



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**L'ANSE CREUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AND

**AFSCME
COUNCIL 25 AFL - CIO
LOCAL UNION 1993**

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into on this 28th day of September, 2020 between the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") and the International Union of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees AFSCME Council #25 and its affiliate Local Union #1993 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union"). The Superintendent of Schools, as the executive officer employed by the Board, is by Michigan Law, charged with the responsibility of supervision and direction of the work of the staff and assisting the Board in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the school district. Whenever the term "Superintendent" is used in this Agreement, it shall mean the person holding that title or any person on the administrative team to whom s/he may beforehand delegate the responsibility referred to in this Agreement. Any reference to an administrator in this Agreement shall mean the person holding that administrative position or any person on the administrative team to whom he may delegate the responsibility referred to in this Agreement. Any reference to Human Resources in this Agreement shall mean any person on the administrative team to whom may be delegated the responsibility referred to in this agreement.

Note: The headings used in this Agreement and exhibits neither add to nor subtract from the meaning, but are for reference only.

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND INTENT

- a) The general purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly and peaceful labor relations for the mutual interest of the Employer, Employees, and the Union.

The Parties recognize that the interest of the community and the job security of the employees depend upon the Employer's success in establishing a proper service to the community.

To these ends the Employer and the Union encourage to the fullest degree friendly and cooperative relations between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

- a) Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, the Employer does hereby recognize the Union as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment for the term of this Agreement of all employees of the Employer included in the bargaining unit described below.
- b) All regular full-time and regular part-time Paraprofessionals (Community Service Learning, ELL, 31a, Grant, Title 1, Vocational, General Educational Elementary, Middle School, and High School, Special Education Paraprofessional, which includes, ASD, CI, EI, ECSE, Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), One on One, and SE Special Education Instructional), Aides (Classroom Aides, Kindergarten Aide, and Supervisory Aid), Early Childhood Department (Childcare Teacher, Childcare Provider, Preschool Teacher (except Great Start Readiness Program Teachers), Associate Teacher, CTE Childcare Program, Director, Classroom Aides, which include Childcare Aide, Preschool Aide, and GSRP Aide), SACC Department (SACC Site Director and SACC Aide).

Excluding supervisors, substitutes, temporary and all other employees. All regular scheduled employees (nine (9) months or more) shall be deemed regular employees for the purpose of recognition only.

Lunchroom Aides, Crossing Guards and SACC employees, employed in a dual role on September 11, 2012 who works in combination positions that are combined with instructional positions will remain in the bargaining unit.

- c) The district has the right to hire medical aides outside of the union; the hiring of these employees is at the sole discretion of the district and will be filled on a as needed for students/situations that require specialized training.

ARTICLE 3 - AID TO OTHER UNIONS

- a) The Employer will not aid, promote or finance any labor group or organization which purports to engage in collective bargaining or make any agreement with any such group or organization for the purposes of undermining the Union.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

- a) Each bargaining unit employee shall have union dues automatically deducted from their payroll. Bargaining unit employees shall provide to a representative of the Union a dues deduction authorization form that will be shared with the District.
- b) Once the form has been provided to the Employer by the Union, dues will begin to be deducted from the bargaining unit employee's next pay period – so long as the form is provided more than nine (9) days prior to the next pay period. If the form is provided nine (9) days or less before the next pay period, dues deduction will begin the following pay period.
- c) The amount of the deduction will be the amount provided by the Union.
- d) Once a bargaining unit employee provides a dues deduction authorization form to their designated Union representative, dues will be deducted from the first and second pay periods of the month of the bargaining unit employee unless/until the bargaining unit employee revokes dues deduction authorization.
- e) A bargaining unit employee may revoke dues deduction authorization by notifying the Employer and the Union of their desire to revoke dues deduction authorization by submitting the district's designated opt-out form. Once a notification of revocation is received by the Employer, dues deductions will cease for the next pay period – so long as the revocation is provided nine (9) days or less before the next pay period. If the revocation is provided nine (9) days or less before the next pay period, dues deductions will cease the following pay period.
- f) The Union will protect and save harmless the Employer for any and all claims, demands, suites and other forms of liability by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with this Article of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Authority of Board - It is mutually agreed that there is reserved exclusively to the Board all responsibilities, powers, rights, and authority vested in it or heretofore otherwise properly exercised by it under the laws and constitutions of the State of Michigan and the United States excepting such matters or things as may be limited by the provisions of this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the Board may continue to make and enforce any and all reasonable rules and regulations and policies relative to anything whatever necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance, management, and carrying on of the public schools of the district as provided in Section 614 of the Michigan School Code of 1955, as amended. The rights of the Board shall include, by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, the right to:

- a) Manage and control its business, its equipment and its operation, and to direct the working forces and affairs of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools School District.
- b) Continue its rights, policies and practices of assignment and direction of its personnel, determine the number of personnel and scheduling of all the foregoing and the right to establish, modify or change any work or business or school hours or days but not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
- c) The right to direct the working forces, including the right to hire, promote, suspend and discharge employees, transfer employees, assign work or duties to employees, determine the size of the work force and to lay off employees, but not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
- d) Determine the services, supplies and equipment necessary to continue its operations and to determine all methods and means of distributing, disseminating and/or selling its services, methods, schedules and standards of operation, the means, methods and processes of carrying on the work including automation or contracting thereof or changes therein, the institution of new and/or improved methods or changes therein.
- e) Adopt reasonable rules and regulations but none in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
- f) Determine the qualifications of employees.
- g) Determine the number and location or relocation of its facilities, including the establishment or relocation of new schools, buildings, departments, divisions or subdivisions thereof, and the relocation or closing of offices, departments, divisions or subdivisions, buildings or other facilities
- h) Determine the placement of operations, service, maintenance or assignment of work, and the source of materials and supplies
- i) Determine the financial policies, including all accounting procedures.
- j) Determine the size of the management organization, its functions, authority, amount of supervision and table of organization, provided that the Board shall not abridge any rights from employees as provided for in this Agreement.

- k) Determine the policy affecting the selection and training of employees but not in conflict with the provisions of the Agreement.
- l) It is recognized that the Board may from time to time adopt reasonable policies and/or practices not inconsistent with the provisions of this agreement. However, should the Board add to, modify or eliminate any such policies and/or practices which would affect or potentially affect hours, wages, or working conditions of employees the Union shall be notified at least fourteen (14) calendar days before implementation. The Union reserves the right to file a grievance if it believes any such adopted policy and/or practice to be inconsistent with the provisions of this agreement or if believes any such policy or procedure to be unreasonable or discriminatory. The Union further reserves the right to take whatever legal actions are available under Public Act 379.

