scheduled work year shall be returned to the same salary schedule step upon return from leave as they were on prior to said leave and shall continue on that step in the ensuing year. An employee on a child care leave of less than five (5) months shall continue to earn normal salary step credit.

When both parents are employed by the school district, not more than one (1) parent will be eligible for child care leave concurrently except leave for both parents may be granted at the sole discretion of the Employer in emergency illness/injury situations.

A. APPLICATION

Written application for such leave shall be submitted to the Superintendent or his/her designee no later than thirty (30) days (if possible) prior to the effective date of the commencement of the leave.

Child care leave may be requested to begin up to thirty

(30) days prior to the date of birth or adoption of the child and shall terminate not later than one (1) calendar year from the date the leave commences.

At the written request of the employee, and when submitted no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the first child care leave, and at the discretion of the Employer, child care leave may be extended up to one (1) year after the expiration of the original child care leave.

B. EXTENSION OF LEAVE

At the end of any child care leave extension beyond one (1) year, the bargaining unit employee may apply for a vacancy in the same or similar classification, or for any vacancy for which he/she is qualified.

C. RETENTION OF BENEFITS

Employees on approved child care leave will retain sick leave, and vacation benefits earned prior to the leave, but shall not earn additional leave time while on the approved leave.

An employee on approved child care leave is entitled only to the benefits listed in this section and as provided in the Family Medical Leave Act.

19.5 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

It is understood that any bargaining unit member eligible for leave under the guidelines of the Family Medical Leave Act (hereinafter known as FMLA) may exercise those rights upon application to the employer.

All other medical and/or disability leaves shall run concurrently with any family and medical leave usage. The employee will be required to exhaust accrued paid sick leave (with exception of 5 days) and personal leave during any medical and/or FMLA leave.

HOLIDAY PROVISIONS

Section 20

20.1 HOLIDAYS AND ELIGIBILITY

The following days are designated as paid holidays for all bargaining unit members who meet the following requirements: an employee must work the entire last scheduled work day preceding and following the holiday in order to receive the holiday

pay. This provision shall not apply to those individuals on approved sick leave.

Unused floating holiday will be added to sick leave accumulation each year.

- A. Floating holiday
- B. Thanksgiving
- C. Day after Thanksgiving
- D. Christmas Eve Day
- E. Christmas Day
- F. New Year's Eve Day
- G. New Year's Day
- H. Good Friday
- I. Memorial Day

If Good Friday is a day of student instruction, then each bargaining unit member shall receive his/her regular holiday pay and pay for hours worked that day.

Holiday pay for Labor Day only applies to full-time employees or an employee who is assigned to return to work prior to Labor Day. Should a holiday fall on Saturday, Friday shall be considered as the holiday and Thursday as the eve day. Should the holiday fall on Sunday, Monday shall be considered the holiday and Friday shall be considered as the eve day. The floating holiday will not be used one week prior to or after a recess or the last week of the semester.

20.2 RATE OF PAY

Employees will be paid their current rate based upon their regular scheduled work day for said holiday.

Any person who is assigned to work on a legal holiday in which school is not in session shall be compensated at a rate of two (2) times his/her regular hourly rate. If the assignment is under four (4) hours, the employee shall be paid four (4) hours minimum pay.

EVALUATION

Section 21

21.1 EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Each bargaining unit member will be evaluated at least once annually by his/her immediate supervisor on or before May 1 of each school year.

Those bargaining unit members who have been employed for at least three or more years, and who have been rated at least

Effective on their most recent annual evaluation, may be evaluated a minimum of once every three (3) years thereafter.

Each evaluation shall contain areas of strengths and areas of deficiencies. Any noted deficiencies shall contain a program for recommended changes.

A pre-evaluation conference will be held.

21.2 PROBATIONARY EVALUATIONS

At the end of each thirty (30) day period the new employee will be evaluated by his/her immediate supervisor. Areas of strength will be designated and areas of deficiency defined, with correlating recommendations for change. Each evaluation must be read and signed by the employee acknowledging having read the evaluation. Prior to the end of the probationary period, if performance does not signify ability to perform job duties, the employee may be terminated. A copy of such evaluation will be placed in the personnel file.

21.3 WRITTEN EVALUATIONS

All evaluations shall be in writing and reviewed together by the bargaining unit member and the supervisor within ten (10) days of the evaluation. Each evaluation shall be signed by both the evaluatee and the evaluator. A signature by the evaluatee does not necessarily mean the evaluatee agrees with the content of the evaluation. A signature only guarantees that the evaluatee has read the document.

A copy of the evaluation will be placed in the personnel file and also given to the employee. If the bargaining unit member disagrees with the evaluation, he/she may attach a written rebuttal to be placed with the evaluation.

Any material or statements which are not verified as accurate will be removed from the final evaluation document.

21.4 JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Job descriptions are available and copies will be provided upon request.

