

AGREEMENT

between

NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT 916

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

and

916 UNITED EDUCATORS,

LOCAL 3748

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**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

Section 1. Parties: This contract is entered into between the School District of Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District 916 (hereinafter referred to as the “school district”), and the 916 United Educators, Local 3748, A.F.T.- N.E.A. – Education Minnesota – A.F.L.- C.I.O. (hereinafter referred to as the “United Educators”) pursuant to and in compliance with the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “P.E.L.R.A.”), to provide the terms and conditions of employment for employees during the duration of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE II
RECOGNITION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE**

Section 1. 916 United Educators: The school district hereby recognizes the United Educators as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all professional personnel who meet the definition of Teacher as defined in Minn. Stat. § 179A.03 Subd. 18. Such representation shall exclude the superintendent, directors, managers, supervisory and confidential employees, essential employees, as defined in P.E.L.R.A., and such other employees excluded by law. The term “teacher” when used hereinafter in the Agreement shall refer to all licensed professional employees in the bargaining or negotiating unit as above defined.

Section 2. Other Parties: The school district agrees not to negotiate with or recognize any teachers’ organization other than the United Educators so long as the United Educators is the duly authorized exclusive bargaining agent of the teachers of the school district.

**ARTICLE III
DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. Employee: The term “employee” means a teacher or related services licensed staff who is a member of the bargaining unit as defined in this Agreement.

Section 2. Teacher: The term “teacher” means Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 licensed teachers, and related services licensed staff who meet the definition of Teacher as defined in Minn. Stat. § 179A.03 Subd. 18, all of whom are members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement. Behavior Analysts are not members of this bargaining unit and are not subject to the Agreement.

Section 3. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Teachers:

Subd. 1. Sections of the Agreement Applicable: Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers shall be covered by the following articles of the Agreement: ARTICLE I, PURPOSE; ARTICLE II, RECOGNITION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE; ARTICLE III, DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE IV, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD;

ARTICLE V, EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE RIGHTS; ARTICLE VI, EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS; ARTICLE VII, DUTY DAY AND DUTY WEEK; ARTICLE VIII, DUTY YEAR; ARTICLE IX, COMPENSATION PLAN; ARTICLE X, GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS; ARTICLE XI, GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION; ARTICLE XII, EXTENDED CONTRACTS; ARTICLE XIII, LEAVES OF ABSENCE; ARTICLE XIV, MISCELLANEOUS LEAVES; ARTICLE XVI, SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT; ARTICLE XVII, MISCELLANEOUS; ARTICLE XVIII, CONTRACT.

Subd. 2. Sections of the Agreement Not Applicable: Tier 1 and Tier 2 teachers shall not be subject to the following articles of the Agreement, which apply only to Tier 3 and Tier 4 licensed teachers, ARTICLE VI, Section 4, Progressive Discipline and ARTICLE XV, UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE, CONTRACT REDUCTION AND SENIORITY POLICY.

Subd. 3. Probationary Period for Tier 1 & Tier 2 Teachers: Time spent as a Tier 1 licensed teacher does not count toward the teacher's probationary period pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivision 5. For Tier 2 licensed teachers who transition to Tier 3, up to two years spent as a Tier 2 licensed teacher will be credited toward the teacher's probationary period if so provided under Minnesota State Law.

Section 4. United Educators: The term "United Educators" as used in this Agreement, shall mean the 916 United Educators, Local 3748 – AFT.-NEA.-Education Minnesota- A.F.L.-C.I.O.

Section 5. School District: The term "school district" shall mean Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District 916 and its designated officials and representatives.

Section 6. School Board: The term "school board" shall mean the school board of Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District 916 and/or its designated officials and representatives.

Section 7. Other Terms: Terms not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have those meanings as defined in P.E.L.R.A.

Section 8. Designee: Any reference in this Agreement to a particular school official shall mean that official or designee.

Section 9. Extended Contract: The term "extended contract" shall mean any time worked by an employee for the school district beyond the 184-day contract year.

ARTICLE IV RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Section 1. School Board Managerial Rights and Responsibilities:

Subd. 1. Managerial Policy: A public employer is not required to meet and negotiate on matters of inherent managerial policy, which include but are not limited to such areas of discretion or policy as the functions and programs of the employers, its overall budget, utilization of technology, the organizational structure and selection and direction of personnel.

Subd. 2. Responsibilities: The United Educators recognizes that the school board and its representative have responsibility and authority to manage and direct, on behalf of the public, all operations and activities of the school district to the extent authorized by law, provided that such rights and responsibilities shall be exercised by the school board and its representative not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

Subd. 3. Authority: The laws of the State of Minnesota have vested in the school board the full authority and power to manage, control, and direct the operation of the school district and to adopt, modify or repeal policies, rules and regulations for the school district. All such authority and power of the school board shall continue unimpaired, except as limited by the specific provisions of this Agreement.

Section 2. Effect of Laws, Rules and Regulations: All employees covered by this Agreement shall perform the teaching and other services designated by the school district and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, and by the school board rules, regulations, directives, and orders, issued by properly designated officials of the school district, insofar as such rules, regulations, directives and orders are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE RIGHTS

Section 1. Organization Business: Representatives of the United Educators shall be permitted to transact official United Educators business on school property at reasonable times, provided that such business shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school activities. Representatives who are not employees of District 916 shall notify the building office of their presence. The superintendent or their designee shall determine whether or not such business is interfering with or interrupting normal school activities and direct the participants to cease.

Section 2. Use of Equipment: The United Educators may use school equipment on school premises provided that such use does not interfere with normal school activities or the discharge of regular duties. Such use will be subject to approval of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The United Educators will bear full cost of district provided labor, materials, and supplies used, and will submit a report of such use of district provided items to the executive director of finance or authorized designee following such use.

Section 3. Use of Communication Facilities: The United Educators shall have the right to post notices of activities and matters of United Educators concern on employee bulletin boards, at least one of which shall be provided in each school building which has six or more teachers. The

United Educators may use the district mail service, e-mail and employee mailboxes for communication to employees. All bulletins and materials distributed through district mails by the United Educators shall be under the name of the United Educators, and one copy of distributed materials shall be sent simultaneously to the superintendent. The United Educators shall be responsible for the content of all such materials.

Section 4. Dues Check Off: The United Educators shall submit notice to the school district of any teacher who has completed a signed membership application. As soon as possible after receipt of such notice, the school district shall deduct the membership dues of the United Educators.

Subd. 1. Deduction: Pursuant to such notice and for so long as not revoked in writing, the school district shall deduct in sixteen (16) equal installments beginning on the second pay day in October and ending on the first pay day in June. Deductions for employees employed after the commencement of the school year shall be appropriately prorated to complete payments by the first payday in June after one catch-up deduction per employee is made mid-year. Teachers contracted for less than the full school year shall be eligible to have dues deducted for the United Educators for the number of months remaining to termination or the first payday in June, whichever comes first. The school district is not responsible for deductions for teachers not under individual contract.

Subd. 2. Board Remittance of Dues: With respect to all sums deducted by the school district for membership dues, the school district shall remit to the United Educators, within ten (10) working days after the last working day of each month, the total amount deducted, accompanied by an alphabetical list of employees to whom such deductions have been made.

Subd. 3. United Educators Responsibility: The United Educators agrees to provide the school district ongoing updates of membership and to furnish information needed by the school district to fulfill the provisions of this section, and not otherwise available to the school district.

Section 5. User Fees: No employee shall be charged parking fees, usage fees or accessibility fees at a Northeast Metropolitan School District facility site or program.

Section 6. Right to Meet and Confer: Public employees who are professional employees as defined in P.E.L.R.A. have the right to meet and confer with the school district regarding policies and matters not included under M.S. 179A.03, Subd. 19.

Subd. 1. Committee: A committee shall be appointed, to function after negotiations have been closed, to handle and exchange views and concerns on nonnegotiable items, which shall include policies and procedures and those matters relating to their employment not included under "meet and negotiate" requirements. This committee shall be composed of three (3) representatives designated by the school board and three (3) representatives designated by the United Educators as exclusive representative. Alternates may be named. Pursuant to P.E.L.R.A., the committee shall meet at reasonable times upon

request of either party. The committee shall not meet while negotiations are in process, except by mutual consent.

Section 7. Use of Buildings: The United Educators, after a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours written request and approval by the superintendent or designee, may use school buildings or buildings leased by the school board for meeting purposes. Such use may not interfere with school district activities. The United Educators shall request such usage in writing to the superintendent or designee indicating the meeting space requested and the number of persons to be in attendance. If the superintendent or designee approves the usage of the building, such use shall be at no cost to the United Educators, provided that additional custodial or other services are not required. If the superintendent or designee determines that additional custodial or other services result, the superintendent or designee shall inform the United Educators in writing, indicating the cost for such use, and the United Educators shall bear full cost of the additional services.

Section 8. Official Business of the Exclusive Representative:

Subd. 1. Business Leave: The United Educators, as exclusive representative shall have business leave of up to a maximum of 120 hours each fiscal year covered by this Agreement, with no deduction in pay. The United Educators president will notify the superintendent or designee at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the intended leave of the time and duration of the business leave. United Educators business days should not be used during school district in-service days. Hours taken beyond the 120 hours require superintendent approval prior to the leave and United Educators will bear the cost for a substitute teacher. United Educators business leave, as defined in this section, is intended primarily to cover United Educators business requiring the member's presence away from the building of employment for United Educators related meetings, training conferences, and legislative events, excluding member rights meetings. Business leave is available only during the school calendar year, not the summer months. The superintendent may otherwise pre-approve exceptions.

Subd. 2. United Educators Officer's Release Time: One or more United Educators Officer(s) shall be released from up to a total of .5 FTE of their regular assignment based upon a 184-day regular contract, subject to the school district's right to approve or disapprove release time for any United Educators Officer, considering the best interests and continuity of the program to which the United Educators Officer is assigned, and the availability of a qualified person to fill the .5 FTE vacancy. The United Educators Officer released will be compensated by the school district as if a full-time employee, however, the United Educators shall cost into the negotiated settlement the cost of the .5 FTE substitute teacher retained to replace the United Educators Officer, at the pro rata portion of the BA step one salary.

Section 9. Board Agenda Items: The school board shall place on the agenda of each regular board meeting under the appropriate heading any matters brought to its consideration by the United Educators so long as those matters are made known to the superintendent's office at least

seven (7) working days prior to said meeting, and so long as those matters have been processed through the terms of this Agreement.

Section 10. Access to Membership Lists: By September 15 of each school year, the District shall provide in electronic form to the Union the names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, birthday, not including year of birth, full-time equivalency (FTE) status, worksite location and assignment of all bargaining unit members employed. Upon request, the school district shall provide the Union with an electronic copy of the current bargaining unit lists. Such requests shall be filled within five days.

Section 11. Maintenance of Membership: Any member of the bargaining unit may authorize the school district to deduct from their pay the amount of dues charged by the Union. This authorization must be in writing and forwarded to the Payroll Office not less than two (2) weeks before the payday when it is to become effective. The District agrees to implement all the terms of dues-checkoff authorizations submitted to the District by the Union and agreed to by the employee.

The employer shall adhere to the specific provisions in each dues check-off authorization regarding the duration, renewal, procedure for revocation, amount of dues deducted, and all other provisions agreed to by the employee as stated in the authorization.

When a bargaining unit member has authorized a dues deduction, such authorization shall continue in effect for that year and from year to year and cannot be canceled except by written notice from the Union President, Co-President, Membership Chair or a representative of Education Minnesota. A member seeking cancellation must provide written notice to the Union President.

Section 12. Orientation: Each newly hired bargaining unit teacher may be provided the opportunity to have a union orientation provided by the union and the union representative or designee if teacher so desires. This orientation may take place at or after the new employee orientation and may be in person or in written materials.

ARTICLE VI EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Right to Views: Nothing contained in this agreement shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any public employee or representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of the public employment or their betterment, so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment or circumvent the rights of the exclusive representative.

Section 2. Right to Information and Membership: Teachers shall have the right to form and join labor or employer organizations and shall have the right not to form and join such organizations. Upon employment, teachers shall be directed to the school district website for a copy of the current United Educators contract.

