



**MASTER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MANCELONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

AND

**MANCELONA SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION/MEA/NEA
Secretaries and Assistants**

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RECOGNITION

Section 1

1.1 BARGAINING UNIT DEFINED

The 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 secretarial/clerical and assistants 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that this contract incorporates their full and complete understanding and any prior oral agreements or practices are superseded by the terms of the Agreement.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.

AGENCY SHOP

Section 3

3.1 HOLD HARMLESS

The Association shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless for any and all costs, expenses, claims, demands, suits or to other forms of liability incurred by reason of action taken or not taken by the Board or its designated agents for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this section. The Association shall pay the cost of all attorney fees to comply with this section providing the Association has the right to employ or approve paid attorney. It is understood that the Association should have the right to compromise claims which may arise under this save harmless clause.

3.2 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. MESSA 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

All vendors must agree to sign a plan document with the District's Third Party Administrator.

The employee is responsible to verify that the proper amounts are deducted and to notify the central office of any discrepancies. The central office is responsible for making any such deducted payments in a timely manner.

3.3 PAY PERIODS

Those secretaries/assistants hired before 3/1/03 can receive annualized pay in 26 or 27 equal installments, whichever is applicable. For all employees hired after 3/1/03, pay will occur on a bi-weekly basis for the hours worked.

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 SPECIAL CONFERENCES

Special conferences for important matters (including safety) will be arranged between the Association President and the Employer or its designated representative upon the request of either party. Such meetings shall be between at least two (2)

representatives of the Association and two (2) representatives of the Employer. Arrangements for such special conferences shall be made in advance and an agenda of the matters to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented at the time the conference is requested. Matters taken up on special conference shall be confined to those included in the agenda. Conferences shall be held at mutually agreed upon times. The members of the Association shall not lose time or pay for time spent in such special conferences. This meeting may be attended by representatives of the Michigan Education Association. The Association representatives may meet on the Employer's property for at least one-half hour immediately preceding the conference.

4.7 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 MPSERS 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.

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 Board and the Association agree not to discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages or any conditions of employment on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, handicap, age, sex, marital status, religion, political affiliation, or by reason of membership in the Association, or participation in the activities of the Association or collective negotiations with the Board, or his/her institution of any grievance, complaint or proceedings under the terms of this agreement.

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 three (3) years old 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. All felony infractions directly involved in the discipline or discharge shall be pulled after ten (10) years of last infraction date unless prohibited by law. Misdemeanor infractions shall be pulled four (4) years after the infraction unless prohibited by law. Complaints of sexual harassment and/or Title IX complaints shall be pulled seven (7) years after the infraction unless prohibited 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 JUST CAUSE

Non-probationary employees of the bargaining unit shall not be disciplined, discharged or suspended except for just cause.

6.6 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.

6.7 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.

6.8 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 shall have an opportunity to present its 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.

E. STEP IV

If the grievance remains unresolved following receipt of the Board's decision, the Association may within ten (10) work days refer the matter for arbitration to the American Arbitration Association, in writing, and request the appointment of an arbitrator to hear the grievance, who shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and conclusive, and binding upon the Association, its members, the employee or employees involved, and the Board.

7.3 LIMITS OF THE ARBITRATOR

The powers of the arbitrator are subject to the following limitations:

- A. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter, or modify any of the terms of this agreement.
- B. The arbitrator shall have no power to establish new salary scales or to change any salary, provided however, he/she shall retain the right to rule on matters related to step placement of employees on salary schedules.

- C. The arbitrator shall have no power to change any policy or rule of the Board, nor to substitute his/her judgment for that of the Board as to the reasonableness of said policy or rule, except for policies and rules which are found to be in conflict with the terms of this agreement or under The Management Rights section (Section 5) of this agreement.

7.4 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. The arbitrator's fees shall be borne equally by the parties. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expense of witnesses called by the other party.
- B. The processing of grievances, or any consideration thereof, shall not be conducted during duty hours, except by mutual consent.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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 or Acts of God, or other emergency school closings.