The above are not to be interpreted as abridging or conflicting with any provisions in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - UNION DUES AND INITIATION FEES

- a) The AFSCME Council 25 AFL-CIO Local Union 1993 will protect and save harmless the Employer for any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with Article 5 of this Agreement.
- b) If the current laws regarding union security (Article 4) and Union dues and Initiation Fees (Article 6) are changed, the Employer and the Union will enter into negotiations on the two articles.

ARTICLE 7 – REPRESENTATION

- a) The number of representation areas in the unit school district will be nineteen (19):

- 1. Atwood Elementary
- 2. Joseph M. Carkenord Elementary Schools
- 3. Marie C. Graham Elementary
- 4. Green Elementary
- 5. Francis A. Higgins Elementary School
- 6. Emma V. Lobbetael Elementary
- 7. South River Elementary
- 8. Tenniswood Elementary
- 9. Donald J. Yacks Elementary
- 10. L'Anse Creuse Middle School – Central
- 11. L'Anse Creuse Middle School – East
- 12. L'Anse Creuse Middle School – South
- 13. L'Anse Creuse Middle School – North
- 14. L'Anse Creuse High School
- 15. L'Anse Creuse High School – North
- 16. Frederick V. Pankow Center
- 17. Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center
- 18. L'Anse Creuse Early Childhood Center
- 19. Anna Mae Burdi Center

The number may be increased by agreement between the Employer and the Local Union. The Employer and the Local Union may create new areas within the unit from time-to-time by agreement.

- b) It is mutually recognized that the principal of proportional representation which reflects the increase and decrease in the work force is a sound and sensible basis for implementing this section of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 – UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- a) The Local Union will, after the election or appointment of Officers: President, Vice- President/Chief Steward and Stewards, prepare a listing of all officers and Stewards and furnish the listing to the Employer.
- b) In each representational area, the employees shall be represented by a steward and an alternate, who shall be regular seniority employees working in the building. In the absence of the Steward, the alternate will represent the employees.
- c) During working periods in which the elected Steward(s) or Vice-President/Chief Steward are not working, the President of the Local Union will designate an employee working as Temporary Steward for that period of time.
- d) Any Local Union Representative or member who is involved and required to attend any hearing between Local Union #1993 and the L'Anse Creuse Board of Education, to include hearings with the American Arbitration Association, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, and the administrative body of the Public Employees Relations Act, will not incur any loss of pay or benefits for the time that is involved in going to such hearings, participating in the hearing, and returning to his/her work location.
- e) The Members of the Union shall not lose time or pay or be charged on extra time sheet for time spent in meetings scheduled by the Employer.

ARTICLE 9 – SPECIAL CONFERENCES

- a) A Special Conferences for important matters will be arranged between the Local President and the Employer's designated representative upon the request of either party. Such meetings shall be between two (2) representatives of the Employer and two (2) representatives of the Union except that by prior mutual consent of the parties, either party may have additional representatives present and the number will be determined by mutual consent.
- b) 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 conference. Matters taken up in Special Conference shall be confined to those included in the agenda. The members of the Union shall not lose time or pay or be charged on extra time sheet for time spent in such Special Conferences. A representative of the Council or a representative of the International Union may attend this meeting.

ARTICLE 10 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- a) A grievance is defined to be any difference that may arise between the parties to:
 - I. Any matter relative to rate of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment concerning health, safety, and general welfare as set forth in this Agreement.
 - II. Any matter involving an alleged violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- b) An individual employee will have the right at any time to present his/her grievance to the school district and to have the grievance fully adjusted without the intervention of the Union or its representatives, as long as the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. At the time of the initiation of such a personally presented grievance, the Employer will notify the Local Union President, that same day, that such proceedings have begun. At the time of any adjustment of the grievance, the Local Union President or his/her designate will be given the opportunity to be present. No adjustment will be made at unusual times or in such a manner to deny the Local Union President or his/her designate the opportunity to be present. In those instances where an adjustment is reached without the presence of the Local Union President or his/her designate, the circumstances surrounding the grievance and the adjustment will be submitted to the Local Union President in writing within two (2) working days of the final adjustment.
- c) If more than one (1) employee has a similar complaint, within the definition of a grievance as outlined above, which has been discussed at Step 1, and it is mutually agreed by both parties to this Agreement to be of a single common nature, the grievance will be deemed a Class Action Grievance and the Local Union President or his/her designate may file this Class Action Grievance at Step 2 in lieu of individual grievances.

STEP 1

- a. Within ten (10) working days of knowledge by the employee of an alleged violation, the employee and/or Steward shall discuss the problem with the employee's immediate supervisor per the administrative Chain of Command. Written evidence of this meeting shall be made and signed by both parties including the problem and the date.

STEP 2

- a) If the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 1, or if no disposition has been made within ten (10) working days of its initiation with the supervisor of original contact at Step 1, the Local Union President may appeal the decision or lack of decision by the Supervisor to the Director for Personnel within ten (10) working days from the disposition or lack of disposition in Step 1. The appeal by the Local Union President shall be written.
 - i. The Human Resources Department shall grant a hearing of the grievance within ten (10) working days of receipt of the appeal at this step. Within ten (10) working days of the hearing, the Human Resource Department shall be responsible to see that a written disposition of the grievance is tendered to the Local Union President.
 - ii. If the grievance is in substance similar to earlier grievances as agreed to by the Local #1993 President and the Human Resources Department, where a written disposition had been tendered following a hearing, a hearing shall not be required. However, a written response within ten (10) working days of receipt of the appeal will

be required.

STEP 3

- a) If the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 1, or if no disposition has been made within ten (10) working days of its initiation with the supervisor of original contact at Step 1, the Local Union President may appeal the decision or lack of decision by the Supervisor to the Director for Personnel within ten (10) working days from the disposition or lack of disposition in Step 1. The appeal by the Local Union President shall be written.
 - i. If the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the Human Resources Department, or if no disposition has been made within ten (10) working days of such hearing, the grievance will be appealed within twenty (20) working days to arbitration. Such appeal will be in writing and will be delivered to the American Arbitration Association and to the Human Resources Department within twenty (20) days. If not so delivered, the grievance will be considered abandoned. Prior to submission of the grievance to the American Arbitration Association the parties will attempt to select an arbitrator on an AD-HOC basis.
 - ii. The arbitrator shall be chosen within ten (10) working days from the date of filing from a list of arbitrators furnished by the American Arbitration Association.
 - iii. The arbitrator so selected will confer with the parties and hold hearings promptly and will issue his/her decision not later than twenty (20) days from the close of the hearings. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and will set forth his/her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusion on the issue submitted.