Section 3. Right to Accessibility to Personnel Files: All evaluations and files relating to each individual teacher shall be available for review during regular school business hours to each individual teacher upon written request. The teacher shall be notified in writing of any documents relating to promotion, demotion, evaluation or discipline. The teacher shall have the right to request reproduction of any of the contents of the file at the teacher's personal expense and to submit for inclusion in the file written information in response to any materials contained within; provided, however, the school district may destroy such files as provided by laws. The teacher may have representation during this review. Written documents relating to promotion, demotion and evaluation shall be available for review and initialing by the employee at the time of review. Files should be reviewed in the personnel office and in the presence of the personnel officer or designee. Files shall be made available within five (5) working days after written request by the employee to the personnel office and reviewed in said office.

Section 4. Reprimands, Discipline, and Cause:

Subd. 1. Immediate Supervisor: The immediate supervisor may reprimand a teacher orally or in writing at any time. Upon request of the teacher, before the supervisor may proceed with a reprimand, the teacher shall be entitled to have a federation representative present.

Subd. 2. Administrative Review: A teacher may request that any written reprimand shall be reviewed at the administrative level. Such request shall be made within five (5) days of the receipt of the reprimand. Upon the request of a teacher, such an administrative review shall take place within five (5) days. The teacher may have a United Educators representative present at this review. The written review at the administrative level shall be included in the teacher's personnel file. For purposes of this subdivision an administrative review shall mean a review by the superintendent or designee.

Subd. 3. Suspension Without Pay: No teacher may be suspended without pay except for proper cause as defined in Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 9 (a)-(d), or Subd. 13 (a) (1)-(6). Suspension shall be made by the superintendent or designee only after a meeting with the teacher and the teacher's union representative. Any suspension shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 5. Transfers and Reassignments:

Subd. 1. Voluntary Transfers: Teachers shall have the right to apply for District wide vacancies. All teachers shall be given an opportunity to apply to such vacancies within the time period of the posting. Teachers who are interested in a transfer to another program shall submit an application for employment using the District's internal employment application. Specialty experience and/or training in addition to licensure may be considered in the selection process.

Subd. 2. Involuntary Reassignments: For purposes of this subdivision an involuntary reassignment shall be defined as a change of assignment that results in a change to a start

or end time, program, location or schedule, a change from a non-classroom teaching role to a classroom teaching role, or causes the employee to use a teaching license different from their current assignment. All involuntary reassignments shall be made in writing and the teacher may continue to work in the current assignment up to fourteen (14) days before starting in the new assignment. Those being re-assigned to an alternate calendar shall be given a sixty (60) day notice.

Subd. 3. Involuntary Reassignment Between Buildings: The school district and United Educators agree that the involuntary reassignment of a teacher's classroom or office from one building to another building requires additional effort by the affected teacher to facilitate the move for which the teacher shall be paid a one-time payment for each such move at Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) with no additional payment based upon hourly rate of pay. This subdivision applies to all such reassignments of a .8 FTE or greater, including those reassignments in between and/or during the academic year, but excludes the opening of new buildings or reopening of remodeled buildings.

Section 6. Vacancy: When vacancies in the school district occur, the vacancy notice shall be posted on the school district website and included in the staff bulletin. Such postings shall remain for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. All teachers shall be given an opportunity to apply to such vacancies within the time period stated in the posting. If a qualified district teacher applies and is refused the position, upon request, such teacher shall be entitled to an interview with a school district supervisor who is in a position to review the school district's decision.

Section 7. Teacher Academic Freedom: Teachers have the right to protection from any censorship or restraint which might interfere with their obligation to pursue truth within the guidelines and philosophy of the school district. Freedom of individual expression shall be encouraged and guaranteed by the school district to all its teachers. Teachers shall be free to introduce into a classroom presentation and discussions politically, religiously, or otherwise controversial materials, provided that said material is relevant to the course content, that the material is suitable to the student's background or maturity, and that the teacher presents or arranges for the presentation of both sides of issues on which there exists conflicting opinions.

ARTICLE VII DUTY DAY AND DUTY WEEK

Section 1. Duty Day:

Subd. 1. Length: The hours of instruction for students at each program/building shall be established by the school district. The professional teacher's day on which salaries shall be based is a period of time that the school is regularly in session for students plus reasonable time as is necessary to plan the days' work, confer with pupils and parents, attend staff and committee meetings, attend open houses, and perform such other duties as are appropriate for teachers, but not less than eight (8) hours a day inclusive of lunch. Each teacher will have a scheduled duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes. The on-

site duty days for teachers who are contracted to work four (4) hours or less shall not include lunch. The on-site duty day for persons contracted to work more than four (4) hours but less than eight (8) hours per day shall include a lunch period in a pro-rata amount.

Subd. 2. Duty Day for teachers who do have regular and direct classroom responsibilities: The eight (8) hours shall consist of up to six (6) hours and seven (7) minutes of student contact instructional activity inclusive of fifty (50) minutes for preparation time during the student contact hours. Part-time instructional teachers involved with student contact may be assigned preparation time on a pro-rata basis if they are involved in the development of learning materials as well as the day-to-day preparations for instruction. This subdivision shall not apply to teachers who do not have regular and direct classroom responsibilities.

Subd. 3. Duty Day for teachers who do not have regular and direct classroom responsibilities: The eight (8) hours of work expectations consist of duties that are designed to support the functions of the program and program operations.

Subd. 4. Modifications in Duty Day and Work Week: In the event of an order by authorized federal or state authority or in the case of snow make up days, the school district may modify the duty day or work week to place the school district in compliance with such federal or state order or student contact day requirements, but with the understanding that prior to implementing any such modifications, the school district shall meet and confer with the United Educators.

Subd. 5. Duty Free Lunch: Each employee who is regularly employed for more than four (4) hours per days shall have a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period per day. Teachers shall not be paid additional compensation for services provided during their regular lunch unless described elsewhere in this Agreement. It is not intended or expected that teachers shall be scheduled on a regular or frequent basis to work during their lunch.

Subd. 6. Professional Day Expectations:

1. Teachers are expected to be at school when school is regularly in session for students.
2. Teachers shall have preparation time during the regular work day consistent with state law.
3. Teachers are expected to meet with parents and students as needed, including attending parent-teacher conferences.
4. Teachers are expected to attend IEP and staffing meetings on students as needed. Every attempt shall be made to schedule IEP meetings during or near the beginning or end of the regular duty day.
5. Teachers are expected to attend program/building meetings as scheduled at reasonable times before or after school unless there are unavoidable circumstances.

6. Consistent with the above expectations is a shared judgment that teachers should not as a general practice enter the building shortly before students arrive and leave shortly after students depart or schedule regular and recurring appointments that keep them out of the building on a regular basis.
7. Teachers are expected to cover other professional duties, including, but not limited to open houses, student graduation ceremonies, and other school events. Administrators shall make every attempt to assign these professional duties evenly amongst teaching staff.
8. Whenever a teacher leaves the building or program before the hours defined in this Article, the teacher shall remain available for work related activities with the exception that if the teacher is not available they must notify their principal/manager with reasonable notice and prior to the departure.
9. Consistent with mutual expectations is a shared understanding that teachers should foster collaboration with classroom staff during the Duty Day and this is best done by working in the building.
10. For those teachers who work in member districts, teachers are expected to work at their designated site except where flexibility is expected or allowed based on the assignment.

Section 2. Oversight: The school district and United Educators shall monitor the practices of the professional duty day. There is a shared understanding that Professional Duty Day concerns shall be raised and addressed during the meet and confer process with the United Educators. Prior to implementing any modifications the District shall raise them during the meet and confer process with the United Educators.

Section 3. Breaks: Teachers shall be entitled to a total of thirty (30) minutes break time during the regular eight (8) hour workday. This break time shall be in addition to the thirty (30) minute duty free lunch. The break time can be distributed according to department needs. Except for unusual circumstances, fifteen (15) minutes will be scheduled in the morning and fifteen (15) minutes in the afternoon. Part-time employees will receive breaks on a proportionate basis as their work day is to the eight-hour day.

Section 4. Staff Meetings: The administration shall make reasonable effort to see that staff meetings, including professional learning community meetings, and required workshops shall be held during the hours of the duty day.

Section 5. Meeting Attendance: School events outside of the teacher's basic duty day as recognized in the Professional Duty Day Memorandum of Understanding shall be recognized by members of the staff as a professional responsibility. Teachers shall be notified on or before August 15 each year by their supervisor. Attendance at any of the above that are scheduled after August 15 shall require mutual agreement between the Union and District.

Section 6. Curriculum Development: The school district will designate not less than three (3) duty days each contract year as release time to permit instructors to work on curriculum requirements for individual program sites.

Section 7. Case Management for Special Education Teachers: With the pre-approval of the Manager or Principal, special education case managers may be granted up to 120 minutes during the normal work day to prepare an assessment, IEP or evaluation report.

ARTICLE VIII DUTY YEAR

Section 1. Days: The school board shall adopt the calendar of school days and workshop days for the following school year by its regular meeting in April of each year. Teachers shall perform services on such days as determined by the school board, including those legal holidays on which the school board is authorized to conduct school, and pursuant to such authority has determined to conduct school.

Section 2. Modifications in Calendar, Length of School Day:

Subd. 1. Emergencies: In the event of energy shortage, severe weather, or other exigency, the school district reserves the right to modify the school calendar, and if school is closed on a normal duty day(s), the teacher shall perform duties on such other day(s) in lieu thereof as the school board or its designated representative shall determine, if any.

Subd. 2. Make-up Days: Prior to scheduling more than two (2) make-up days pursuant to Subd. 1 hereof, the school district shall meet and confer on such matters.

Subd. 3. Closings: Unless otherwise specified in the radio closing announcement or electronic system, Teachers are not obligated to report to their locations in the event of school closing unless directed to do so. At those particular locations requiring different arrangements, the school district shall provide instruction regarding school closing. The teacher shall not be required to use leave in the event of a closing. If a situation arises not addressed in the contract or the District Operating Procedure for Emergency School Closing, the District and Union shall engage in the meet and confer process.

Subd. 4. School Open – Inability to Report: In the event that school is in session and the teacher is unable to report for duty as a result of inclement weather, or impassible roads, or as a result of other similar conditions, the employee will be required to take personal leave, if they have such leave accrued, or the employee's salary will be reduced by the appropriate amount for the days absent.

Subd.5. Enrichment (E) – Learning Days: The District may declare an E-Learning Day, which consists of an extension of classroom instruction with a reasonable amount of time to complete the work assigned and opportunity for teacher/student interaction during the day(s). Teachers shall be available to students through the district online phone system, email, learning management systems or virtual platform for a maximum of five (5) hours. The remaining time shall be for preparation and a duty-free lunch.

Section 3. Basic Duty Year: The basic duty year for regular full-time employees shall consist of 184 duty days for the 2023-2024 contract year and 184 duty days for the 2024-2025 contract year as prescribed by the school calendar and as assigned by the school district. The basic duty year for new hires during the first year of employment shall consist of 187 duty days without additional compensation for the additional three (3) duty days. If the employee's assignment is reduced by the school district to a lesser number than 184 duty days during the term of this contract, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, the employee's compensation shall be adjusted pro-rata downward accordingly.

Subd. 1. Extended Contracts: If the employee is employed under an extended contract, the employee shall be compensated pursuant to Article IX, Section 2, Subd. 3.

Subd. 2. Limitation: The 184-day basic duty year assignment shall be an assignment within the framework of the middle of August to the middle of June, except as otherwise provided by mutual agreement between the school district and the United Educators.

Subd. 3. Within the basic duty year, days not designated as student contact days or district-wide in-service, shall be reserved for curriculum development, grade reporting, district designated parent-teacher conferences, or site-based or program-based in-service. The equivalent of two (2) no meeting days shall be reserved at the beginning of each school year for the preparation/set-up of the classroom and one half (1/2) day at the end of the year for clean-up/checkout. In addition, the equivalent of two days shall be reserved as duty days without meetings or staff development after workshop week and prior to the last duty day. The Superintendent and Directors shall set the parameters for the school calendar each year. Each school site/program shall have a committee, consisting of staff and administration, to make site-based decisions within the district-wide calendar parameters.