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 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.

WORK YEAR, WORK WEEK, WORK DAY

SECTION 11

11.1 WORK YEAR

- A. 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.
- B. The work year for secretaries before the opening of school and the close of school for each academic year shall total 160 hours to not exceed 40 hours in a work week unless approved by the Superintendent. These days shall be set by the administration with input from the association. This may be extended up to an additional 40 hours at the Building Principal's request. 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-five (35) 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-five (35) hours per week or for less than one hundred and seventy (170) days per year.

11.3 WORK DAY

- A. The work day for secretaries shall be eight (8) hours plus an additional one-half (1/2) hour unpaid duty free lunch. Changes to the duty free lunch period which do not affect the number of work hours may be made by mutual consent of the employee and his/her supervisor.

11.4 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.

11.5 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.

11.6 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.

11.7 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 with the exception under 11.3A. An

employee called in for overtime shall be guaranteed at least two (2) hours pay at the overtime rate. For all work on Saturday and Sunday, time and one-half (1-1/2) shall be paid.

B. OVERTIME SCHEDULE

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

11.8 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.

11.9 COMPENSATORY TIME

A. Comp time shall not, for this purpose, relate to remuneration in the form of financial consideration except as provided for in 11.9 B. To be eligible, application for comp time must be made to the building principal at least three (3) working days prior to the requested date. (See attached form). Comp time must be computed at time and a half after forty (40) hours. Comp time shall only be earned for the following:

1. Inservicing/training
2. Open House
3. Extra help needed for bus unloading and loading at the beginning of the year.
4. Additional (beyond 2) administration requested meetings per month.
5. Other required school business.

B. The Association and the Board agree by mutual consent that a record of accumulated comp time shall be kept by the building principal's secretary with knowledge of the building principal. All records of accumulated time may be

reviewed as to its validity and in case of any disputes will be processed through the normal grievance procedure.

Compensation time will not be used one week prior to or after a recess or the last week of a semester. All requests must be made prior to Memorial Day. Comp time may be used only in full or half day increments. Comp time accrued above two (2) days shall either be paid at the employee's regular rate or taken as time off. Any comp time of less than a half day may be carried over to the next school year or paid by the end of the school year, depending on the discretion of the employee.

11.10 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.

11.11 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 in accordance with section 11.11a.

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.

Application to Accumulate Compensatory Time

To be used when applying for compensatory time or pay request.

Name _____

Date Earned	Reason	Amount of Time	Earned	Pay Request

Approved _____

Not
Approved _____

Employee Signature _____

Principal's Signature _____

Date _____

GENERAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 12

12.1 UNIFORMS

- A. Every two (2) years, each assistant, including preschool assistants, shall be reimbursed up to fifty dollars (\$50.00), upon presentation of receipt, for a smock or outdoor clothing, including boots, of the employee's choice for the performance of their duties.

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 \$.45 per mile.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Section 13

13.1 SECRETARIES

WORK OUTSIDE NORMAL SCHEDULE

Secretaries required to work during teacher in-service training, teacher workshops, or other time outside their normal schedule shall be compensated at their regular rate, or at time and a half (1½) if in excess of 40 hours worked for the week, payable on next scheduled pay period.

13.2 ASSISTANTS

STUDENT HALF DAYS

On days when students are present for only one-half day, but an Assistant's teacher is employed for a full day, the Assistant will be employed for the full day.

STUDENT AND TEACHER HALF DAYS

On days when students and teachers are present for only one-half day, assistants are employed for only one-half day.

TEACHER FULL-DAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On scheduled full-day Professional Development for teachers, upon approval by the building principal, assistants may attend professional development programs.

A. ASSISTANTS/PARAPROFESSIONALS

1. Office assistants, upon mutual agreement with their building level supervisors, may be allowed to work up to 7.75 hours per day. Furthermore, if it is mutually agreed that working 7.75 hours per day will be the standard,

consistent, daily schedule, then the office assistant will receive 7.75 hours for snow days, negotiated holidays, and paid time off.