The arbitrator shall be limited in his/her powers as follows:

- i. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, modify, disregard, add to or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement
- ii. Time of Appeals of Grievances
- iii. It is in the best interests of both the Local Union and the Employer that all actions taken on a grievance are done in a speedy manner. The time limits that have been established are maximums. If at all possible, the filing of grievances and their disposition should be as quickly as is possible.
- iv. If in the event that more time is needed to prepare a grievance or its disposition, an extension of the established time limits may be granted by mutual consent.
- v. Unless withdrawn by the union, any grievance not appealed from an answer or lack of an answer at any step of the grievance procedure, within the time limits set forth at that step after such answer, shall be considered settled on the basis of the last answer and not subject to further review.

ARTICLE 11 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION, SUSPENSION, AND DISCHARGE

- a. Disciplinary Action will be understood as meaning oral or written reprimand, Suspension (meaning loss of pay and/or time on the job), and Discharge (meaning involuntary termination of an employee by the Board of Education).
- b. If the first offense is of a minor nature, the usual action will be an oral reprimand. Should the problem continue, a written reprimand will be issued. Further offenses may result in suspension and ultimately discharge. The initial action of the Employer may be suspension or discharge if in the opinion of the Employer, the nature of the infraction merits such action.
- c. Disciplinary action for just cause may be imposed upon an employee for failing to fulfill his/her responsibilities as an employee. Any disciplinary action imposed on an employee, which is felt to be unjust, may be processed as a grievance.
- d. Reports of disciplinary action and suspension will remain in the individual's personnel file for three (3) years from the date of the action and will not be utilized in future disciplinary action after three (3) years. Reports of minor infractions will be removed from the personnel file at the employee's request after three (3) years. Reports of major infractions will be removed from the personnel file at the employee's request after three (3) years but may be used again to determine appropriate discipline if a similar infraction occurs at a later date.
- e. Whenever possible an oral reprimand will be handled in a manner that will not embarrass an employee before other employees, students, or the public.
- f. For just cause, a representative of the Board of Education may suspend an employee with or without pay. The employee, the appropriate Steward, and the Local Union President will be notified in writing if such action is taken.
- g. For just cause, only the Board of Education may discharge an employee. The employee, the appropriate Steward, and the Local Union President will be notified in writing if such action is taken.
- h. The employee and the Local Union will have the right to appeal the suspension, demotion, or discharge as a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.
- i. An employee who is found to be unjustly suspended or discharged will be reinstated with full compensation for all time lost and with full restoration of all rights and conditions of employment including all benefits, when possible, less any compensation received for employment elsewhere from the time of discharge to the time of reinstatement with the L'Anse Creuse School District, except wages being earned from another employer.
- j. School Safety Requirements
 - i. All AFSCME 1993 employees must notify the district within three days as required by law if they are charged with a listed offense (see Attachment "B" – Listed Offenses). Failure to do so will result in termination of employment.

ARTICLE 12 – SENIORITY – PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

- a. New employees hired in the unit shall be considered as probationary employees for the first ninety (90) calendar days of their employment. The probationary period excludes winter break and summer recess, employees working twelve months are an exception.

- i. For the purpose of interpreting the probationary period under this Agreement, ninety (90) calendar days in all departments affected by summer dismissal shall resume their accumulation at the beginning of the new school year. The probationary period excludes winter break and summer recess, employees working twelve months are an exception. When an employee finishes the probationary period, he/she shall be entered on the seniority list of the Unit and shall rank for seniority from the original day of employment in the unit. There shall be no seniority among probationary employees. A probationary employee has no union rights when displaced or discharged.
- b. Seniority shall be on a school district-wide basis within the job classification of employment in accordance within the bargaining unit.
- c. The probationary time for an employee begins on the first day such probationary employee begins work at his/her position.
- d. The Union shall represent probationary employees for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment set forth in this agreement, except that the employer will have the right to discharge or take disciplinary action other than for union activities involving a probationary employee without a grievance filed or processed.
- e. A substitute employee is an employee hired only to substitute for a regular employee. A vacancy shall not be filled on a substitute basis beyond a reasonable period of time to fill a vacant position.

ARTICLE 13 - SENIORITY

- a. District seniority will begin with the original date of employment within the bargaining unit.
- b. The seniority list of the date of this Agreement will show the names and job titles of all employees of the Unit entitled to seniority.
- c. The Employer and the Union will work together, on an annual basis, to produce the seniority list. The Union will maintain the official list, when this joint task is complete.
- d. A copy of the data (name, date of hire, classification, salary, shift if applicable, and job location) for newly hired, transferred, promoted, discharged, or quit personnel which is sent to the payroll department will be sent at the same time to the Union President through the school mail or during the summer through the U. S. Postal Service. Management may require assistance of the Union in said compilation.
- e. If more than one (1) employee commences work on the same date in a given work area, seniority will be determined by the last four (4) digits of the employee's Social Security Number (SSN). The employee with the lower number will be the senior employee.
- f. When an employee is on leave of absence seniority shall accrue for one (1) year; then it shall be frozen at that point with no accumulation for further extension of such leave.
- g. Employees off due to an injury or illness that is compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act will continue to accrue seniority.

- h. Employees on leave in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act will accrue seniority.

ARTICLE 14 - LOSS OF SENIORITY

- a. An employee shall lose seniority for the following reasons only:
- b. He/she quits.
- c. He/she is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance procedure.
- d. He/she is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer. In proper cases, the Employer may make exceptions. After such absence, 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 of any such case is not satisfactory, the matter will be referred to the grievance procedure beginning at Step 3. It will be the duty of the employee to furnish the Employer with his/her correct address at all times.
- e. If he/she does not return to work when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall procedure. In proper cases, the Employer may make exceptions.
- f. If he/she fails to return from sick leave, leaves of absence or layoff, without reasonable explanation.

ARTICLE 15 - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

- a) All Supplemental Agreements and Letters of Understanding will be subject to the approval of the Local Union, Council #25 and/or the International Union, and the Employer. Both parties to this Agreement must approve said Supplemental Agreements.