Section 4. Extended Contracts:

Subd. 2. Assignment: Extended contracts, as available, will first be offered by seniority to teachers whose primary instructional assignment for the year in which the extended contract is issued, is in the specific area of instruction. Thereafter, extended contracts will be offered as available, to the most senior instructor qualified to instruct in the specific program area. The total of an employee's paid employment for the school district shall not exceed forty (40) days beyond the annual contract. Exceptions shall be subject to meet and confer with the United Educators.

Subd. 1. Posting: The school district will post extended contract positions for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. The school district shall notify employees of the extended assignment, with such assignments subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 5. Compensatory Time: Compensatory time is limited to compensating individuals who are required to be on duty beyond regular time as contemplated by this agreement as follows:

Subd. 1. Compensatory time must be approved in writing in advance by the employee's supervisor, subject to approval of the Division Director.

Subd. 2. Compensatory time shall be allowed at the employer's option.

Subd. 3. Compensatory time use, if allowed by the employer, will require the individual employee to arrange program coverage.

Subd. 4. Compensatory time will be credited as follows:

Weekdays – regular hour for hour
Friday, 3:30 p.m. through Monday, 7:00 a.m. at the rate of 1/2 times,
as per district policy

Subd. 5. Maximum accrual of compensatory time shall be 20 hours. In the event that compensatory time is required and exceeds the accrual maximum of 20 hours, the time approved by management will be paid to the teacher at the regular rate of pay.

Section 6. Job-Sharing:

Subd. 1. Definition: The practice of two (2) or more persons employed by the school district to share a full-time (1.0 FTE) teacher position.

Subd. 2. Position: Each job share partners obligation shall be the regular duty year as specified in Article VIII, Section 3, Subd. 1 of the Agreement, divided by the number of jobs share partners, unless agreed in writing by the school district and the partners. Each job share partner shall specify the days and hours to be worked by each partner in the application to the Manager/Director for the Job-Sharing position. The Manager/Director shall have the authority to approve or disapprove of the proposed schedule. During the school year while the Job-Sharing Agreement is in effect, the job share partners may make adjustments to the schedule, if mutually agreed upon, and if approved in advance by the Management/Director.

Subd. 3. Duration: Each Job Sharing Agreement will be in effect for one school year. At the conclusion of the school year, each job share partner shall return to employment in the following school year at the same FTE level in effect for each of them before the job sharing began, unless one or both of the partners is non-renewed or is placed on a leave of absence following the job-sharing year, pursuant to relevant provisions of the contract and state law.

Subd. 4. Professional Responsibilities: During the job sharing school year, the job share partners shall:

Part 1. Jointly teach the first three (3) student contact days and the last two (2) student contact days of the year.

Part 2. Attend all workshop days.

Part 3. Teach for their partner, at no additional compensation, on days on which a partner pre-schedules and uses non-emergency leave, up to 40 hours each school year, in accordance with Subd. 2 of this Section. The job share partner shall have the option to teach for their partner beyond 40 hours with compensation at the substitute teacher's rate. If the partner chooses not to teach for their partner beyond the 40 hours required to teach for their partner, a substitute teacher will be utilized.

Part 4. Jointly plan and organize curriculum and instruction.

Part 5. Jointly grade progress reports.

Part 6. Jointly attend conferences, open house, and those other days, if any, required of all staff.

Part 7. Ensure effective communication between partners, school, and parents by regularly using a variety of tools, such as written correspondence, telephone communication, journals and available technology.

Part 8. Attend meetings on each individual's scheduled work day and communicate information and directives to the other partner in a timely fashion.

Part 9. Share equipment, furniture, and basic supplies normally provided to one teacher.

Subd. 5. Benefits: Each job share partner shall receive the following benefits:

Part 1. Placement on the negotiated salary schedule shall be the percentage of the regular duty year worked by the job share partner.

Part 2. Any time worked above the job share time shall be paid pro-rata or be available as comp time, only if such payment or comp time is pre-approved by the Manager/Director.

Part 3. Other benefits as per the Agreement.

Subd. 6. Application: Job share applications must be submitted to the Manager/Director by March 1 of the year preceding the school year for which job sharing is sought. Approval or denial shall be communicated to the applicants no later than June 15, except for job share applicants subject to an alternate calendar, for whom approval or denial shall be communicated no later than May 15 of the year preceding the school year for which job sharing is sought.

Subd. 7. Authority: School district retains sole and complete authority to approve or disapprove applications for job sharing based upon the needs of the program or school, recommendations from Managers or Directors, and other criteria deemed relevant to the school district.

Subd. 8. The decision to deny a job sharing application is not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE IX COMPENSATION PLAN

Section 1. Contracts: Contracts for new teachers shall specify the starting date, number of working days, and ending date of the individual contracts according to the individual program and school calendar. After the first year of employment, work assignments shall be provided to the teacher on or before July 30, if possible, subject to change due to student enrollment or other school district needs.

Section 2. Basic Compensation:

Subd. 1. 2023-2024 Rates of Pay: The wages and salaries reflected in Appendix A, attached hereto shall be effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Eligible teachers shall advance one (1) step beyond their 2022-2023 placement for the 2023-2024 school year, subject to Subdivisions 5 and 6.

Subd. 2. 2024-2025 Rates of Pay: The wages and salaries reflected in Appendix B, attached hereto, shall be effective for the 2024-2025 school year. Eligible teachers shall advance one (1) step beyond their 2023-2024 placement for the 2024-2025 school year, subject to Subdivisions 5 and 6.

Subd. 3. Extended Contracts: Teachers who teach under extended contracts shall be compensated on a pro-rata basis by dividing the annual salary of the previous academic year's rate by 184 days at 8 hours per day to arrive at the extended contract hourly rate. Summer School work hours shall be paid via timesheet for hours worked and will not be required to use accrued leave.

Subd.4. Summer School Stipend: Summer school teachers, covered under this bargaining agreement, who teach at one of the District ALC programs or the Willows, who work all summer school calendar days without missing more than five (5) preapproved days at time of application will be awarded a two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollar stipend to be paid on the last paycheck that includes summer school hours.

Subd. 5. Placement on the Salary Schedule for New Instructional Employees: Upon initial employment, teachers shall be placed on a step of the Salary Schedule as agreed between the school district and teacher and on lane placement pursuant to the provisions of this Article. Career and Technical teachers who have not earned a Bachelor's Degree

at the time of initial employment shall be placed in the lowest possible lane below the Master's lane. Those Career and Technical teachers who have not earned a Bachelor's degree shall be allowed to advance up to and including the BA+30 lane prior to obtaining a Bachelor's Degree and shall not move to the Master's lane without first obtaining a Master's Degree.

Subd. 6. Step Advancement: A teacher commencing work in a given school year prior to February 1 shall be entitled to step advancement in the following school year subject to the language in Subdivisions 1 and 2 above. A teacher commencing work after February 1 in a given school year shall be eligible for any modification in the step upon which the teacher is hired, but shall not be eligible for step advancement in the subsequent school year.

Section 3. Lead Instructors:

Subd. 1. Lead Instructor Compensation: A teacher designated as a lead instructor for the regular duty year shall be compensated at the rate of \$1,800 annually.

Subd. 2. Postings: A job description with responsibilities shall be developed. Lead positions shall be posted with position responsibilities annually, and interested teachers may apply. In cases where a position assignment includes lead duties, the position shall be posted with a description of the lead responsibilities.

Section 4. Mentor Compensation: An employee designated by the school district as a mentor for the regular duty year shall be paid six hundred (\$600) dollars for each licensed staff mentee. Mentors shall meet with their mentee for a minimum of fifteen (15) hours across the school year including travel time. Mentors shall not be required to provide mentoring in excess of eighteen (18) hours. The amount received, and time spent, will be prorated if the duration of the mentorships is less than one full school year. Payment shall occur on or before June 30.

Section 5. Clinical Supervision for School Social Workers: An employee who is certified as both a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Licensing Supervisor from the Minnesota Board of Social Work, and who has been designated by the school district to provide clinical supervision to 916 School Social Workers, shall receive a \$750 stipend per School Social Worker supervised. The amount received will be prorated if the duration of the clinical supervision is less than one full school year. Payment shall occur on or before June 30.

Section 6. Teachers on Special Assignment and Educational Coordinators: A teacher serving as either a teacher on special assignment (TOSA) or an educational coordinator shall be paid either at the teacher's hourly rate of pay for hours actually worked beyond the basic duty year of 184 days, as mutually agreed upon in advance between the teacher and the supervising administrator, or pursuant to an individual contract with a stated number of contract days.

Section 7. Professional Improvement Advancement: The following rules shall be applicable in determining placement of an employee on the appropriate salary lane.

Subd. 1. Germane: Credit or other coursework, workshops, seminars or other professional development experiences to be considered for application on any lane of the salary schedule must be germane to the teaching assignment as determined by the school district or as otherwise approved as an exception at the discretion of the Superintendent in writing. The determination to grant or deny such credits shall not be subject to the grievance procedure, which pre-approval may not be unreasonably withheld.

Subd. 2. Grade and Credits: To apply on the salary schedule, graduate credits must earn a minimum of a "B", "Pass" or "Satisfactory". Graduate credits must be earned from an accredited college or university. Other coursework, workshops seminars or other professional development experiences may be applied to the salary schedule. Such credits must be germane to the teaching assignment. The employee shall pay for the cost of the professional development experience, which shall not occur during the contract day unless pre-approved by the Superintendent or designee in their sole and unreviewable discretion. Teachers shall be granted one (1) credit for each fifteen (15) semester hours up to a maximum of four (4) of the ten (10) credits required for a lane change. Career and Technical teachers shall be granted one (1) graduate credit for each fifty (50) hours of pre-approved work experience to be applied on the salary schedule for a lane change, up to a maximum of four (4) of the ten (10) credits required for a lane change. Credit under this subdivision shall be granted only for pre-approved work experience acquired after this contract is ratified. Trade specific training classes shall receive one (1) credit for each fifteen (15) hours of training/internship up to a maximum of four (4) of the ten (10) credits required for a lane change.

**For any employees who earn quarter vs. semester credits, convert quarter credits to semester credits by dividing the total number of quarter credits by 1.5.

Subd. 3. Prior Approval: All credits, other coursework, workshops, seminars or other professional development experiences, in order to be considered for application on the salary schedule, must be approved by the Superintendent or designee in writing prior to the taking of the course. No credits shall be approved for lane change after the credit is earned, unless the Superintendent or designee waives this requirement.

Subd. 4. Credits that do not qualify: Graduate credits earned prior to the granting of a master's degree do not qualify for lane changes beyond the master's degree unless approved by the Superintendent or designee in their sole and unreviewable discretion. Credits will not qualify if School District funds were expended for registration or reimbursement of the course, workshop, seminar or professional development.

Subd. 5. Request for Lane Change: Employees may submit a request for a lane change once every year. Lane changes will only be processed on the last paycheck of each month and, in order to qualify, a request must be submitted to Human Resources no later than the 15th of that month. Lane change requests submitted after May 15 and through August 30 will be held, and applied, if approved, at the beginning of the subsequent school year.

Subd 6. Application Process: A teacher must submit a Lane Change Request form, along with an official transcript, to Human Resources to be considered for advancement on the salary schedule.

Subd. 7. Advanced Degree Program: A teacher shall be paid on the Master's Degree lane or higher lane only if the degree program is germane to the teaching assignment as approved by the school district and the degree program is approved in writing by the Superintendent or designee in advance, unless an exception in writing is granted at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

Subd. 8. Denials: The school district shall provide the United Educators with a copy of all lane change pre-approval forms that are denied.

Section 8. Salary Payments: Teachers shall be paid on a twenty-four (24) paycheck method beginning with September 15 and ending with August 30. A schedule for payroll check distribution will be issued by the school district prior to the beginning of each school year. Employees who terminate employment at the end of the school year will receive a final paycheck on June 30 which will include payments generally processed in July and August.

Section 9. Deduction in Pay: For purposes of deduction in pay, the daily rate shall be 1/184 for the 184-day contract year. Deductions for teachers with a contracted duty year different from above shall be prorated based upon their actual contracted days.

Section 10. Hourly Pay Provisions: Pay for activities with hourly pay provisions shall be included in the regular checks within a reasonable number of working days of performance duties and submission of authorized and properly completed time sheets to the supervising administrator.