2. Such potential increase will not alter the current level of employer insurance contributions and benefits.

This provision will be in effect for the length of this contract.

B. BUS ASSISTANTS

1. Bus assistants will be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours per run. If less than 2 hours the assistant may be utilized in the building as an assistant.
2. Early Childhood Bus Assistants shall be compensated at the assistant rate for not less than 2 hours or the actual hours worked – whichever is greater. The position shall require agreed upon special training as a prerequisite. Under this classification the limited transportation of students via car or standard van is permitted.

13.3 EMPLOYMENT REIMBURSEMENT

A. \$50 reimbursement for testing

Upon submission of proof of payment or a receipt, employee may be reimbursed up to \$50 for the test that satisfies the highly qualified requirement.

- B. Employee may be reimbursed up to \$50.00 for fingerprints with a receipt.

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 Board hire date after the last time an employee either quit or was discharged. 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 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

All new employees shall be probationary employees until they have worked sixty (60) completed 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.

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 Board hire date.

14.4 SENIORITY LIST

The seniority list will show the Board hire date, names and job classification, and classification seniority date of all employees of the unit entitled to seniority. At the bottom of the seniority list, it shall state name and Board hire date if different than classification date.

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 updated 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. If the disposition made of any such case is not satisfactory, the matter shall be subject to the normal grievance procedure.
- 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.

14.7 CLASSIFICATIONS

Bargaining unit employees shall be assigned to one of the following classifications:

1. Secretarial
2. Assistants
 - A. Assistant
 - B. Paraprofessional (Associate Degree)

Classifications are provided to indicate salary schedule placement as related to job responsibilities and requirements.

All assistants Pre-K through 12 hired after ratification of this contract will be placed in the assistant classification category. Assistants who work in the Pre-K program that have a CDA certificate, but do not have an Associates degree, will receive a stipend of \$.40 per hour. There is a maximum of \$.40 per hour stipend for all assistants regardless of degree or certification.

14.8 CLASSIFICATION SENIORITY

Classification seniority shall be the continuous service in a particular classification and shall accrue to an employee only during a period of active service. Employees moving from one classification to another shall retain seniority accrued in any other classification but may not transfer said classification seniority into the new classification assignment. 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 and 15.8. However, Management shall have sole authority over the selections and assignments of part-time employees to

existing positions of 6 to 6-1/2 hours per day and of any new hire assignments to part-time positions that are regularly scheduled 5.75 hours per day. Any employee in a 6-1/2 hour position on or prior to September 5, 2012, will have the right to post into any newly-created 5.75 hour position by seniority, without loss of benefit.

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 Northwest Education Services 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 emailed to the secretary/assistant group, including 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 AWARD OF VACANCIES

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

Qualifications are the minimum qualifications identified in the job description or posting.

15.6 SELECTION

After the expiration of a posting, the employer will make known its decision within five (5) working days after interviews are completed.

15.7 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.

15.8 TRANSFER DEFINED

- A. The right of determination of employee transfer is vested with the board or its designated representatives. The parties recognize that transfers may be necessary. When the board transfers an employee, it shall be 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 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 seventy (170) days.

17.3 SICK LEAVE USAGE

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, 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, regular or step-parent, brother, sister, child, step-child, grandchild, grandparent, current in-law, or 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.

Regular, reliable and punctual attendance is an essential function of every assignment. If an employee utilizes 3 consecutive days of sick leave, the District may require documentation that the time

used was for a purpose consistent with the Earned Sick Time Act. Misuse of sick leave or intentional falsification of the reasons for using sick leave shall be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

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 SICK LEAVE DONATION

In the event of a serious disability of a bargaining unit member, other bargaining unit members may donate from their accumulated sick leave to the disabled bargaining unit member not more than three (3) sick days. 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 sick days. 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 sick leave days during each year (September 1 – August 31). This incentive will be paid with the last payroll of the academic year.