ARTICLE 16 - DISPLACEMENT, LAYOFF, AND RECALL PROCEDURE

- i. It is specifically understood that an employee must be qualified for the position as determined by the employer that he/she applies for pursuant to this article.
- ii. A "Displaced Employee" under this Article only is an employee whose current position has been eliminated or reduced during a layoff and who has sufficient district seniority to maintain employment within the bargaining unit.
- iii. A "Laid-Off Employee" is an employee who does not have sufficient district seniority to maintain employment within the bargaining unit at the time that there is a layoff.
- iv. A "Layoff" means a reduction in the working force.
- v. If it becomes necessary for a layoff, the following procedure will be mandatory:
 - i. All probationary employees within classifications will be laid off on a district-wide basis.

- vi. Seniority employees will be laid off in the affected classification according to inverse seniority.
 - i. The layoff of bargaining unit employees may be done by classification with the least senior district employees in the affected classifications being laid off first.
- vii. A senior employee displaced in any classification will have job selection rights over the least senior district employee in their current classification
 - i. Such employees displaced in any classification may exercise his/her job selection rights over only the lowest district senior employee in their current classification so that the least senior employee in a classification becomes affected by the layoff.
 - ii. Such employees that are placed in a classification/position that they have never held previously shall be considered to be in an evaluative performance period for the first sixty (60) calendar days of their new assignment. Special supervision/direction will be provided upon the employee's reasonable requests during this evaluative period.
 - iii. Such employees who do not meet evaluative standards as documented during the evaluative period shall be terminated. Should the employee disagree with the action taken, the matter may become a proper subject for the grievance procedure beginning at Step 2.
 - iv. Such employees after completing ninety (90) calendar days will have full district seniority in that new classification only for the purpose of layoff. For all other purposes, classification seniority will be controlling.
 - v. Employees remaining after a layoff will reselect their job location and hours by seniority, beginning with the most senior employee affected by the layoff and/or realignment of positions within their current classification. The layoff of bargaining unit employees shall be done by classification with the least senior district employees in the affected classifications being laid off first.
- viii. Employees to be laid off for indefinite periods of time will have at least ten (10) calendar days' notice of layoff. The Local Union President and the Recording Secretary will receive a list from the Employer of the employees being laid off on the same day the notices are issued to the employees.
- ix. Laid-off employees will be recalled in inverse order of layoff (last laid off will be first called back) to the first position available in the classification from which they were laid off. Notice of recall will be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by certified mail. If an employee fails to report to work within ten (10) calendar days from the date of mailing of the notice of recall, he/she will be considered a quit. The Employer in proper cases may grant extensions.
- x. Recall from layoff will only be to the classification where the employee was laid off.
- xi. Temporary position:
Non-acceptance of a temporary position four (4) weeks or longer in duration in the classification, from which an employee was laid off, will result in the employee being removed from the recall list.
- xii. An employee on a leave of any kind is subject to the displacement, layoff, and recall procedure.
- xiii. When an employee is in a layoff status, his/her seniority will accrue for one (1) year, and then their

seniority will be frozen until such time as they are recalled to work.

- i. An employee in a layoff status will remain on the indefinite layoff list for a period of five years.
- xiv. A bargaining unit member who is provided reasonable assurance of reemployment for the next school year and who is paid unemployment compensation benefits during the summer months chargeable to the Employer and who is subsequently employed in the bargaining unit in the ensuing school year shall have his/her compensation for that school year adjusted such that his/her unemployment compensation benefits received plus adjusted compensation will be equal to the total compensation he/she would have earned for the ensuing school year had he/she not received unemployment compensation benefits during the summer months.

ARTICLE 17 – VACANCIES

Definition: A vacancy will be considered to exist if a current employee resigns, retires, is terminated, is transferred, is promoted unless said position is eliminated, or if a new position is created and the Employer determines to fill such openings.

- a. It is specifically understood that an employee must be qualified for the position as determined by the employer that he/she applies for pursuant to this article.

Members of the bargaining unit shall be given preference for vacant positions if the skills, ability, experience and qualifications are equal between an internal applicant and an outside applicant.

- b. In the event that a vacancy exists within the Bargaining Unit, and the Employer determines to fill the vacancy, employees within the Unit will be given the opportunity to bid for the position through the posting procedure. All vacancies shall be posted within fifteen (15) working days, but no sooner than fifteen (15) working days prior to the need to fill the position.
- c. Copies of each posting will be supplied to each building and will be posted in a location readily available to all employees working in that building. The posting will remain posted for a period of five (5) working days prior to filling such vacancy.
- d. Vacancy postings will include the type of position, location of work, hours, and will set forth the minimum requirements and duties for the position.
- e. Filling of a vacancy shall be done within fifteen (15) working days of the closing of the posting for the position except in those instances where, due to a lack of qualified applicants, the Board determines to not fill the position. It is further acknowledged that the fifteen (15) day time limit, above specified, will be reasonably extended to provide necessary time to enable the Board of Education to meet in session to approve the filling of newly created positions.
 - i. Should more than one (1) present Employee from within the same classification bid on a vacancy the more senior Employee shall be granted the position. Vacancies within the bargaining Unit will be made on a seniority basis when other relevant qualifying factors, such as education, attendance, experience and training, are equal.
 - ii. An employee filling a vacancy in a classification different than the one presently

held shall be placed on the lowest step of the salary schedule of the new position which will provide a raise over the previous pay rate.

- f. When a new job is placed in the Unit and cannot be properly placed in an existing classification, the Board will establish a classification and rate structure to apply. In the event the Union does not agree that the classification and rate are proper, the Board agrees that up to three (3) representatives of the Board will meet with up to three (3) representatives of the Union to discuss such classifications and rates.
- g. Employees interested in a vacancy will apply for the vacancy using the district on-line application system.
- h. In the event that an employee is to be absent for four (4) weeks or longer, or has been absent for four (4) weeks, his/her position will be posted as a temporary position within five (5) working days of the Employer's determination to fill the vacancy
 - i. Employees absent for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days will not be guaranteed the same position they left.
- i. As the result of the return of an employee off for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days or more due to a Workers' Compensation injury, the employee will return to work in the following process: An available vacancy in the job classification, their previous position, bump the least senior person in the classification.
- j. The District may employ temporary, substitute or non-union employees. However, in no case will the period of employment of these temporary employees exceed ninety (90) consecutive calendar days. In no case shall a temporary employee replace a permanent employee. If the period of employment for a temporary employee must exceed ninety (90) consecutive days, the parties will meet and discuss the status of the employee.
- k. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, no bargaining unit member shall serve in two or more positions if the total number of the hours is greater than twenty-nine (29) hours per week. Bargaining unit members who were employed in two or more positions for more than twenty-nine (29) hours per week in 2012-2013, will be allowed to continue in those positions.