Section 11. Annuity Agreements: The school district shall purchase a tax-sheltered annuity or annuities for teachers electing to have their salaries reduced according to the salary reduction agreement signed by the teacher and according to provisions of the Internal Revenue Service. The school district shall not assume liability for security of the investment nor make a contribution greater or less than the sum elected to be reduced. Such reduction agreement shall be signed and submitted to the district personnel office any time during the year and shall be automatically renewed except by written cancellation or at termination of employment.

Section 12: 403(b) and Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans:

Subd. 1 Eligibility:

- a. Those full-time teachers tenured after July 1, 1998 shall be eligible for the provisions of this section and such employees shall not be eligible for the severance benefits as outlined in Article XVI, Section 2.
- b. Effective July 1, 2002, full-time teachers tenured before July 1, 1998 shall be eligible for the provisions of this section. These employees shall also have the benefits as outlined in Article XVI, Section 2 minus any district contribution made under Section 11 of this Article.

Subd. 2 403(b) Election: The School District, at the request of the Employee, and in accordance with state and federal law, shall withhold and transfer an amount of salary per pay period through payroll deduction, said amount to be determined by the Employee, as limited under the IRS Code Sections 402(g) and 403(b), adjusted annually, permitting the Employee to participate, if Employee so desires, in the School District Section 403(b) Plan. (Minn. Stat. 123B.02, Subd. 15; Internal Revenue Code 403(b)).

Subd. 3 Deferred Compensation Election: The School District, at the request of the Employee, and in accordance with state and federal law, shall withhold on a pre-tax basis and transfer an amount of salary per pay period through payroll deduction, said amount to be determined by the Employee, as limited under the IRS Code Sections 402(g) and 457(b), adjusted annually, permitting the Employee to participate, if Employee so desires, in the State Sponsored Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

Subd. 4 Matching Contribution: An Employee who is employed twenty (20) or more hours per week with the School District will receive a matching contribution for their contributions to either the School District Section 403(b) plan or the State Sponsored Section 457 Deferred Compensation plan, by the School District in the same amount contributed by the Employee, up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year. If the employee is enrolled in both a 403(b) plan and 457 Deferred Compensation plan the matching contribution will be applied to the 403(b) plan.

Section 13. Flexible Compensation Plan: Bargaining unit members may be eligible to participate in the district flexible compensation plan.

Section 14. Substitute Compensation for Regular Teachers: A teacher who is asked by an administrator to use preparation or planning time to supervise or conduct a class for an absent teacher or a specialist shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per period. The school district shall assign supervision duties to teachers on a rotating basis or develop a plan for such supervision when such supervision occurs unexpectedly and not regularly. A teacher who takes another teacher's classroom of students at the request of the school district, in addition to the teacher's own class, for two (2) or more periods of the student contact day, shall be paid at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per hour in addition to the teacher's regular salary for each hour of substitution. If the absent teacher or specialist's students are split between multiple teachers' classrooms, the forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be divided equally between those teachers providing coverage.

Section 15. Extracurricular Compensation: Teachers accepting a voluntary assignment such as those identified in Subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 in this Section, shall be paid at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per hour or in a lump sum, as determined by the school district in its sole discretion or as set forth below. Compensation for extended contracts, homebound instruction, extended school year, summer school, or workshops required by the District to maintain or obtain program certification shall be paid according to Article IX, Section 2, Subd. 3 at the teacher's hourly rate.

Subd. 1. Curriculum Summer Writing, Graduation Standards and additional voluntary projects or assignments: Voluntary projects or assignments include, but are not limited to, Driver's Education or GED.

Subd. 2. Student Activity Supervision: Employees who supervise student extracurricular activities, unrelated to club activities described in Subdivision 4 of this Section, as requested by the school district.

Subd. 3. Voluntary Teacher Participation: Voluntary teacher participation at workshops, training or special projects, where the school district has determined that it will compensate teachers for such voluntary participation.

Subd. 4. Student Clubs and Organizations: Teachers who supervise District approved student clubs and organizations shall receive payment for supervision of those activities according to the compensation schedule in Appendix D. This applies to State and National Organizations and/or other district approved clubs.

Placement on this compensation schedule for student clubs and organizations shall be done through the meet and confer process using the following criteria: number of hours spent on the activity outside of student contact time, number and nature of students who typically participate in the activity, the nature of the activity, and other relevant criteria developed through the meet and confer process. Teachers paid for such clubs or activities shall not be eligible for additional compensation or compensatory time for on-campus or off-campus activities associated with such activities. Advisors chaperoning students to national conventions will receive five hundred dollars (\$500) above the regular stipend to be paid out within one month of chaperoning students(s) to a national convention.

Section 16. Staff Development Chairperson: Teachers who are assigned to serve as the chairperson of a district designated staff development committee shall be paid seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) per year. The committee chairperson positions shall be posted annually.

Section 17. Trainer Pay: Teachers who are assigned to serve as district trainers for Professional Crisis Management, Crisis Prevention Intervention or Behavior Tools shall be paid three hundred dollars (\$300) total per year, regardless of how many trainings the teacher provides. Effective July 1, 2024, teachers who are assigned to serve as district trainers for Professional Crisis Management (PCM) and Teacher Child Interaction Training (TCIT) shall be paid fifteen (\$15) dollars per hour over their regular hourly rate of pay during the time spent providing such training and for up to one (1) hour of time preparing for the training and prepping materials for their absence from their regular assignment. Employees must submit a timesheet to the Director of Special Education or designee to receive payment under this subdivision. This additional hourly rate applies to new employee training, re-certifications and refreshers.

Section 18. One-time Stipends:

Subd. 1. Any teacher who achieves the following recognition may receive a one-time stipend not to exceed \$2,000 to be paid in a lump sum on or before June 30 for any of the following:

1. State Teacher of the Year
2. State Teachers of Excellence
3. National Teacher of the Year
4. Other recognition for outstanding performance or extraordinary contributions to the School District, not reflected on the salary schedule, as mutually agreed upon through meet and confer.

Subd. 2. Any teacher who is designated by the School District to be certified through the Professional Crisis Management Association at the Practitioner 2 Supine level shall receive a one-time stipend of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be paid in a lump sum upon proof of initial certification to the School District.

Subd. 3. Any teacher who is designated by the School District to be certified as a coach through Teacher Child Interaction Training (TCIT) shall receive a one-time stipend of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be paid in a lump sum upon proof of certification to the School District.

Section 19. Ongoing Stipends:

Subd. 1. Any teacher who attains the following shall be paid fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) each year: National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Ph.D., Ed.D. or Ed. Specialist, not reflected on the salary schedule, and in a field of study germane to the teaching assignment. Payment of this stipend will be made in equal installments over the employee's total annual pay checks. Payment will begin on the pay period following notice of attainment to the Human Resources Department in accordance with the District's payroll schedule and will be prorated accordingly if received after the start of the school year.

Subd. 2. Any teacher who attains, maintains and utilizes the following licensure or certifications, required for the teacher's job assignment, and not issued by the Minnesota Department of Education, shall be paid eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per year:

1. Nationally Certified School Psychologist
2. Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) – American Speech Language
3. Licensed Psychologist
4. Licensed Counseling Psychologist
5. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker
6. Licensed Physical Therapist
7. Licensed Occupational Therapist
8. Licensed Audiologist
9. Licensed School Nurse
10. Orientation & Mobility Specialist

11. Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst

Payment of this stipend will be made in equal installments over the employee's total annual pay checks. Payment will begin on the pay period following notice of attainment to the Human Resources Department in accordance with the District's payroll schedule and will be prorated accordingly if received after the start of the school year.

Subd. 3. Career and Tech Stipend: Career and Tech licenses beyond initial license of Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 teachers, with licenses beyond those needed to maintain a program/curriculum listed as required on the job posting shall receive a fifteen hundred-dollar (\$1500) stipend. Career and Tech licenses beyond initial license of Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 teachers, with licenses beyond those needed to maintain a program/curriculum listed as preferred on the job posting shall receive a five hundred-dollar (\$500) stipend. Payment of this stipend will be made in equal installments over the employee's total annual pay checks.

Subd. 4. Credit Recovery Stipend: A teacher who is assigned to teach credit recovery as the regular school year assignment shall receive a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) stipend for each twelve-week term upon notification from the Program Manager to payroll.

Subd.5. Practitioner 2 Supine Recertification Stipend: Effective July 1, 2024, any teacher who recertifies through the Professional Crisis Management Association at the Practitioner 2 Supine level shall receive a one hundred dollar (\$100) stipend annually upon proof of recertification to the School District.

Subd. 6. TCIT Coach: Effective July 1, 2024, any teacher who serves as a TCIT coach shall receive a one hundred dollar (\$100) stipend annually to be paid on or before June 30 of each year.

Section 20. Longevity Payment:

Subd. 1. Effective July 1, 2019, the district shall pay a teacher a longevity payment of two thousand dollars (\$2000) each year after completion of fourteen (14) full years of service to the school district; three thousand dollars (\$3000) each year after completion of twenty (20) full years of service to the school district; four thousand dollars (\$4000) each year after the completion of twenty-five (25) full years of service to the school district; five thousand dollars (\$5000) after completion of 30 full years of service to the school district; and six thousand dollars (\$6000) after completion of thirty-five (35) full years of service to the school district.

To be eligible for payment the teacher must have completed the 14, 20, 25, 30 or 35 consecutive full years of service in the district on teacher's anniversary of their hire date of the year in which the longevity is payable. Longevity payments made under this section will be made as a lump sum payment on the paycheck following the anniversary date of working with the District. The longevity pay shall be added to the teacher's base

salary and used in all computations of daily and/or pro-rata pay. For purposes of computing the 14, 20, 25, 30, or 35-year period, leaves of absence without pay shall not be counted. A teacher who is assigned to teach less than full time during eligibility shall be paid the longevity payment on a pro-rata basis, according to the FTE equivalent.

Subd. 2. Effective July 1, 2024, the district shall pay a teacher a longevity payment of three thousand dollars (\$3000) each year after completion of fourteen (14) full years of service to the school district; four thousand dollars (\$4000) each year after completion of twenty (20) full years of service to the school district; five thousand dollars (\$5000) each year after the completion of twenty-five (25) full years of service to the school district; six thousand dollars (\$6000) after completion of 30 full years of service to the school district; and seven thousand dollars (\$7000) after completion of thirty-five (35) full years of service to the school district.

To be eligible for payment the employee must have completed the 14, 20, 25, 30 or 35 full years of service in the district on or before September 15 of the year in which the longevity is payable. Longevity payments made under this section will be made in equal installments over the employee's total annual paychecks. The longevity pay shall be added to the teacher's base salary and used in all computations of daily and/or pro-rata pay. For purposes of computing the 14, 20, 25, 30, or 35-year period, leaves of absence without pay shall not be counted. A teacher who is assigned to teach less than full time during eligibility shall be paid the longevity payment on a pro-rata basis, according to the FTE equivalent.

ARTICLE X GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS

Section 1. Selection of Carrier: The selection of the insurance carrier and policy shall be made by the school district.

Section 2. Eligibility: Teachers regularly employed .80 FTE or more shall receive maximum school district contribution as described in each section below. Teachers regularly employed for less than .80 FTE but more than .5 FTE shall receive prorated school district contribution proportionate to the contracted FTE. Teachers regularly employed for less than .5 FTE or employed on a temporary basis shall not be entitled to school district contribution or participation in the insurance plan.

Section 3. School District Contribution to Medical/Hospitalization Insurance: The School District will contribute up to the following amounts monthly towards premiums for eligible employees enrolled in a School District group health insurance plan. Any portion of the premium that exceeds the School District contribution will be paid by the employee and paid by payroll deduction.

Effective January 1, 2023

Single Coverage	Family Coverage
\$750	\$1750

Effective January 1, 2025

Single Coverage	Family Coverage
\$825	\$1900

Section 4. Voluntary Employee's Beneficiary Association/\$2,500 Deductible Plan: For employees participating in the two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500) deductible School District group health insurance plan, the School District will contribute one hundred dollars (\$100) per month for single coverage and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month for family coverage into an eligible employee's VEBA account.