0 days used	\$100
1 day used	\$ 75
2 days used	\$ 50

PAID LEAVE

Section 18

18.1 PERSONAL LEAVE

Employees may be granted two (2) days to be used as personal leave each year, without loss of pay. As a reminder, personal leave days are intended for personal business that cannot be conducted outside of the employee's regularly scheduled work day.

Arrangements for personal 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 personal 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.

Personal leave days are cumulative from year to year up to a maximum of four (4) days.

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, biological or step-parent, brother, sister, biological or step-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 sick leave. 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 personal or sick leave.

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 under this Section may be granted upon written request for a maximum of one (1) year without pay by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Such leave may be extended on a one-time basis by the Board for a maximum period of six (6) months. All requests for a leave of absence under this Section shall be in writing stating the reason for the requested leave and the expected duration.

Employees on an approved unpaid leave of absence other than approved FMLA leave under 19.6, shall not earn additional sick 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.

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 medical leave of absence for illness for self or immediate family under 19.6, the employee shall be returned to the same or similar position held prior to the requested leave.

For non-FMLA unpaid medical leaves for an employee's own personal illness or disability, the Employer will return the employee to the same position held prior to the leave.

The Employer may assign a substitute employee or temporary employee to the position being held open for the individual on an unpaid 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.

19.4 SHORT-TERM, UNPAID LEAVE

While deduct days are discouraged, short-term leave days of less than three (3) days in any one school year may be granted for good reason upon written request to the Superintendent. All personal business days and floating holidays must be

extinguished prior to using any deduct days. Any employee on an unpaid leave of absence of less than three (3) days in any one school year shall accrue all benefits as if the person was regularly employed (i.e. sick leave, vacation leave, seniority, fringe benefits, etc.)

Employees shall accrue seniority while on leave of absence for the first three (3) work days but lose seniority for the days four (4) and beyond. In such cases, the seniority dates of the employees shall be adjusted to reflect the length of the leaves.

Employees returning from a short-term, unpaid leave of absence shall be placed in the position they held at the time the leave of absence was granted or to which their seniority entitles them.

19.5 CHILD CARE LEAVE

Upon request, a bargaining unit employee, who is otherwise not eligible for FMLA, may be entitled to a child care leave(s) of absence for a period of up to one (1) year. The unpaid leave shall be 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. 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.

B. EXTENSION OF LEAVE

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, child care leave may be extended by the Board for up to six (6) months after the expiration of the original child care leave.

At the end of any child care leave extension beyond six (6) months, 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.

19.6 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 FMLA usage. The employee shall be required to exhaust accrued paid sick leave (with exception of 5 days) and personal leave and/or any combination of paid leave during all or any part of the FMLA leave.

In recognition of the confidential nature of the required certification for a FMLA leave, all such information regarding a bargaining unit employee's FMLA leave shall be requested and submitted to the Human Resources Director.

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.

- A. Labor Day
- 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
- J. Floating holiday-to be used with supervisor approval

*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.

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.

The total of hours worked and holiday hours shall not exceed the employee's normal work schedule.

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 received at least an effective rating on their most recent year-end 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 may be evaluated by his/her immediate supervisor. Areas of strength will be designated and areas of deficiency defined, with correlating recommendations for change. If the initial evaluation is not satisfactory, a second, thirty-day (30) evaluation will be conducted. 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. SECRETARY

Step	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	18.10	19.60
2	18.41	19.91
3	18.73	20.23
4	19.09	20.59
5	19.39	20.89
6	19.72	21.22
7	20.08	21.58
12	20.68	22.22
17	21.50	23.10
22	22.14	23.79

B. ASSISTANTS

Step	2025-2026	2026-2027
1	16.08	17.58
2	16.34	17.84
3	16.52	18.02
4	16.82	18.32
5	17.01	18.51
12	17.52	19.06
17	18.22	19.82
22	18.76	20.41

Media Assistant - \$.30/hr additional
Paraprofessional - \$.40/hr additional

Salary Schedules reflect the negotiated raise of \$2.50 on step for the 2025-2026 school year and \$1.50 on step for the 2026-2027 school year. Additionally, the schedules reflect longevity pay at 12, 17, and 22 years of service.