ARTICLE 18 – TRANSFERS

Definition: An employee move will be termed a transfer when the movement is within his/her classification and to a position with the same general job requirements and no additional compensation is involved.

- a. It is specifically understood that an employee must be qualified for the position as determined by the employer that he/she applies for pursuant to this article.
- b. Should more than one (1) present employee from within the same classification bid on a position vacancy, the more senior employee will be transferred to the position when other relevant qualifying factors, such as education, attendance, experience and training, are equal.
- c. The Employer agrees that in the event that there is any movement of work or discontinuation of work location which will continue for a period of seven (7) calendar days or longer, the Employer will meet with the Local Union in Special Conference prior to any movement of affected employees.
 - i. Employees affected may request a transfer to any open position for which their classification

and seniority qualifies them.

- d. An employee transferred by the Employer to a position not included in the Unit, and thereafter transferred to a position within the Unit, will have accumulated seniority while working in the position to which he was transferred. Employees transferred under these circumstances will retain all rights accrued for the purpose of any benefits provided for in this Agreement.
- e. As a result of any transfer, the opening, if any, created may be filled in a similar manner. Employees transferring within this provision shall be limited to one (1) such permanent transfer within the fiscal year unless authorized by the Employer.
- f. Those employees in the positions of lunchroom, noon aides, and SACC aides on September 11, 2012 are exempt from transfers.

ARTICLE 19 - PROMOTIONS

Definition: A promotion will be considered as a change in assignment within the Unit, which results in the Employee receiving higher hourly rates.

- a. It is specifically understood that an employee must be qualified for the position as determined by the employer that he/she applies for pursuant to this article.
 - i. Promotion within the bargaining unit will be made on a seniority basis when all other qualifications are equal should the Employer determine to promote from within the bargaining unit.
- b. Any employee promoted under this Article will be given a trial period of ninety (90) calendar days. The trial period excludes winter break and summer recess; employees working twelve months are an exception. Special supervision/direction will be provided upon the employee's reasonable requests during this trial period.
- c. During the ninety (90) calendar day trial period, the employee will have the right to return to his/her prior classification. This excludes winter break and summer recess; employees working twelve months are an exception.
- d. During the ninety (90) calendar day trial period, the Employer will evaluate the performance of the employee in the new position, this excludes winter break and summer recess; employees working twelve months are an exception. If the performance is unsatisfactory or the employee does not qualify in his/her new position, written notice including reasons will be submitted to the employee and the employee will revert to his/her prior position and location. Should the employee disagree with the action taken, the matter may become a proper subject for the grievance procedure beginning at Step 2.
- e. During the trial period, the employee will receive the rate of pay of the job that is being performed.

ARTICLE 20 - TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION ASSIGNMENTS

- a) If an employee is temporarily assigned by the employer to a lower classification according to rates of pay than that in which he/she is regularly assigned, no reduction in pay will result. If an employee meets the qualifications of the position and is temporarily placed in a higher classification for five (5) days, according to rates of pay than that in which he/she is regularly assigned, the affected employee will receive the rate of pay of the higher classification for time spent at the lowest step that exceed the employee's current rate of pay. The employee will be responsible to have his/her time card marked for the higher rate for the time that is involved. Failure to properly note the time card as described above will result in forfeiture of the entitlement.

ARTICLE 21 – INSURANCE

- a) The District shall comply with the Affordable Care Act in providing health insurance.
- b) The District shall provide single subscriber dental and optical insurance to eligible employees under this Agreement that are scheduled to work 32 or more hours per week.

ARTICLE 22 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

- a. Upon written request, leaves of absence without pay for reasonable periods of time, not to exceed one (1) year, may be granted at the sole discretion of the Superintendent without loss of seniority, which will accrue for one (1) year for medical reasons, both personal illness and illness within the employee's immediate family with proper documentation for need from a physician, and for educational purposes that would accrue a mutual benefit to both the employee and the Employer. Other leaves of absence (such as vacation, etc.) without pay for reasonable periods of time not to exceed one (1) year may be granted, without loss of seniority, for good cause.

Leaves under this Section may be extended for like cause, but in any event; seniority will accrue for only one (1) year.

- b. If an employee on personal leave is absent for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days, his/her position will no longer be guaranteed and he/she will bump into the unit according to seniority by displacing the lowest seniority person in his/her classification if a vacancy is not currently available.
- c. No leave shall be granted for purposes of the employee taking employment with another employer outside the District or another bargaining unit position within the District.

An employee may request a leave to pursue a non-affiliated position within the District for a period of one year. Accrued seniority will remain, but no seniority will accrue during such leave.

An employee returning may apply for open positions, and seniority will be adjusted to account for the leave. If the employee does not return to the unit when the leave expires, the employee will lose all accrued seniority and any other entitlements under this agreement.

ARTICLE 23 – PAID TIME OFF (PTO)

- a) When a bargaining unit member is absent, the procedure will be as follows:
 - i. Record absence in AESOP.
 - ii. The absent employee must notify the building administrator or designee of their absence along with the program supervisor if required.
 - iii. The building will make the decision as to whether a sub will be called. Should a sub be required, the building will contract the sub employee.
- b) Each K-12 employee working a scheduled 20.01 hours or more per week, based upon the employee's position on the last day of school the year prior and will be loaded in September of each year will earn 7.7 hours per month/8 hour (52-week employees) will earn 8.6 hours per month. Probationary employees will accumulate PTO allowance during their probationary periods but may not utilize such leave until attaining seniority. An employee not on probation for the first time in the system may draw on his/her bank. PTO will accumulate at a rate of 7.7 hours per month during the work period.
 - i. Each K-12 employee working a scheduled 20 hours or less per week will earn three (3) hours of PTO per month, based upon the employees' position on the last day of school the year prior and will be loaded in September of each year. Probationary employees will accumulate PTO allowance during their probationary periods but may not utilize such leave until attaining seniority. An employee not on probation for the first time in the system may draw on his/her bank. PTO will accumulate at a rate of three (3) hours per month during the work period.
 - ii. Should the employee sever employment, PTO will be prorated in the final paycheck for actual days worked.
- c) To be eligible for PTO; an Employee shall notify his/her immediate supervisor, by means to be determined by the employer, of the expected absence no less than two (2) hours prior to the commencement of their assigned shift or run. In proper cases, the Employer may make exceptions.
- d. All unused PTO shall be placed at the end of the fiscal year in the employee's accumulative sick leave bank.
- e. PTO leave will be taken in 1-hour increments.
- f. PTO may be used for emergency illness in the immediate family, when necessary, care cannot otherwise be arranged.