Section 5: School District Contribution to Dental Insurance: Effective July 1, 2017, the School District will contribute up to the following amounts monthly towards premiums for eligible employees enrolled in a School District group dental plan. The cost of the premium not contributed by the School District shall be borne by the Employee and paid by payroll deduction.

Single Coverage	Family Coverage
\$55	\$133

Section 6. Health Insurance Employer Contributions in the Year of Retirement: A teacher who retires effective June 30 of any contract year shall continue to receive the school district health insurance contribution through August 31 in the year of retirement, which the teacher was receiving at the time of retirement. A teacher who retires prior to June 30 of any contract year shall receive a pro-rata portion of the school district health insurance contribution through August 31 in the year of retirement, which the teacher was receiving at the time of retirement. These provisions are subject to the approval of the insurance carrier, if necessary.

Section 7. Income Protection Plan – L.T.D.: The school district shall provide income protection insurance for full-time teachers of up to 66-2/3% of the teachers' contracted annual gross pay. Less than full-time teachers shall be eligible for contribution as provided in Section 2 hereof.

The annual gross pay shall exclude additional assignments and/or contracts for work to be performed outside of the normal duty day.

Section 8. Life Insurance:

Subd. 1. Premium: The school district shall pay the full premium for a term life insurance policy for each full-time teacher in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Less than full-time teachers shall be eligible for contribution as provided in Section 2 hereof.

Subd. 2. Supplemental: The school district shall also arrange the life insurance program so that an eligible teacher may purchase additional life insurance at group rates, at the teacher's expense through payroll deduction, in increments of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) up to a total of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), subject to the terms of the insurance policy.

Subd. 3. Dependent: The school district shall arrange for a life insurance program to provide options for dependent and spouse coverage at the teacher's expense through payroll deduction, for eligible teachers in increments of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), up to a total of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for spouse and children, subject to the terms of the insurance policy.

Section 9. Liability: The school district shall provide school district liability insurance in an amount not less than statutory requirements. This coverage is in addition to any personal liability coverage carried by the employee. The coverage provides for all professional actions except where personal negligence or criminal acts are involved.

Section 10. Worker's Compensation: The school district shall carry Worker's Compensation Insurance on all teachers in case of injury or accident while acting within the scope of employment. When Worker's Compensation salary payments to the teacher have started, the teacher may decide:

Subd. 1. To be dropped from the school district payroll and be reimbursed by Worker's Compensation. This option will require that the cost associated with any teacher share of benefits, if applicable, to be paid by the teacher to the district as payroll deduction would not be available, or

Subd. 2. To remain on the district payroll by opting to receive one-third (1/3) of teacher's accrued sick leave in addition to worker's compensation salary payments. This option will allow for continued deduction of teacher share of benefits. No deduction will be made from sick leave if the work-related injury was the result of a student assault. The amount of sick leave utilized pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed the lesser of the employee's accrual or ninety (90) days per incident.

Section 11. Claims Against the School District: The parties agree that any description of insurance benefits contained in this Article are intended to be informational only and the

eligibility of any teacher for benefits shall be governed by the terms of the insurance policy purchased by the school district pursuant to this Article. It is further understood that the school district's only obligation is to purchase an insurance policy and pay such amounts as agreed to herein and no claim shall be made against the school district as a result of a denial of insurance benefits by an insurance carrier.

Section 12. Extension of Insurance Protection: All insurance and income protection plans shall continue in force at the teacher's expense for all Board approved leaves, except as otherwise noted in this agreement. If teacher elects to continue participating in the School District's health insurance program under the Federal COBRA and applicable state law, the teacher will be responsible to satisfy all other eligibility requirements including timely COBRA enrollment. If the teacher is eligible for group coverage under another plan, this section does not apply.

ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

Section 1. Definitions:

Subd. 1. Grievance: A grievance shall mean a complaint by a teacher(s) that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the provisions of this Agreement.

Subd. 2. Days: "Days" means calendar days excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays as provided for in the school calendar.

Subd. 3. Reduced to Writing: "Reduced to Writing" means a concise statement outlining the nature and facts surrounding the grievance, the point of contention or disagreement, the specific provisions of the agreement allegedly violated and the particular relief sought. Grievances shall be submitted on the grievance form available at the school district offices.

Subd. 4. Answer: "Answer" means a concise response outlining the employer's position and action of the grievance.

Subd. 5. Grievant(s): "Grievant(s)" means an individual teacher or group of teachers.

Subd. 6. Processing of Grievance: The processing of all grievances shall be during normal work days, and teachers shall not lose wages due to their participation. Processing shall be defined as meetings with the administration to discuss the grievance. However, grievance hearings at Level III may be outside the work day.

Subd. 7. Computation of Time: In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by procedures herein, the date of the act, event, or default for which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be counted, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday. The filing or service of any notice or document herein shall be timely if it is personally

served or if it bears a certified postmark of the United States Postal Service within the time period.

Subd. 8. Time Limits and Level Waivers: Failure of the grievant to adhere to the time limits of this Article shall result in a forfeiture of the grievance. Failure of the school district to respond within any time limits provided herein shall be determined a denial of the grievance and the employee may appeal the grievance to the next level. However, nothing herein shall relieve the school district from the responsibility of providing a written answer at each level of the grievance procedure. The parties by mutual written agreement may waive any step and extend any time limits in this procedure.

Section 2. Grievance: All employees within the unit may use this procedure and may request that a union representative or other person represent them at any meeting with the school district.

Subd. 1. Level I: A grievance to be timely must be reduced to writing and submitted to the division director for review within twenty (20) days of the date of the occurrence. Within six (6) days of receiving the grievance, the division director will meet with the grievant(s) and reduce to writing their answer, within six (6) days of the above meeting. If no director has been designated as responsible, the grievant(s) may proceed to Level II.

Subd. 2. Level II: If there is no resolution of the grievance at Level I, the grievant(s) may, if the grievance is to be pursued, appeal it in writing within seven (7) days of the receipt of the answer in Level I to the superintendent. Within seven (7) days the superintendent or designee shall meet with the grievant(s) and reduce to writing his answer, within seven (7) days of the above meeting.

Subd. 3. Level III: If the grievance has not been resolved at Level II, the grievance may be appealed to the school board, provided such appeal is filed within ten (10) days of the receipt of the answer in Level II. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of an appeal from Level II, the school board, its committee, or its designee, shall meet with the grievant(s) and within six (6) days of the meeting shall reduce its decision to writing. Should the school board, its committee, or designee, not meet within the fifteen (15) day period with the grievant(s), the grievance shall be considered denied by the school board and the grievant(s) may proceed pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

Section 3. Arbitration: If there is no resolution at Level III, the grievant(s) may request arbitration, providing such a request is made in writing to the superintendent within ten (10) days of receipt of the Level III answer. The school district and the grievant(s) shall endeavor to select a mutually acceptable arbitrator to hear and decide the grievance. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, either party may request from the Bureau of Mediation Services, pursuant to P.E.L.R.A., a list of five (5) arbitrators, providing such a request is made within ten (10) days after filing of the notice of intent to arbitrate. The parties shall alternately strike names from this list until only one (1) name remains. The remaining arbitrator shall hear and decide the grievance as soon as arrangements can be made to do so by the parties and their representatives.

Subd. 1. Hearing: The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing at which each party shall have the right to the representation they choose and the opportunity to submit evidence, offer testimony and make written or oral arguments relating to the grievance.

Subd. 2. Jurisdiction: The arbitrator shall have jurisdiction over disputes properly before him/her pursuant to the terms of this procedure. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator shall not extend, subtract or modify the terms of this Agreement.

Subd. 3. Decision: The decision of the arbitrator shall be rendered within twenty (20) days after the close of the hearing. The arbitrator shall have the power to make appropriate awards, and their decision shall be final and binding, subject to the limitations as provided in P.E.L.R.A.

Subd. 4. Expenses: Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with arbitration, including expenses relating to the party's representatives, witnesses, and any other expenses which the party incurs in connection with presenting its case in arbitration. A transcript or recording shall be made of the hearing at the request of either party. The parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrator and any other expenses which the parties mutually agree are necessary for the conduct of the arbitration. The requesting party shall pay the full costs of transcribing or recording of the proceedings and transcript copy. If both parties request a transcript or recording, the cost shall be equally shared. If the second party orders a transcript after the first party has paid for transcribing and recording, the second party shall also reimburse the first party for one-half (1/2) of those costs incurred, in addition to paying for the transcript copy.

Section 4. Election of Remedies and Waiver: A party instituting any action, proceeding or complaint in a federal or state court of law, or before an administrative tribunal, federal agency, state agency, or seeking relief through any statutory process for which relief may be granted, the subject matter of which may constitute a grievance under this Agreement, shall immediately thereupon waive any and all rights to pursue a grievance under this Article. Upon instituting a proceeding in another forum as outlined herein, the employee shall waive the right to initiate a grievance pursuant to this Article, or, if the grievance is pending in the grievance procedure, the right to pursue it further shall be immediately waived. This section shall not apply to actions to compel arbitration as provided in this Agreement or to enforce the award of an arbitrator.

Article XII EXTENDED CONTRACTS

Section 1. Compensation: Teachers employed under extended contracts shall be compensated pursuant to Article IX.

Section 2. Fringe Benefits: Leaves, and all insurance programs shall continue without interruptions and at the same rates for all teachers who are under regular contract with the school district during the preceding year. All teachers who were not under regular contract with the school district during the preceding school year are not eligible for fringe benefits.

**ARTICLE XIII
LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Section 1. Illness Leave:

Subd. 1. Accrual: Eligible teachers shall accrue illness leave at the rate of fifteen (15) days per year.

Subd. 2. Accumulation: Unused sick leave days may accumulate to a maximum of one hundred thirty-five (135) days. Sick leave earned in excess of this amount shall be considered reserved but will be recorded. Any teacher who has reserved sick leave shall, upon approval of the Superintendent or designee, have reserved time restored in the event of an extended illness (including disability relating to child birth). For purposes of this Subdivision, an extended illness shall mean an illness of thirty (30) or more consecutive working days, and a teacher so requesting such restoration must submit medical information in support of this request. The Superintendent shall then grant such a request provided under any circumstances that total accumulation of sick leave not exceed one hundred thirty-five (135) days.

Subd. 3. Unpaid Absence: Sick leave shall not accumulate during any time that an employee is out on unpaid absence.

Subd. 4. Use: Sick leave with pay shall be allowed by the school district whenever a teacher's absence is found to have been due to mental or physical illness or doctor or dental appointments related to an illness or medical condition which prevented their attendance at school and performance of duty on that day or days. Employees shall attempt to schedule routine doctor or dental appointments outside the work day, whenever possible. A teacher may use one (1) day of accumulated sick leave for each day of illness or disability of the teacher's child who is a dependent of the teacher under the Internal Revenue Code for such reasonable periods as the teacher's attendance with the child may be necessary, on the same terms the teacher is able to use sick leave benefits for the teacher's own illness (Minn. Stat. § 181.9413).

Subd. 5. Documentation: The School District may require a teacher who has been absent because of illness to furnish a medical certificate from a qualified physician as evidence of illness indicating such absence was due to illness in order to qualify for sick leave pay.

Subd. 6. Approval: Sick leave pay shall be approved only upon submission to the electronic district attendance system, except that sick leave longer than three (3) consecutive days may require submission on district forms for approval.

Subd. 7. Verification: In cases of frequent or intermittent illness, the teacher may be required by their supervising administrator or District personnel administrator to submit a certificate concerning the condition of health from a physician.

Subd. 8. Eligibility: The provisions of this Section shall apply to teachers who are regularly employed at least twenty (20) hours per week and at least one hundred sixty (160) days per year.

Subd. 9. Incentive: If a teacher uses not more than sixteen (16) hours of sick leave (or the pro rata number of hours based on the teacher's FTE) during the course of the school year, then, at the end of the school year, the teacher shall be paid three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) on or before July 15 of each year.

Section 2. Leave Without Pay:

Subd. 1. Applications: An individual requesting such leave without pay shall normally present such request no later than twenty (20) working days prior to the desired day(s) of such leave to the supervisor. Such request shall be in writing and clearly express the reason(s) for such request. Special conditions established by the division director for such leave shall be in writing to the individual granted the leave. All conditions established must be met to be eligible for such leave.