- C. Mancelona season Athletic Passes will be offered for purchase for \$25 per family or \$15 per employee.

22.2 LONGEVITY

Longevity will be three percent (3%) of the annual wage after twelve (12) years of service, with an additional four percent (4%) after seventeen (17) years of service, with an additional three percent (3%) after twenty-two (22) years of service.

22.3 STEP ADVANCEMENT

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

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) or 457 annuity in the amount of \$40 for each accumulated sick day up to a maximum of \$2,500.00. 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

23.1 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

Effective as of September 1 of each year of the contract, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums for the designated medical benefit plan for eligible employees not to exceed the following amounts:

\$643.19 per month – single
\$1,345.11 per month – 2 person
\$1,754.16 per month – family

And further, the Board's contribution towards medical benefit costs shall not exceed the following annual amounts of each contract year: \$7,718.26 single; \$16,141.28 two person; \$21,049.85 family, for all persons who complete their contractual obligation to assure insurance coverage for the full period of each contract year even though the employee may not be returning the next school year. 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. For those hired before March 1st, 2003, payroll deductions will coincide with annualized pay and be deducted in 26 or 27 equal installments, whichever is applicable.

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 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,

via payroll deduction, 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.

MESSA-PAK Summary

Plan A - For employees electing health insurance product choice of either:

Health: Choices \$300/\$600, 0% Coinsurance, 5 Tier Rx (FU)

Or

ABC Plan I \$1,650/\$3,300, 0% Coinsurance, 5 Tier Rx (ET)

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: \$30,000 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: \$30,000 with AD&D

Negotiated Long Term Disability: 70% - Same as above

Vision: VSP-3G

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

In addition to Plan B above, Employees not electing health insurance will receive Plan B at no cost to the bargaining unit member with a cash option in the amount of \$200 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 MEA Financial Services tax deferred annuity as bargained to approved vendors listed in Section 3.2 B.

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

23.2 PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Effective as of September 1 of each year of the contract, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums for the designated medical benefit plan for eligible employees not to exceed the following amounts:

\$643.19 per month – single
\$1,345.10 per month – 2 person
\$1,754.16 per month – family

And further, the Board's contribution towards medical benefit costs shall not exceed the following annual amounts each contract year: \$7,718.26 single; \$16,141.28 two person; \$21,049.85 family, for all persons who complete their contractual obligation to assure insurance coverage for the full period of each contract year even though the employee may not be returning the next school year. 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. For those hired before March 1st, 2003, payroll deductions will coincide with annualized pay and be deducted in 26 or 27 equal installments, whichever is applicable.

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 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, via payroll deduction, 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.

MESSA-PAK Summary

Plan A - For employees electing health insurance product choice of either:

Health: Choices \$300/\$600, 0% Coinsurance, Saver Rx 5 Tier RX (FU)

Or

ABC Plan I \$1,650/\$3,300, 0% coinsurance, 5 Tier Rx (ET)

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: \$30,000 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)

In addition to Plan B above, employees not electing health insurance will receive Plan B at no cost to the bargaining unit member with a cash option in the amount of \$200 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 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 MEA Financial Services tax deferred annuity as bargained to approved vendors in Section 3.2 B.

New and recalled employees working four hours or less do not qualify for any insurance benefits. New employees working six hours or less and hired after 8/1/13 do not qualify for any insurance benefits.

Current 6.5 hour employees as of 9/1/10 that are reduced to four hours or less shall receive PAK B benefits.

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

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

Deanna Conway
Chief Spokesperson Date

Team Member Date

Team Member Date

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