Such leave shall not extend beyond ten (10) working days to employ suitable care.
Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

- g. Employees will lose no time or pay and will not be charged for any required employer visits or return visits to the employer's medical clinic or employee's treating physician.
 - i. Quarantine with documentation upon return.
- h. Any employee within this contract shall be required to provide written evidence from a physician (MD or DO) or Chiropractic doctor as to the condition of the health of the employee after the third (3) consecutive day (not needed for days 1, 2 and 3) or at any time as requested by the employer

for cause.

- i. When an employee voluntarily severs their employment or is placed on lay off from the district, they shall be paid for any accumulated unused PTO. Pay for unused PTO will be based on the employee's current hourly rate, number of hours worked and years of service as a bargaining unit member. The payout will be as follows:

Years of Service	Percentage
5 or more	20%
10 or more	30%
15 or more	40%
20 or more	50%

Retirement pay for used PTO will be based on the employee's current hourly rate and years of service as a bargaining unit member. The payout will be as follows:

- A: 45% of current rate of pay for unused PTO for unused PTO after 15 years of service
- B: 55% of current rate of pay for unused PTO for unused PTO after 17 years of service
- C: 65% of current rate of pay for unused PTO for unused PTO after 20 years of service

- j. PTO may be used immediately prior to or subsequent to paid holidays or periods of school closure (i.e., Mid-Winter break, Winter Recess, Memorial Day) with prior approval from Human Resources.
- k. In the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, members with 140 hours of accumulated PTO hours in their bank, may elect to turn in 70 hours of PTO at the rate of \$30.00 per day to the district. Those employees who elect to do this will receive payment during the last check of November. These monies are not reportable to the ORS as wages for purposes of retirement.

ARTICLE 24 - SCHOOL CLOSURES

- a. In the event of school closure due to inclement weather or other circumstances, days will be paid.
- b. The school closures due to inclement weather or other circumstances will be paid at the employees' regular pay rate and regular scheduled hours.
- c. Due to the problems inherent when closing schools during the school day due to an Act of God, a sequential time release of personnel will be required and will not be a matter of extra remuneration or compensatory time granted to those released last, or in fact not released until the regular close of the work day. Such a release timetable will be determined and announced by the Central Administration.
- d. Should the District close a building or program due to a health emergency (for example, COVID-19), impacted employees must be redeployed (with 48-hour notice) to a similar position or receive pay (at their regular rate) for the duration of the closure.

ARTICLE 25 - MILEAGE

- a. Mileage reimbursement for AFSCME Local #1993 employees for the usage of their personal vehicles for approved company business will be reimbursed in accordance with the IRS standards.

ARTICLE 26 - JURY DUTY

- a. The following process shall be followed when an employee is called for jury duty.
 1. Employee shall input PTO in the absence management system for the day(s) requested to report for jury duty.
 2. Once a jury duty commitment is fulfilled, employee shall provide the Human Resources Department with a verification of attendance letter, along with a copy of the payment received.
 3. The Human Resources Department will return PTO to employee's bank.
 4. The school district shall pay the employee the difference between the amount paid by the jury and the regular amount paid to the employee. Hours beyond eight (8) per day or forty (40) per week are not included.

In the event an employee is released from jury duty prior to the completion of their workday, they shall report to work.

ARTICLE 27 - FUNERAL LEAVE

- a. It is the intention that bereavement time be utilized for the purpose of making funeral arrangements and to attend funeral proceedings. Staff will receive:

Relation	Days
Spouse	5 days
Child	5 days
Mother/Father	5 days
Sister/Brother	5 days
Mother/Father-in-law	5 days
Step Relations	5 days
Sister/Brother-in-law	5 days
Daughter/Son-in-law	5 days
Grandparents	3 days
Grandchild	3 days
Live-in family member/child(rens) parent / other than above	3 days
Not defined above	1 day PTO

Any additional days deemed necessary by the employee up to two (2) days will be taken as PTO. Leave days may be non-consecutive and must be used within a ten (10) day period following the death unless there are extenuating circumstances.

ARTICLE 28 - LEAVES

a. ILLNESS AND DISABILITY

PTO shall be used by unit employees for illness and disability, which shall include all disability cause or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

- b. If an employee lacks sufficient PTO during the disability period, she/he will be placed on leave of absence.
- c. An employee may request a childcare leave following a birth for up to one (1) calendar year.
- d. A pregnancy related prospective disability will require immediate notification to the supervisor with the employee's physician's verification as to well-being, work-ability, and anticipated leave dates, and accompanied by a child care leave request if the employee desires such.
- e. Requests for disability leaves and child care leaves must be made to the Human Resource Department at least sixty (60) days prior to the leave.
- f. An employee returning to work following disability must be certified by the treating physician as fit to return to full work assignment without restrictions. Accommodations may be requested, by the employee, Under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- g. The Board of Education may grant an employee adopting pre-kindergartner a childcare leave for up to one (1) year.
- h. Seniority accrues for up to one (1) year while an employee is on unpaid leave of absence.
- i. Probationary employees are not eligible for unpaid leaves of absence.
- j. An employee on a leave of absence for a period of time of ninety (90) calendar days or less shall return to the position from which he/she requested the leave.
- k. An employee on leave of absence for a period exceeding ninety (90) calendar days will no longer be guaranteed his/her prior position and will bump into the unit according to seniority by displacing the lowest seniority person in his/her classification if a vacancy is not currently available.

An employee returning from leave shall give written notification to Human Resources at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of leave of his/her intent to return to full-time employment.

An employee on leave or returning from leave shall be included in the lay-off and recall procedure.

- l. FMLA rules and regulations apply to any applicable unpaid leaves.

ARTICLE 29 - LEAVES FOR UNION BUSINESS

- a. Members of the Union elected to Local Union positions or selected by the Union to do work which takes them from their employment with the Employer will be granted, at the written request of the employee, leaves of absence for periods not to exceed two (2) years or the term of office. Such leaves may be renewed upon written request of the employee. The employee's seniority will accrue to one (1) year and at that time it will be frozen until the employee returns to work with the Employer.

ARTICLE 30 - HOLIDAYS

- a. The following shall be paid holidays under this contract: Christmas Day, December 26, December 27, December 28, December 29, New Year's Eve Day, and New Year's Day. Employees eligible shall receive straight time pay as holiday pay.
- b. In order to receive holiday, pay the employee must have worked their full shift of the last scheduled workday for his/her classification prior to the holiday and their shift of the first scheduled workday for his/her classification following the holiday.

ARTICLE 31 - UNION BULLETIN BOARDS

- a. The Union may use bulletin board space provided by the Employer for the Union use in each building.