Subd. 2. Approval: Leave without pay shall be utilized only after accrued personal leave and compensatory time has been completely used. In cases of extraordinary personal or family emergencies, employees may be granted leave without pay without utilizing accrued personal leave or compensatory time. Leave without pay may be granted not to exceed five (5) working days with division director approval. Leaves of longer duration require school board approval.

Subd. 3. Benefits: Insurance benefits may continue for the length of the leave of over five (5) days only if full costs are being paid in advance by the teacher, or as required by law.

Subd. 4. Insurance: Dropping the insurance coverage by not paying the cost may require proof of insurability on return to work by the teacher and/or their family. Dropping coverages during a leave will be treated the same as dropping coverages during the regular contract year or as required by law.

Section 3. Jury Service: Absence with pay and benefits will be allowed for jury service. A teacher who is called on jury services and who desires to serve should notify the division director upon receipt of such notice so that arrangements to excuse the individual to serve may be made. Teachers who are absent because of jury service will receive their regular salary from the school district during this period of service. Compensation received for jury service must be assigned to the school district (excluding mileage and expense allowance) in order to receive district compensation. Individuals who desire to be excused from jury service because of related duties may request the school district to submit a recommendation for releasing them upon receipt of the jury service notice.

Section 4. Military Leave: Military leave and reinstatement shall be granted pursuant to applicable laws.

Section 5. Religious Observance: Teachers who desire to observe religious observance days during the school year when such days fall on a scheduled duty day, may take personal leave, compensatory time or up to three (3) sick days for such purposes. If a teacher does not have personal leave, compensatory time or sick time, the teacher may request the day off without pay. Requests shall be made at least one week prior to the date of observance.

Section 6. Child Care Leave:

Subd. 1. Purpose and Notice: Child care leave is unpaid leave for the purpose of allowing a teacher to interrupt services for non-medical pregnancy reasons and/or emergency primary care of their child. It also allows time to make long-term child-care arrangements before returning to assigned duties. A teacher shall notify the superintendent or the designated agent through the department director in writing, not less than forty (40) working days prior to the beginning date of anticipated leave, and to provide a statement indicating the desired dates of leave and return. The commencement and return date for child care leave shall be determined by considering: 1) the best educational opportunities for students or relation to overall school district function; 2) the teacher's request; 3) the availability of a qualified substitute; and 4) the teacher's accrued vacation leave. Notification is requested so that the school district can take any necessary precautions for the safety and health of the individual involved and make appropriate substitute plans, if any. A pregnant teacher must furnish notice of pregnancy as provided herein even if a child care leave is not being requested. Teachers who request child care leaves less than forty (40) working days in advance shall be approved on an emergency basis only.

Subd. 2. Length of Leave: The maximum leave shall be six (6) months unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties. The start and ending dates of the leave specified in the request are subject to change only with school board approval. In the event the delivery date is different from the anticipated delivery date, child care leave dates shall be adjusted accordingly.

Subd. 3. Benefits: Insurance benefits shall continue only if full costs are being paid monthly in advance by the teacher on approved child care leave, except as otherwise required by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Dropping coverages during a leave will be treated the same as dropping coverages during the regular contract year. The teacher shall return to similar assigned duties following child care leave. A teacher shall not begin to accrue additional experience time until duties are resumed.

Subd. 4. Special Circumstances: A pregnant teacher requesting time off prior to date of delivery but not involving a period of disability, shall be eligible for a leave without pay, not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days. A teacher shall be eligible for illness leave benefits for periods of disability related to pregnancy, subject to the provisions of Article XIII, Section 1 of this Agreement.

Section 7. Parenting Leave: The biological or non-biological custodial parent may take up to thirty (30) days of continuous leave within the first six (6) months of birth to care for or bond with their newborn child. Leave days granted under this Section shall not exceed six (6) consecutive weeks and will be deducted from sick leave. Leave taken under this section will run concurrently with other leaves available under existing federal and state laws.

Effective January 1, 2022, an employee who gives birth to a child may request parental leave in addition to eligible FMLA and/or Maternity Leave. Parental leave must be taken in one continuous period of leave and will begin after the defined six (6) or eight (8) week disability period for birth of a child. Employees accessing parental leave may request up to the thirty (30) days granted under this section. Leave taken under this section will run concurrently with other leaves available under existing federal and state laws.

Section 8. Adoption Leave: Employees may take up to thirty (30) days of continuous leave within the first six (6) months following either formal placement for adoption or the legal finalization of adoption to care or bond with their adopted child. Leave days granted under this Section shall not exceed six (6) consecutive weeks and will be deducted from sick leave. Leave taken under this section will run concurrently with other leaves available under existing federal and state laws.

Section 9. Sabbatical or Industrial Leave:

Subd. 1. Sabbatical Leave: This leave is considered a long-term leave and designed for the purpose of study, travel, or other purposes which will enable the individual to become more valuable to the school district in the current or another position with the school district. This leave shall be longer than four (4) months in duration and shall not be approved without an interval of six (6) years of prior service to the school district.

Subd. 2. Industrial Leave: This leave is specifically designed for the purpose of upgrading skills in the industry for which the instructor is employed. This leave is usually no longer than four (4) months and should not be approved without an interval of two (2) years.

Subd. 3. Compensation Participation: The school district may elect to participate in an employee compensation plan during the time interval that the employee is on leave. The amount and type of participation, if any, is left to the school board's decision.

Subd. 4. Limitations: Limitations specified in sabbatical and industrial leave are proposed as guidelines, and any deviation from them would be considered as an exception. Exceptions may be approved by the school board. An employee who is granted an industrial or sabbatical leave will be required to return to the school district for a specified period established by the school board following the term of such leave. If the employee does not fulfill this requirement for any reason other than the employee's incapacity to perform duties before the expiration of specified period, or the district's inability to provide a position, the employee shall pay to the school district a pro-ration part of the industrial or sabbatical leave allowance granted. Schedule increments or

salary adjustments shall be allowed for either industrial or sabbatical leave. Retirement credit will be under the jurisdiction of the State Teacher's Retirement Association.

Subd. 5. Application: Application for industrial or sabbatical leave should be made in writing to the division director, and upon approval, to the superintendent of the school district. The school district, upon recommendation of the superintendent, may grant a leave to an employee for the purposes requested. If granted, the school board will offer a written contract which will include length of leave, objective of leave, compensation, if any, during leave, expected instructor activity during leave, and a reporting and evaluation process.

Subd. 6. Insurance Coverage: The teacher shall be entitled to the full insurance coverages provided by the school district during the absence. The payment or arrangement for payment for insurance premiums shall be made with the school district business office, in advance of taking such leave. The school district participation for the insurance plan will be the same as the school district's participation when the person is employed.

Subd. 7. Position Restoration: The teacher on return from industrial or sabbatical leave shall be restored to the former position or to one of comparable status as stated in the written agreement between the teacher and the school district before taking such leave.

Subd. 8. Meet and Confer: Upon request, the parties shall meet and confer in reference to implementation of this section.

Section 10. Eligibility: Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this Article shall apply to regularly contracted teachers working at least a .5 FTE, excluding a long-term substitute teacher who is working less than full-time. A teacher working less than the regular day shall be eligible for time on a pro-rata basis. A new teacher commencing employment during the contract year meeting the eligibility requirements of this section shall be eligible for the provisions of this Article immediately, but on a pro-rata basis for the partial year.

ARTICLE XIV MISCELLANEOUS LEAVES

Section 1. Eligibility: Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this Article shall apply to regularly contracted teachers working at least a .5 FTE, excluding a long-term substitute teacher who is working less than full-time. A teacher working less than the regular day shall be eligible for time on a pro-rata basis. A new teacher commencing employment during the contract year meeting the eligibility requirements of this section shall be eligible for the provisions of this Article immediately, but on a pro-rata basis for the partial year.

Section 2. Bereavement Leave: Up to five (5) days per year of bereavement leave, non-accumulative, shall be granted for death in the employee's family. For purposes of this section, family is defined as the employee's person of importance.

Section 3. Personal Leave:

Subd. 1. Length: A teacher shall be granted four (4) days of personal leave each year. Except in cases of emergency, a teacher shall submit personal leave day requests not less than five (5) days in advance of anticipated usage. Personal leave shall be granted only after the completion of plans and activities to be carried out by the substitute. Employees hired after September 15th in any given school year will receive a prorated amount of personal time in accordance with District practice.

Subd. 2. Accumulation: Unused personal leave may be accumulated to a maximum of eight (8) days for teacher use, and a maximum of fifteen (15) days for the purpose of payment to the employee according to the provisions and subject to the limitations stated in Article XVI, Sections 1 and 2.

Subd. 3. Incentive: If on June 30 in any year a teacher has a personal leave balance of four (4) or more days, on July 15 the teacher shall be paid for any balance above four (4) days at the teacher's hourly rate of pay, and the personal leave days paid out shall be deducted from the teacher's personal leave balance.

Subd.4. Termination of Employment: The parties agree that any employee may, upon leaving employment, receive in a lump sum payment an amount equal to the individual's daily rate times the number of unused and accrued personal leave hours. An employee whose last day of work occurs prior to June 1st in any given year will be considered a mid-year termination and will be subject to a pro-rated adjustment to personal leave in accordance with District practice. Mid-year terminations will result in the employee either a) receiving a lump sum payment equal to the individual's daily rate times the number of unused pro-rated personal leave hours or b) a deduction in final pay equal to the individual's daily rate times the number of pro-rated personal leave hours used in excess of the accrued amount.

ARTICLE XV UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE, CONTRACT REDUCTION, AND SENIORITY POLICY

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to implement the provisions of Minn. Stat § 122A.40, Subd. 10, which policy, when adopted, shall constitute a plan for unrequested leave because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitation or merger of classes caused by consolidation of district.

Section 2. Definitions:

Subd. 1. Employee: “Employee” means a continuing contract teacher who is a member of the appropriate unit as defined in this Agreement. Probationary teachers, Tier 1 and 2 licensed teachers and Behavior Analysts shall not be defined as an employee for purposes of this Article.

Subd. 2. Qualified: “Qualified” shall mean a teacher who, in addition to the state license, has a major in the subject matter category or special education category taught, has had successful teaching experience within such category during the past three (3) years, and is not subject to an Intensive Improvement Plan.

Subd. 3. Day/Date of Employment: “Day/date of employment” shall mean the date the employee starts work in the district, as a member of this bargaining unit. For teachers returning to work after retirement or resignation the day/date of employment shall mean the date the employee returns to work after such retirement or resignation.

Subd. 4. Subject Matter Category: “Subject Matter Category” shall mean such categories as are determined by the State Board of Education, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, or the appropriate agency for licensing purposes.

Subd. 5. Seniority: “Seniority” means length of service by a continuing contract teacher commencing with the first day of continuous employment, subject to the seniority for returning teachers provided in Subdivision 3 of this Section. Probationary teachers, Tier 1 licensed teachers, Behavior Analysts and substitute teachers as defined in Minn. Stat. § 122A.44, Subd. 2, are excluded. Upon completion of the probationary period, a teacher’s seniority date shall relate back to the first day of continuous employment.

Subd. 6. Seniority Date: A teacher’s seniority date shall be unaffected by any board approved leave of absence.

Subd. 7. Length of Seniority: In determining the length of seniority, a teacher whose employment has been legally terminated by resignation, or termination pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, but whose employment was subsequently reinstated, by action of the school district and the teacher, without interruption of regular service, shall retain their original seniority date. If there is an interruption of regular service, the seniority date shall be determined as provided in Subdivision 3 of this Section. In instances where an educator is re-hired by the district on or before October 15 of the same year in which they were legally terminated or resigned, the educator shall retain their original seniority date provided they worked through the last day of the preceding school year.

Section 3. Unrequested Leave of Absence:

Subd. 1. Right to Recall: The school district may place on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits such teachers as may be necessary because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations, or merger of classes. Such leave shall be effective no later than the close of the school year. A teacher placed on unrequested leave shall have the right to recall for five (5) years from the date of the

teacher's last working day, provided that the teacher still holds the license for that position.

Subd. 2. Notice: Teachers placed on such leave shall receive notice immediately after the June School Board Meeting in the school year prior to the commencement of such leave with reasons therefore.