COMPENSATION

Section 22

22.1 SALARY SCHEDULE

A. BUS DRIVER

YEAR	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	21.00	22.00
4	22.00	23.00
6	23.00	24.00

Years over 12/additional 3%

Years over 17/additional 4%

Years over 22/additional 3%

B. HEAD BUS DRIVER-DISTRICT TRIP COORDINATOR/ ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON- CERTIFIED BUS MECHANIC

YEAR	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	26.00	27.00
4	27.00	28.00
6	28.00	29.00

Years over 12/additional 3%

Years over 17/additional 4%

Years over 22/additional 3%

C. BUS MECHANIC - UNCERTIFIED

YEAR	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	24.00	25.00
4	25.00	26.00
6	26.00	27.00

Years over 12/additional 3%

Years over 17/additional 4%

Years over 22/additional 3%

22.2 LONGEVITY

Longevity will be three percent (3%) of the annual wage after twelve (12) academic years of service, an additional four percent (4%) after seventeen (17) academic years of service, and an additional three percent (3%) after twenty-two (22) academic years of service. This percentage will be calculated and added to the employee's hourly rate of pay. This provision will be effective upon ratification.

22.3 STEP ADVANCEMENT

Step advancement and longevity payments will begin at the start of the contract year.

22.4 PAY NOT RECEIVED

All pay due bargaining unit members during the current pay period, not received, shall be paid to the employee before the next pay date, by separate check. If due to an Employee error, a separate check will not be issued.

22.5 CHANGES IN PAYROLL

In the event there are questions and/or changes concerning payroll, the employee and association shall be notified before changes are made and a solution to the problem will be worked out with the member involved. The superintendent shall give final approval on the change and suggested resolution.

22.6 RETIREMENT

Any employee who qualifies for retirement under the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System shall within thirty (30) calendar days of his/her retirement receive a separate payment of a non-elective employer contribution (following his/her retirement) to a 403b (7) annuity or 457 account in the amount of \$30 for each accumulated sick day up to a maximum of 2,250.00. In the event of death of an employee prior to retirement, the employee's estate shall be paid double the above amount.

INSURANCE PROTECTION

Section 23

As new MESSA health care products and plans become available to the employees, the Association shall maintain the right to make adjustments to their plan options throughout the duration of this agreement.

23.1 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND BUS DRIVERS

Effective as of September 1, 2017, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums for the designated medical benefit plan for drivers who work 6 or more hours, but not to exceed the following monthly amounts:

Effective July 1, 2025:

\$7,718.26 per year – single
\$16,141.28 per year – 2 person
\$21,049.85 per year – family

Effective January 1, 2026:

\$7,942.09 per year – single

\$16,609.38 per year – 2 person

\$21,660.30 per year – family

The open enrollment period shall be jointly established by the Board, the Association and the insurance company representative, including opportunities for summer pre-enrollment and fall open enrollment.

Payroll deductions reflecting the above monthly limitations on Board contributions shall begin with the second payroll in September and continue, until the final payroll in June of each contract year.

When necessary, premiums on behalf of the employee shall be made retroactively or prospectively to assure uninterrupted participation and coverage. In instances where cost of coverage exceeds the amounts specified above, the Board shall make provision for the excess to be payroll deductible.

The HSA deductible will be funded monthly into an approved HSA bank account. Any amounts over the cap will be withheld each pay to reimburse the district.

The Board will be responsible for providing insurance information including applications, claim materials, and enrollment meetings for the above mentioned programs.

Effective January 1 of each year, the Board's monthly contribution will be increased by the change in the medical care component of the United States consumer price index for the most recent twelve month period for which data are available from the United States Department of Labor. Employees will pay, pursuant to an IRS section 125 payroll deduction plan, the difference between the Board's contribution and the actual cost of the premiums for the medical benefit plan selected corresponding to their coverage category. Employees electing ABC Plan 1 may make contributions to their HSA account via Section 125 plan payroll deductions.

Plan A - For employees electing health insurance

Health: ABC 1 HSA

At no time shall the current contract language supersede federal regulations governing Health Savings Accounts.

In the event the district receives notice of any changes in plan benefits not required by law or applicable regulations, it will promptly notify the Association and meet to negotiate the impact of such changes.

Long Term Disability: 70% - \$2,500 month max.
90 calendar days - modified fill
Pre-existing condition waiver – Yes
Freeze on Offsets – Yes
Maternity Coverage - Yes

Negotiated Life: \$10,000 with AD&D

Vision: VSP-3G

Dental: Delta Dental: 75/50/50 with sealants - no
orthodontics
(Class I and II at \$1,500 yearly max)

Plan B - For employees not electing health insurance

Negotiated Life: \$15,000 with AD&D

Negotiated Long Term Disability: 70% - Same as above

Vision: VSP-3G

Delta Dental: 75/60/75 \$1,200 with sealants and orthodontic
(class I and II at \$1,500 yearly max)

Employees not electing health insurance will receive Plan B at no cost to the bargaining unit member plus a cash option in the amount of \$300 per month. The employer shall formally adopt a "cash option" qualified plan which complies with Section 125 of the I.R.C. In the event the cash option is elected as cash then all applicable income taxes will be withheld and paid. In the event the employee chooses to avoid all taxes, except F.I.C.A., and not elect cash the employee shall execute a "salary reduction agreement" and route the subsidy into the tax deferred annuity as bargained to approved vendors listed in Section 3.1 B.