ARTICLE 32 – WORK HOURS/OVERTIME

- a. Overtime will be paid at the rate of time and a half. Overtime will be paid after forty (40) hours per week.
- b. In an effort to provide extra scheduled time to regular employees in the building on a rotational basis, additional "camps" may be scheduled for when school is not in session.
- c. Overtime work at employee's option - overtime work shall be voluntary. There shall be no discrimination against any employee who declines to work except when the Superintendent shall declare an emergency.
- d. Employees attending mandatory in-services or staff meetings shall be paid their regular hourly rate for the time they attend.
 - i. Mandatory meetings cannot exceed one per month and employees shall be given at least 24-hour notice of such mandatory meetings.
- e. (a) Employees selected by the district who are trained for specific students and have daily duties such as diabetic testing, insulin administration, breathing treatments, etc. shall be compensated \$100.00 per year, payable in the last check of the school year. This amount will be prorated to a daily amount if not performed for the entire school year. This stipend will be limited to one primary and one back-up per building/program.

(b) Employees selected by the district who are trained for possible medical assistance on an as

needed basis for designated students in areas such as EpiPens, seizure response, etc. will be compensated with a one-time \$100.00 stipend.

- f. All Childcare Teachers and Preschool Teachers shall attend one (1) assigned evening Open House per year and all Parent Orientation assigned evenings (1 or 2) as dictated by the assigned teaching schedule, and may attend student events taking place in the evenings with prior approval from their building administrator. Further, Special Education paraprofessionals may attend one (1) assigned evening Open House per year and all Parent Orientation assigned evenings (1 or 2), and student events with prior approval from their building administrator. Childcare Teachers, Preschool Teachers, and Special Education Paraprofessionals will be compensated at their regular hourly rate or as required by Article 32.01 for their attendance at these events. Participation in additional activities beyond the regular work day is voluntary and not subject to the evaluation process. Classroom aides are not required nor compensated to attend Open House, Orientation, or student events taking place in the evenings
- g. Preschool Teachers are required to hold a parent conference with each parent during the day as scheduled in the calendar or required by accreditation/grants. Preschool teachers will be compensated fifteen (15) minutes per child for report card/portfolio completion and fifteen (15) minutes per student conference. Classroom aides are not required nor compensated to attend student conferences.
- h. Teachers and aides employed under the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) will follow the program requirements as outlined in the implementation model per grant requirements.

ARTICLE 33 – EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

- a. (a) Probationary Employees shall be evaluated a minimum of one (1) time during the ninety (90) calendar day probationary period. Employees shall be evaluated annually for the first three (3) years they remain in the same position. The Employee shall be evaluated once every two (2) years thereafter.
- (b) Evaluations shall be conducted by the Employee's building and/or immediate administrator and shall be submitted to the Office of Human Resources upon completion.
- (c) It is recognized that signing the evaluation form does not necessarily indicate agreement with the evaluation. In the event that the Employee feels the evaluation was incomplete or unjust, the Employee may put their objections in writing and have them attached to the evaluation report to be placed in their personnel file. Each Employee shall be given his/her personal copy of each evaluation at the evaluation conference.
- (d) The district and the union will meet upon request of either party to revise any changes to the performance assessment documents as established by this article.

ARTICLE 34 – LIFE INSURANCE PROTECTION

- a. The Board shall provide without cost to the K-12 employees who work a scheduled twenty (20) or more hours per week (childcare employees more than twenty (20) hours per week), group life insurance protection in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). For those K-12 employees who work less than twenty (20) hours per week (childcare employees

twenty (20) hours per week or less), the Board shall provide group life insurance in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Each employee is entitled to only one (1) policy regardless of combined hours. It is the employee's responsibility to process with administration the required participation forms. Administration automatically enrolls employees upon successful completion of their probationary period.

ARTICLE 35 - PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES

- a. Any case of assault upon an employee, which has its inception in a school-centered problem, shall be reported immediately in writing to the Superintendent or his designated representative. In the event of such an assault, the employee involved may request the assistance of the Board in such matter. These requests shall be made in writing to the Superintendent who shall make a determination as to whether the conduct of the employee making such request justifies any assistance from the Board and the extent thereof.
- b. If any employee is complained against or sued by reason of disciplinary action to a student, as specified in the General School Laws, the employee may request assistance of the Board in such matter. These requests shall be made in writing to the Superintendent who shall make a determination as to whether the conduct of the employee making such request justifies any assistance from the Board and the extent thereof.

ARTICLE 36 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide safe and healthful working conditions, and the Union recognizes its obligation to cooperate in the maintenance and improvement of those conditions.

- a. Complaint Procedure:
 - i. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to report any known unsafe operation to his/her immediate supervisor.
- b. The immediate supervisor will respond to the complaint within five (5) working days.

ARTICLE 37 - SEPARATION CLAUSE

- a. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees hereunder shall be found contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law; but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 38 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- a. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 2024 and shall continue in full force and in effect until midnight of December 31, 2027, unless either party shall notify the other in writing ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall begin no later than sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary date; this Agreement shall remain in full force and be effective during the period of

negotiations and until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following paragraph.

- i. In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date; which shall not be before the anniversary date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE 39 – WAGES

- a. In absence of a classroom teacher, or when assigned as a substitute teacher, Members will be compensated at the rate of \$26.00 per hour for actual time of substitute teaching (planning and lunch periods excluded).
- b. Members must have a Substitute Teaching Permit issued by the State of Michigan. The District will obtain the required permits for qualified members
- c. Salary Schedules from May 29, 2024 thru December 31, 2027

Each year of this contract, all members will advance (1) step every January (every second semester).