Subd. 3. Order of Layoff: Teachers shall be placed on unrequested leave in inverse order of seniority as qualified pursuant to this Article, within the subject matter categories covered by the Agreement, subject to the following exceptions. A teacher shall not be placed on unrequested leave before a more senior teacher employed in the same field and subject matter if the more senior teacher is on an Intensive Individual Improvement Plan, except that Tier 2 licensed teachers will be laid off prior to any qualified Tier 3 or 4 teachers being placed on unrequested leave of absence.

Subd. 4. Equal Opportunity: The provisions herein shall not apply if it will result in any violation of the district's affirmative action program which shall include ethnic, race, color or sex; and any person employed in an affirmative action program may be retained in the same field or subject matter of a teacher with greater seniority if it is necessary to effectuate the purposes of such affirmative action program.

Subd. 5. Tie Breaking: In the event of a staff reduction action affecting teachers whose first date of employment commenced on the same date and who have equal seniority, the board approved hire date shall be the first tie breaker. If seniority is still equal, the selection of teacher for purposes of discontinuance shall be determined by the lowest file folder number assigned by PELSB.

Subd. 6. Restrictions: Any teacher placed on such leave may engage in teaching or any other occupation during such period and may be eligible for unemployment compensation if otherwise eligible under that law.

Subd. 7. Limitations: A teacher on unrequested leave serving in a substitute position pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 122A.44, shall not acquire any additional seniority as a result of the substitute service, nor shall such teacher's five (5) year period of unrequested leave be extended as a result of substitute service.

Section 4. Reinstatement:

Subd. 1. Reinstatement: No new teacher shall be employed by the school district while any qualified teacher is on unrequested leave of absence in the subject matter category in positions covered by this Agreement. Teachers placed on unrequested leave of absence shall be reinstated to the position from which they have been given leave, or any other available position in the school district covered by this Agreement in the subject matter categories in which they are qualified as such positions become available. The order of reinstatement shall be in inverse order in which teachers were placed on unrequested leave.

Subd. 2. Notification: When placed on unrequested leave, a teacher shall file their name and address with the school district personnel office to which any notice of reinstatement or availability of position shall be mailed. It is the teacher's responsibility to provide notice of any address changes. Proof of service by the person in the school district depositing such notice to the teacher at the last known address shall be sufficient and it shall be the responsibility of any teacher on unrequested leave to provide for forwarding of mail or for address changes. Failure of a notice to reach a teacher shall not be the responsibility of the school district if any notice has been mailed as provided herein. If a teacher does not have a current license as reported on the Minnesota Department of Education web site as of the recall date, the teacher shall forfeit any further recall rights.

Subd. 3. Response Time for Recall Before July 1: If a position becomes available for a qualified teacher on unrequested leave, the school district shall mail the notice to such teacher prior to July 1 in the school year of recall. The teacher shall have five (5) business days from the date of such notice to provide written notice to accept or decline the employment and an additional ten (10) calendar days to report for duty. Failure to provide written notice of acceptance of re-employment, or to report under the provisions outlined herein, shall constitute forfeiture of right to recall and such teacher shall forfeit any further recall rights.

Subd. 4. Response Time for Recall on or After July 1: If a recall notice is given to any teacher, with a current license required for the available position, on or after July 1 in the school year of recall, such teacher shall have seven (7) business days to provide written notice to accept the employment and an additional five (5) business days to report for duty. A teacher recalled on or after July 1 may decline the recall without waiving their rights to further employment or reinstatement and shall maintain their seniority date without interruption.

Subd. 5. Method of Response: In order to maintain the right to reinstatement, the teacher must file a written statement by April 1 of each year requesting reinstatement for the following year. Reinstatement rights shall automatically cease five (5) years from the date unrequested leave was commenced and no further rights to reinstatement shall exist.

Section 5. Hearing Process: Except as otherwise provided herein, a teacher's sole remedy for alleging a violation of this Article shall be the procedure and hearing rights provided by Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, and therefore, any alleged violation of this Article shall not be subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement.

Section 6. Establishment of Seniority Lists:

Subd. 1. Publication of List: The school district shall publish and furnish ten (10) copies to the United Educators of a seniority list pursuant to this Article within ninety (90) days after execution of this Agreement, and annually thereafter no later than January 10 of each year. The list published on January 10 shall reflect the license(s) on file as of the

end of the day on September 15 of each year. In any year in which a reduction of teaching staff is occurring, and the school district is placing teachers on unrequested leave of absence, the seniority list as published in January shall govern for purposes of determining layoff within areas of licensing and qualification for the following school year.

Subd. 2. Disputes: A teacher who disputes personal standing on the seniority list promulgated by the school district may process a grievance pursuant to the grievance procedure within twenty (20) working days following the publication of the list.

Section 7. Effect: This Article shall govern the seniority rights of all teachers as defined herein who are members of the appropriate unit covered by this Agreement. This Article shall not be construed to limit or diminish the statutory rights, as provided in Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 11, of any other licensed employee not covered by this Agreement, to a position in the school district consistent with their seniority as provided in said statute nor shall this Article be construed to limit or diminish the contractual rights of other licensed employees covered by a similar agreement.

Section 8. Insurance Participation: A teacher on lay off pursuant to this Article shall be entitled to participate in group insurance programs at their own expense, the extent permitted by statute and/or carrier rules.

Section 9. Realignment: Nothing in this Article shall require the school district to reassign a senior teacher to a different program assignment to accommodate the seniority claims of a junior teacher, nor shall it require the school district to assign a senior teacher to a substantially different level assignment. For purposes of this section, a substantially different level assignment shall mean an assignment between preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 through 6, middle school, and senior high school, and post-secondary.

ARTICLE XVI SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT

Section 1. Payment of Unused Annual Leave:

Subd. 1. Payment: The parties agree that any teacher may, upon leaving employment prior to the normal retirement date, receive severance pay in a lump sum payment at the time of retirement in an amount equal to the individual's daily rate times the number of unused accrued annual leave or personal leave days to which they are entitled. New hires are not eligible for payment of unused and accrued annual leave until they have worked for the school district for six (6) consecutive months.

Subd. 2. Death: If a teacher dies before all or a portion of the severance pay described in Subdivision 1 has been discharged, the balance due shall be paid to a named beneficiary or lacking same, to the estate of the deceased.

Section 2. Payment of Unused and Reserved Sick Leave:

Subd. 1. Eligibility: To be eligible for the provisions of this Section, a teacher must be tenured no later than July 1, 1998 and have completed at least fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the school district and be at least fifty-five (55) years of age, except as otherwise provided in Subd. 3 hereof.

Subd. 2. Payment of Unused and Reserved Sick Leave Upon Separation: A teacher with at least fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the school district, and who is at least fifty-five (55) years of age, shall receive eighty (80%) percent of accrued and unused sick leave, not to exceed a maximum of ninety (90) days' pay upon separation from the school district. In addition, a teacher shall receive up to fifty (50) days of severance for any unused reserved sick leave, for a total severance of one hundred forty (140) days. Such pay shall not be granted to any teacher who is discharged for cause by the school district. This provision shall apply only to teachers who separate after the execution of this agreement and shall not be retroactive to any teacher who separated prior to said execution date.

Subd. 3. Unrequested Leave of Absence Severance Pay: In the event that the separation is due to a work force reduction and the teacher has fifteen (15) years of service in the district, the teacher placed on unrequested leave of absence shall be eligible for fifty (50%) percent of accrued unused sick leave not to exceed a maximum of sixty-five (65) days' pay upon separation from the school district. In addition, a teacher shall receive up to thirty-five (35) days of severance for any unused reserved sick leave. Teachers who elect to receive their severance pay before the expiration of their recall rights must sign a waiver of recall rights.

Subd. 4. Payment: Except in the case of unrequested leave of absence and except in the case of untimely notice of resignation, a teacher shall be paid within two and one-half (2 ½) months of the retirement date as follows: One Hundred Percent (100%) into the Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System under Minn. Stat. § 352.98 (2001). If the teacher dies before all or a portion of the payments have been disbursed, the balance shall be paid into the deferred compensation plan.

Section 3. Early Retirement – Insurance Participation:

Subd. 1. Continued Participation: A teacher who retires early pursuant to this section shall be eligible to continue participation in the school district group medical-hospitalization and dental plan, or Medicare Supplement, at their own expense, as permitted by law.

Subd. 2. School District Contribution: In order to be eligible for any employer paid contribution to the insurance premium for the school district group medical-hospitalization plan or Medicare Supplement under this section, a teacher must be hired prior to July 1, 2002, must retire from the school district at age fifty-five (55) or after, and

must have at least ten (10) years of employment as a teacher of the school district. Effective for eligible teachers who retire during the 2009-2010 school year and thereafter, the school district shall deposit fourteen thousand four hundred Dollars (\$14,400.00) into the Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System under Minn. Stat. § 352.98 (2001) within two and one-half months of retirement. To be eligible for a district contribution under this Section the retired teacher must be enrolled in one of the school district's group medical hospitalization plans at the time of retirement.

Subd. 3. Employee Contribution to State Retiree Health Plan: For all teachers hired on or after July 1, 2002, the school district shall make a mandatory contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per year for deposit in the Post-Retirement Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System under Minn. Stat. § 352.98 (2001). Such teachers shall not be eligible for the benefits provided under Article XVI, Section 3, Subd. 2.

ARTICLE XVII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Mileage Reimbursement: Mileage reimbursement for each mile traveled shall be paid to a teacher traveling between assigned schools and for other assigned duties as approved by the supervising administrator. Teachers who may be requested to use a personal vehicle in the performance of duties and/or who are assigned to more than one (1) school per day shall be reimbursed for all such travel done between arrival at the first location, at the beginning of the work day, and the last location at the end of the work day, provided, however, that if the distance from the teacher's home to the location or from the teacher's last location to home is greater than the distance between the teacher's home and base school, the teacher shall be reimbursed for the difference. If the difference is less, however, no reimbursement shall be made, the rate to be paid by mile will be determined by policies established by the school board. Adjustments to the mileage rate will be established by changes in policy.

Section 2. Materials Purchased: Teachers purchasing materials and/or supplies with the advance written approval of their supervising administrator shall be reimbursed within a reasonable time upon submission of an appropriate receipt of purchase under the procedure set forth in the school district procedures.

Section 3. Insurance Committee Participation: The school district shall recognize two (2) United Educators appointed representatives on any district insurance committee relating to employee benefits.

Section 4. Student Teacher Placement: A student teacher shall not be assigned to a teacher without a minimum of a thirty (30) day notice prior to the start of student teacher duties and the placement shall be a mutual agreement between the teacher and the District. The thirty (30) day notice requirements may be waived if both Union and District mutually agree. This section

applies to placements over forty (40) hours and includes internship and practicum placements of individuals not currently employed with the District.

ARTICLE XVIII CONTRACT

Section 1. Terms and Effects:

Subd. 1. Term: This agreement shall be effective as of its date of execution and shall continue in effect through June 30, 2025. If a new contract has not been duly entered into prior to July 1, 2025, the terms of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as provided in P.E.L.R.A. All salaries shall be frozen, effective June 30, 2025, until a new Agreement is in effect.

Subd. 2. Effect: This agreement constitutes the full and complete Agreement between the school district and the United Educators. The provisions herein supersede any and all agreements, resolutions, practices, school district policies, rules and regulations concerning terms and conditions of employment inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any individual contract or benefit agreement between the school district and the individual employee, heretofore executed shall be subject to and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or amendments as executed by the parties. Within sixty (60) days of the execution of this Agreement, adjusted individual contracts and/or notification shall be issued to all affected employees.

Subd. 3. Finality: Any matters relating to the current contract terms, whether or not referred to in this Agreement, shall not be open for negotiation during the term of this Agreement unless required by law or otherwise mutually agreed.

Section 2. Negotiations: Ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the school district and exclusive representative shall initiate negotiations for the purpose of entering into a successor agreement for the succeeding two (2) year period. There shall be two (2) signed copies of the final Agreement for the purpose of record, one retained by the school district and one by the United Educators.

Section 3. Publication: Copies of the Agreement titled, "Agreement Between 916 United Educators, Local 3748 and Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate School District 916," shall be provided at the expense of the school district within sixty (60) working days after the agreement is signed. Employees shall be directed to the school district website for a copy of the current United Educators contract.