There shall be no cash in-lieu payments while on an unpaid FMLA leave.

23.2 PART TIME EMPLOYEES AND BUS DRIVERS

At the start of each contract year, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums for the designated medical benefit plan for

drivers working less than 6 hours and at least four hours per day but not to exceed the following monthly amounts:

Effective July 1, 2025:

\$7,718.26 per year – single
\$16,141.28 per year –2 person
\$21,049.85 per year – family

Effective January 1, 2022:6

\$7,942.09 per year – single
\$16,609.38 per year –2 person
\$21,660.30 per year – family

The open enrollment period shall be jointly established by the Board, the Association and the insurance company representative, including opportunities for summer pre-enrollment and fall open enrollment.

Payroll deductions reflecting the above monthly limitations on Board contributions shall begin with the second payroll in September and continue, until the final payroll in June of each contract year.

The HSA deductible will be funded monthly into an approved HSA bank account. Any amounts over the cap will be withheld each pay to reimburse the district.

When necessary, premiums on behalf of the drivers shall be made retroactively or prospectively to assure uninterrupted participation and coverage. In instances where cost of coverage exceeds the amounts specified above, the Board shall make provision for the excess to be payroll deductible.

The Board will be responsible for providing insurance information including applications, claim materials, and enrollment meetings for the above mentioned programs.

Effective January 1 of each contract year, the Board's monthly contribution will be increased by the change in the medical care component of the United States consumer price index for the most recent twelve-month period for which data are available from the United States Department of Labor. Employees will pay, pursuant to an IRS section 125 payroll deduction plan, the difference between the Board's contribution and the actual cost of the premiums for the medical benefit plan selected corresponding to their coverage category. Employees electing ABC Plan 1 may make contributions to their HSA account via Section 125 plan payroll deductions.

Plan A - For employees electing health insurance

Health: ABC 1 HSA

At no time shall the current contract language supersede federal regulations governing Health Savings Accounts.

In the event the district receives notice of any changes in plan benefits not required by law or applicable regulations, it will promptly notify the Association and meet to negotiate the impact of such changes.

Long Term Disability: 70% - \$2,500 month max.
90 calendar days - modified fill
Pre-existing condition waiver – Yes
Freeze on Offsets – Yes
Maternity Coverage - Yes

Negotiated Life: \$5,000 with AD&D

Vision: VSP-3G

Delta Dental: 75:50/50 with sealants - no orthodontics
(class I and II at \$1,500 yearly max)

Plan B - For employees not electing health insurance
Negotiated Life: \$10,000 with AD&D

Negotiated
Long Term Disability: 70% - Same as above

Vision: VSP-3G

Delta Dental: 75/60 with sealants - no orthodontics
(Class I and II at \$1,500 yearly max)

Employees not electing health insurance will receive Plan B at no cost to the bargaining unit member and a cash option in the amount of \$250 per month. The employer shall formally adopt a "cash option" qualified plan which complies with Section 125 of the I.R.C. In the event the cash option is elected as cash then all applicable income taxes will be withheld and paid. In the event the employee chooses to avoid all taxes, except F.I.C.A., and not elect cash the employee shall execute a "salary reduction agreement" and route the subsidy into the tax deferred annuity as bargained to approved vendors listed in Section 3.1 B.

There shall be no cash in-lieu payments on an unpaid FMLA leave.

*Employees working less than four hours per day do not qualify for any insurance benefits.

23.3 TWELVE MONTH COVERAGE

The Board shall make payment of the insurance premiums for all persons who complete their contractual obligation for the full twelve-month period commencing September 1 and ending August 31, even though the bargaining unit member may not be returning the next school year. Insurance coverage shall be granted in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act. Vision and dental coverage will be offered to terminated Employees through COBRA. The open enrollment period shall be jointly established by the Board, the Association and the insurance company representative, including opportunities for summer pre-enrollment and fall open enrollment.

When necessary, premiums on behalf of the bargaining unit members shall be made retroactively or prospectively to assure uninterrupted participation and coverage. In instance where cost of coverage exceeds amount of subsidy, the Board shall make provision for the excess to be payroll deductible.

The Board will be responsible for providing insurance information including application, claim materials, and enrollment meetings for the above-mentioned programs. An open enrollment period will be established following settlement of this contract to allow employees to enroll in the bargained plans.

Benefits for employees shall become effective on the first (1st) day of work.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT**Section 24**

The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of September 1, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this 12th day of August, 2025.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

3 Shop 9/9/25
Chief Spokesperson Date

Team Member Date

Team Member Date

Team Member Date

Team Member Date

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Team Member Date

FOR THE BOARD

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Board President Date

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Vice President Date

Kim Musselman
Secretary Date

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Treasurer Date

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Trustee Date

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