- i. **Salary Schedule from May 29, 2024 thru first semester of January 2025.**

Supervisory Aides (Parking Lot, Hall, Media Center), SACC Aides, Classroom Aides (Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, GSRP Floater)	
Step	Effective May 29, 2024
1	\$15.03
2	\$15.25
3	\$15.46
4	\$15.69
5	\$15.90
6	\$16.13
7	\$16.25

Paraprofessionals, Associate GSRP Teachers	
Step	Effective May 29, 2024
1	\$16.86
2	\$17.10
3	\$17.35
4	\$17.57
5	\$17.81
6	\$18.05
7	\$18.30

SACC Site Directors, Childcare Lead Providers	
Step	Effective May 29, 2024
1	\$21.30
2	\$21.81
3	\$22.31
4	\$22.84
5	\$23.35
6	\$23.85
7	\$24.35

Preschool Teachers	
Step	Effective May 29, 2024
1	\$22.79
2	\$23.34
3	\$23.87
4	\$24.44
5	\$24.98
6	\$25.52
7	\$26.05

- ii. **Salary Schedule from second semester of January 2025 thru first semester of January 2026.**

Supervisory Aides (Parking Lot, Hall, Media Center), SACC Aides, Classroom Aides (Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, GSRP Floater)	
Step	Effective January 2025
1	\$15.48
2	\$15.71
3	\$15.92
4	\$16.16
5	\$16.34
6	\$16.61
7	\$16.74

Paraprofessionals, Associate GSRP Teachers	
Step	Effective January 2025
1	\$17.37
2	\$17.61
3	\$17.87
4	\$18.10
5	\$18.34
6	\$18.59
7	\$18.85

SACC Site Directors, Childcare Lead Providers	
Step	Effective January 2025
1	\$21.94
2	\$22.50
3	\$22.98
4	\$23.53
5	\$24.05
6	\$24.57
7	\$25.08

Preschool Teachers	
Step	Effective January 2025
1	\$23.47
2	\$24.04
3	\$24.59
4	\$25.17
5	\$25.73
6	\$26.29
7	\$26.83

- i. **Salary Schedule from second semester of January 2026 thru December 31, 2027.**

Supervisory Aides (Parking Lot, Hall, Media Center), SACC Aides, Classroom Aides (Childcare, Preschool, Kindergarten, GSRP Floater)	
Step	Effective January 2026
1	\$15.94
2	\$16.18
3	\$16.40
4	\$16.45
5	\$16.83
6	\$17.11
7	\$17.24

Paraprofessionals, Associate GSRP Teachers	
Step	Effective January 2026
1	\$17.89
2	\$18.14
3	\$18.41
4	\$18.64
5	\$18.89
6	\$19.15
7	\$19.42

SACC Site Directors, Childcare Lead Providers	
Step	Effective January 2026
1	\$22.60
2	\$23.18
3	\$23.67
4	\$24.24
5	\$24.77
6	\$25.31
7	\$25.83

Preschool Teachers	
Step	Effective January 2026
1	\$24.17
2	\$24.76
3	\$24.33
4	\$25.93
5	\$26.50
6	\$27.01
7	\$27.63

Attachment “A”

Paraprofessionals

Community Service Learning Paraprofessional

ELL Paraprofessional

Instructional Paraprofessional:

- 31A Paraprofessional
- Grant Paraprofessional
- Title 1 Paraprofessional
- Vocational Paraprofessional
- General Education Elementary/Middle School
- High School Paraprofessional

Special Education Paraprofessional

- ECSE Paraprofessional
- LRE Paraprofessional
- One on One Paraprofessional
- SE Instructional Paraprofessional
- Special Education Paraprofessional (ASD, CI, and EI)

Aides

Classroom Aides

- Kindergarten Aide

Supervisory Aide

Lunchroom Aide (Dual Position)

- This only pertains to employees who were employed prior to 2012.

Crossing Guard (Dual Position)

- This only pertains to employees who were employed prior to 2012.

Early Childhood Department

Childcare Teacher

Childcare Provider

Preschool Teacher (except Great Start Readiness Program teachers)

Associate Teacher

CTE Childcare Program Director

Classroom Aides

- Childcare Aide
- Preschool Aide
- GSRP Aide

SACC Department

SACC Site Director

SACC Aide

- CTE Child Care Program Director

When a bargaining unit member is identified as a CTE Child Program Director for the District, the member will receive a stipend in the amount of \$2,000 per year. This payment will spread over the 2nd pay per month from September through June.

- Annual Stipends

LARA (required 16 hours of PD)	\$500.00
School Aged Youth Development Credential (SDC)	\$500.00
Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)	\$500.00
Special Education Paraprofessional (required 16 hours of PD)	\$750.00
Job Related Associate Degree	\$1,000.00
Job Related Bachelor's Degree	\$2,000.00
Job Related Master's Degree	\$2,500.00
Valid Michigan Teacher Certificate	\$1,500.00

Degree stipends are paid at the level of highest degree earned. Multiple degree stipends will not be paid at the same time.

Determining if a degree is "job related" will be the responsibility of a sub-committee comprised of three representatives from the union and three representatives from administration.

Degree stipends will be paid two (2) times per year, first payment will be paid the first pay in January, and second payment will be paid the first pay in June.

Annual stipends for professional development will be paid the first pay in June.

- Wellness Stipends

Members annually scheduled for 32 or more hours per workweek will receive a stipend in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year, spread over the 2nd pay per month from September through June.

Attachment "B"
Listed Offenses

Mandatory Disclosure to the Department of Education and School Administration

When a member of the Bargaining Unit who has had an initial criminal history check, regardless of the outcome, is subsequently **charged** with one or more of the following types of offenses (whether under Michigan, another state's, or federal law), the person must, within three days of being arraigned for the offense or offenses, report to the state Department of Education and the administration of the school involved, on an approved form, that he or she has been charged with the following offense or offenses.

- a) Any felony.
- b) Any of the following misdemeanors:
 - i. Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree or an attempt to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree.
 - ii. Child abuse in the third or fourth degree or an attempt to commit child abuse in the third or fourth degree.
 - iii. A misdemeanor involving cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving a child.
 - iv. A misdemeanor violation of section 7410 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7410 (drug dealing to minors or near schools).
 - v. A violation of section 115, 141a, 145a, 335a, or 359 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.115, MCL 750.141a, 750.145a, 750.335a, and 750.359, or a misdemeanor violation of section 81, 81a, or 145d of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81, 750.81a, and 750.145d.
 - Breaking and entering;
 - Consumption of alcohol/drugs by minors and at social gatherings;
 - Soliciting a child for immoral purposes;
 - Indecent exposure;
 - Theft or defacing of construction materials;
 - Domestic assault and battery;
 - Assault; and
 - Internet use for purpose of committing a crime against a minor.
 - vi. A misdemeanor violation of section 701 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1701.
 - vii. Any misdemeanor that is a listed offense – sex related offense.
- c) A violation of a substantially similar law of another state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state, or of the United States.

Failure to comply with this provision may result in discipline up to and including discharge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives:

LOCAL 1993 – AFSCME

BY: 
Local #1993 President – Heather Turak

BY: 
AFSCME 1993 Representative – Paul Long

BY: 
Negotiating Committee – Cheryl Buzzelli

BY: 
Negotiating Committee – Ashley Dupuis

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY: 
Board of Education President

BY: 
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Date: 01/28/2025

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