Section 4. Severability by Conformity to Law: If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement to any employee or group of employees shall be found contrary to law, then such provisions or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or application shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. Document Authorization: IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused this Agreement to be signed by their authorized chief executive signators, and their signatures to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.

**916 United Educators
Local 3748**

President

Vice President

Dated: _____, 2024

**Northeast Metropolitan Intermediate
School District 916**

Marilyn Jansberg

School Board Chair

Lucy L Payne

School Board Clerk

Dated: February 7, 2024

APPENDIX A - 2023-2024

NORTHEAST METRO 916

LICENSED TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE A

STEP	BA	BA+10	BA+20	BA+30	MA	MA+10	MA+20	MA+30	MA+40
1	49,016	50,271	51,132	52,127	53,893	54,888	55,885	56,879	57,875
2	50,881	52,599	53,595	54,715	56,757	57,875	58,996	60,117	61,237
3	52,796	54,940	56,060	57,303	59,620	60,862	62,109	63,354	64,597
4	54,714	57,279	58,525	59,893	62,482	63,851	65,222	66,590	67,959
5	56,629	59,620	60,990	62,482	65,346	66,839	68,333	69,825	71,319
6	58,546	61,960	63,453	65,071	68,208	69,825	71,444	73,061	74,679
7	60,464	64,300	65,918	67,660	71,072	72,814	74,557	76,298	78,041
8	62,380	66,640	68,382	70,247	73,934	75,800	77,667	79,534	81,400
9	64,297	68,979	70,846	72,837	76,796	78,788	80,780	82,770	84,761
10	66,211	71,320	73,312	75,427	79,660	81,775	83,892	86,007	88,121
11	68,129	73,659	75,776	78,015	82,523	84,762	87,002	89,243	91,481
12	70,046	75,999	78,240	80,604	85,385	87,750	90,114	92,480	94,844
13	71,964	78,339	80,705	83,195	88,249	90,737	93,226	95,715	98,203

APPENDIX B – 2024-2025

NORTHEAST METRO 916

LICENSED TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE B

STEP	BA	BA+10	BA+20	BA+30	MA	MA+10	MA+20	MA+30	MA+40
1	51,589	52,910	53,816	54,863	56,722	57,770	58,819	59,865	60,914
2	53,553	55,361	56,409	57,588	59,736	60,914	62,094	63,273	64,452
3	55,568	57,825	59,003	60,312	62,750	64,057	65,370	66,680	67,989
4	57,587	60,287	61,597	63,037	65,763	67,204	68,646	70,086	71,526
5	59,602	62,750	64,192	65,763	68,777	70,348	71,920	73,491	75,063
6	61,619	65,213	66,785	68,487	71,789	73,491	75,194	76,897	78,600
7	63,638	67,675	69,379	71,212	74,803	76,637	78,471	80,303	82,138
8	65,655	70,138	71,972	73,935	77,815	79,780	81,744	83,709	85,674
9	67,672	72,600	74,565	76,661	80,828	82,924	85,021	87,116	89,210
10	69,688	75,064	77,161	79,387	83,842	86,068	88,297	90,522	92,747
11	71,706	77,526	79,754	82,110	86,856	89,212	91,570	93,928	96,284
12	73,724	79,989	82,347	84,836	89,868	92,357	94,845	97,335	99,823
13	75,742	82,452	84,942	87,562	92,882	95,500	98,121	100,740	103,359

APPENDIX C

GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM

916 United Educators Local 3748

Name:

Site:

Date Grievance Occurred:

Specific Provisions of Agreement Allegedly Violated:

Statement of Facts:

Particular Relief Sought:

Signature of Grievant

Date: _____

Signature of Local #3748 Representative

Date: _____

APPENDIX D

STUDENT CLUBS COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Hours	Number of Students as of April 15			
	1-5	6-15	16+	
10-20	\$585	\$920	\$1,250	
21-39	\$840	\$1,110	\$1,500	
40-59	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,750	
60+	\$1,300	\$1,600	\$2,000	

PROFESSIONAL DUTY DAY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
NORTHEAST METRO 916 AND 916 UNITED EDUCATORS

WHEREAS, Northeast Metro 916 (“School District”) and the 916 United Educators (“United Educators”) have entered into a collective bargaining agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, The School District and United Educators have reached an agreement on professional duty day and expectations; and

WHEREAS, The School District and the United Educators share a commitment to reviewing flexible workplace locations as part of professional duty day; and

WHEREAS, the School District and United Educators share a commitment to meeting regularly during the meet and confer process to review flexible workplace locations.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the below contract language modifications as indicated in bold and italics:

ARTICLE VII
DUTY DAY AND DUTY WEEK

Section 1. Duty Day:

Subd. 1. Length: The hours of instruction for students at each program/building shall be established by the school district. The professional teacher’s day on which salaries shall be based is a period of time that the school is regularly in session for students plus reasonable time as is necessary to plan the days’ work, confer with pupils and parents, attend staff and committee meetings, attend open houses, and perform such other duties as are appropriate for teachers, but not less than eight (8) hours a day inclusive of lunch. Each teacher will have a scheduled duty-free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes. The on-site duty days for teachers who are contracted to work four (4) hours or less shall not include lunch. The on-site duty days for persons contracted to work more than four (4) hours but less than either (8) hours per days shall include a lunch in a pro-rata amount.

Subd. 2. Duty Day for teachers who do have regular and direct classroom responsibilities: The eight (8) hours shall consist of up to six (6) hours of student contact instructional activity inclusive of fifty (50) minutes for preparation time during the student contact hours. Part-time instructional staff involved with student contact may be assigned preparation time on a pro-rata basis if they are involved in the development of learning materials as well as the day-to-day preparations for instruction. This subdivision shall not apply to employees who do not have regular and direct classroom responsibilities.

Subd. 3. Duty Day for teachers who do not have regular and direct classroom responsibilities: The eight (8) hours of work expectations consist of duties that are designed to support the functions of the program and program operations.

Subd. 4. Modifications in Duty Day and Work Week: In the event of an order by authorized federal or state authority or in the case of snow make up days, the school district may modify the duty day or work week to place the school district in compliance with such federal or state order or student contact day requirements, but with the understanding that prior to implementing any such modifications, the school district shall meet and confer with the United Educators.

Subd. 5. Duty Free Lunch: Each employee who is regularly employed for more than four (4) hours per day shall have a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period per day. Teachers shall not be paid additional compensation for services provided during their regular lunch unless described elsewhere in this Agreement. It is not intended or expected that teachers shall be scheduled on a regular or frequent basis to work during their lunch.

Subd. 6. Professional Day Expectations:

1. Teachers are expected to be at school when school is regularly in session for students.
2. Teachers shall have preparation time during the regular work day consistent with state law.
3. Teachers are expected to meet with parents and students as needed, including attending parent-teacher conferences; ***virtual meetings are the exception and not the norm.***
4. Teachers are expected to attend IEP and staffing meetings on students as needed. Every attempt shall be made to schedule IEP meetings during or near the beginning or end of the regular duty day.
5. Teachers are expected to attend program/building meetings as scheduled at reasonable times before or after school unless there are unavoidable circumstances.
6. Consistent with the above expectations is a shared judgment that teachers should not as a general practice enter the building shortly before students arrive and leave shortly after students depart or schedule regular and reoccurring appointments that keep them out of the building on a regular basis.
7. ***Before students arrive and after students leave, teachers may choose to work in a different location provided that a teacher's in-person professional obligations are no longer necessary, there are not scheduled meetings, or emergency debriefs and no direction of support staff is required; however, the expectation is that this will not be a regular and recurring practice.***
8. Teachers are expected to cover other professional duties, including, but not limited to open houses, student graduation ceremonies, and other school events.

Administrators shall make every attempt to assign these professional duties evenly amongst teaching staff.

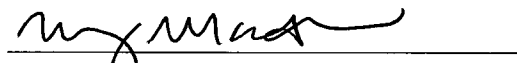
9. Whenever a teacher leaves the building or program before the hours defined in this Article, the teacher shall remain available for work related activities with the exception that if the teacher is not available they must notify their principal/manager with reasonable notice and prior to the departure.
10. ***On a non-student contact work day and when there are not scheduled in-person meetings or emergency debriefs and/or meetings and no direction of support staff is required, a teacher may choose to work at a different location during the work day, provided the teacher remains available to the program. This provision does not apply during workshop week or the last duty day of the school year.***
11. Consistent with mutual expectations is a shared judgment that teachers should foster collaboration with classroom staff during the Duty Day and this is best done by working in the building.
12. For those teachers who work in member districts, teachers are expected to work at their designated site except where flexibility is expected or allowed based on the assignment.

Section 2. Oversight: The school district and United Educators shall monitor the practices of the professional duty day but with the understanding that prior to implementing any modifications, the school district shall meet and confer with the United Educators.

NORTHEAST METRO 916



Superintendent

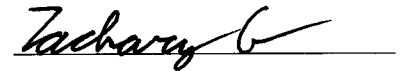


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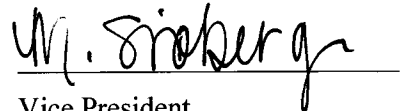
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916 UNITED EDUCATORS



President



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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NORTHEAST METRO 916 AND 916 UNITED EDUCATORS

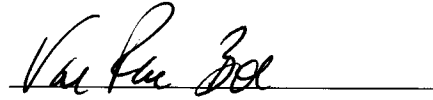
WHEREAS, Northeast Metro 916 (“School District”) and the 916 United Educators (“United Educators”) have entered in collective bargaining agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, the School District and United Educators share a commitment to workplace and school safety for staff and students.

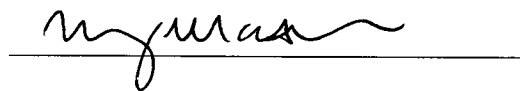
THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following as outcome from the 2023-2025 collective bargaining agreement:

1. The School District and United Educators shall participate in a Safety Committee which will address concerns relating to safety arising from student behaviors.
2. The Safety Committee shall be comprised of up to seven (7) individuals representing the School District and up to seven individuals representing the United Educators to be chosen by each party. No more than two (2) United Educators members from each building may serve on the committee.
3. The Safety Committee shall meet five (5) times during each of the school years in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year of the academic years in which this contract is in effect to discuss outcomes and review recommendations of the Safety Committee.
4. The Safety Committee will be conducted by an agreed upon facilitator or co-facilitator. Meeting agendas will be set prior to each meeting and shared with the United Educators.
5. The School District will share staff injury data, current student enrollment and injury trends with the Safety Committee.
6. At the end of each Safety Committee meeting key messages will be developed by the participants and a communication will be shared electronically with the District in the District Bulletin. A copy of key messages will also be shared directly with Safety Committee members via email.
7. The School District agrees to exert its best efforts to implement the safety initiatives developed and agreed upon through this committee and will measure outcomes to determine effectiveness.

NORTHEAST METRO 916



Superintendent



Director of Human Resources

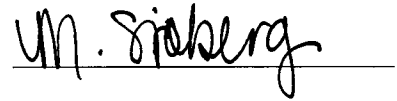
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**SUBSTITUTE COMPENSATION FOR RELATED SERVICES
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

NORTHEAST METRO 916 AND 916 UNITED EDUCATORS

WHEREAS, Northeast Metro 916 (“School District”) and the 916 United Educators (“United Educators”) have entered in collective bargaining agreement for 2023-2025; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the United Educators desire to address related services workload concerns related to the coverage of unfilled long-term substitute positions.

THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following effective July 1, 2024:

A related services teacher who is asked by an administrator to cover for an unfilled long-term substitute position of thirty (30) student contact days or greater shall be allowed to timesheet at their hourly rate of pay for time spent outside of the duty day or during the teacher’s duty-free lunch or assigned preparation time in order to complete due process, billing and other documentation related to their caseload. Timesheet hours are subject to administrator approval and evidence of work completed may be required by the administrator at any time.

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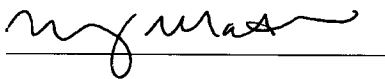
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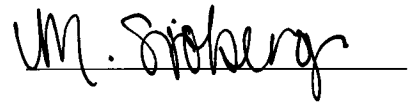
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