



**COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

AND

**BUCHANAN ASSOCIATION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
MEDIA ASSISTANTS**

For the period of July 1, 2024 - through June 30, 2028
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THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the date set forth below by and between the BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, Berrien County, Michigan, acting by and through its Board of Education (the "Employer") and BUCHANAN ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDIA ASSISTANTS (the "Association").

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND RECOGNITION

- A. Recognition: The Employer recognizes the Association as the exclusive representative of all the employees in the bargaining unit as to, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- B. Employees Defined: The word "employee" as used in this Agreement means all full-time and regular part-time office and clerical employees, administrative assistant and media assistants: excluding, administrators, teachers, substitutes, confidential employees, supervisory employees, students employed part-time or working in a co-op or similar program, and all other employees.

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Employer retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon it or vested in it by the Laws and Constitutions of Michigan and of the United States, and all rights and powers to manage and conduct the Employer's activities and to utilize and direct its employees. Such rights include but are not limited to the rights to hire, promote, assign, transfer, and discipline employees, and determine the size of its workforce.

ARTICLE 3 - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Association shall have, in addition to other rights expressly set forth herein or provided by statute, the following rights:

- A. Bulletin Boards and Internal Mail: The use of designated bulletin boards, or sections thereof, for the purpose of giving notice of Association activities, and the use of internal school mail services to distribute Association materials. Such use shall be in accordance with the Employer's established regulations. Such notices shall contain nothing of derogatory nature to the Employer.
- B. Use of Facilities: The Association shall have the right-to-use school facilities for meetings and equipment; including copy machines, computers, printers and all types of audio-visual equipment when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use and shall be responsible for proper operation of all said equipment. Such use shall be in accordance with the Employer's established regulations.
- C. Association Representatives: The Association may use a grievance committee composed of not more than three (3) employees in the bargaining unit. Should an Association representative who is an employee be required by management to attend a grievance meeting during their scheduled working hours, such time shall be without loss of pay but limited to only one (1) representative at any one (1) time.
- D. Association Responsibilities: The Association shall have, in addition to other responsibilities expressly set forth herein or provided by law, the following responsibilities:

1. Association Representatives: The Association shall promptly notify the Employer in writing of

the names of those persons who are authorized to act on its behalf and the authority of each such person, which notice shall remain in effect until superseded by a new written notice.

- E. Concerted Activities: For the life of this Agreement the Association will, in good faith, cooperate with the Employer in attempting to assure that reasonable work standards, schedules and its rules and regulations are complied with and that it will not directly or indirectly encourage, permit or cause any concerted work stoppage, slowdown, strike or other interference with Employer's the day-to-day operations. Any employee engaging in such activity or activities may be disciplined up to and including dismissal.
- F. The Employer specifically recognizes the right of its employees to request the services of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission for mediation assistance.
- G. An Association member, who engages, during the working day, in negotiating on behalf of the Association with any representatives of the Employer or participates in any grievance negotiation, shall be released from regular duties without loss of pay. The Association shall reimburse the District on a current basis those sums paid to the Office of Retirement Services for Association release time.

ARTICLE 4 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

- A. Personnel Files: Employees shall have reasonable access to their personnel files. Such access shall be limited to not less than twice per contract year. If an employee questions material in their files, said employee may attach a written notation to the material in question. The employee's review of such file shall be in the presence of a representative of the Employer. Furthermore, the employee may have an Association representative present at such review.
- B. Just Cause: No senior employee shall be disciplined without just cause.
- C. The provisions of this contract and the wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment shall be applied without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or association/membership with the activities of any employee organization.
- D. The Employer shall furnish job descriptions to each present employee, newly hired personnel and the Association President. Job descriptions of personnel placed in newly created positions and/or positions that change shall be furnished by the Employer within thirty (30) days of job assignment. Job descriptions shall be reviewed by each employee and their supervisor(s) before June 1st and updated when appropriate. A copy of any change will be given to the President of the Association within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE 5 - TIME SCHEDULE

- A. Descriptions: "School Year" employees are employed for the same general period as their school year supervisors with the holiday, non-worked time and vacations described in this Agreement. It is recognized that the needs of different types of employees may vary. The before-student and after-student periods of employment shall be determined by the need as stated by the immediate supervisor and communicated through the Business Office with at least two (2) weeks notice to the employees before starting or concluding employment.

- B. The School Day or Working Hours: Under normal circumstances, full-time employees are expected to work forty (40) hours per week. Usually these hours are from: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch.

Media Assistants at each building will be given a total of three (3) days to be used either prior to the first day of school and/or after the last day of school to work in their area and attend District and/or school meetings.

Weather Conditions and School Closing: The Association members are not required to report for duty and will lose no compensation. Staff will be paid up to the number of inclement weather days allowable by the Michigan Department of Education. After those days, the Association will not report to work and will not be paid as any remaining days will be made up at the end-of-the-school year (Media Assistants will work their regularly scheduled hours if making up a snow day). Association members who are excused by their supervisor to leave early because of weather conditions will receive full pay for the remainder of their normal workday.

- C. Association Members may take a fifteen (15) minute maximum relief time in the morning and in the afternoon at a time agreed upon with the immediate supervisor.
- D. Delay of School: When the start of school is delayed for any reason, Administrative Assistants will be expected to report at their regular starting time or no later than the delayed start time. Administrative Assistants will be paid for the time they actually worked. When the start of school is delayed for any reason, Media Assistants will be expected to report when students report. Media Assistants will be paid for the time they actually worked. Media Assistants may make up lost time not to exceed regularly scheduled hours during that pay period.

ARTICLE 6 - SENIORITY

- A. Probationary Period: A new employee shall be in a probationary status for the first sixty (60) days worked. There shall be no seniority for probationary employees. Such employees shall be subject to all provisions of this Agreement, except a probationary employee shall not have the opportunity to bid on vacancies and may be disciplined or terminated without recourse to the grievance procedure.
- B. Seniority Defined: An employee's seniority is defined as length of service with the Employer since their first work day as a regular employee. Should a tie need to be broken, the "hiring date" as noted in their job offer letter shall be used. Seniority shall not accrue during layoffs or unpaid leaves of absence.
- C. Seniority Lists: Seniority is defined as the length of service within the District as a member of the Association. Accumulation of seniority shall begin on the employee's first working day. The Association President and Secretary shall receive notice of each new employee.
- D. Loss of Seniority: Seniority shall be lost if the employee:
1. Voluntarily quits
 2. Dismissed - (Unless reinstated through procedures set forth in this Agreement.)
 3. Retires
 4. Their employment relationship with the Employer is otherwise terminated.

ARTICLE 7 - VACANCIES AND PROMOTIONS

- A. Whenever any vacancy or other special opportunity in any administrative assistant or media assistant position in the bargaining unit shall occur, the Board shall publicize the same by giving email notice of such vacancy to the Association. No vacancy shall be filled, except in an emergency on a temporary basis, until the vacancy has been posted for at least five (5) work days. If the vacancy occurs during a "regular" school vacation period, the Association officers shall be notified by email. (The Association officers are: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.)

Bargaining unit employees shall be interviewed for the vacancy prior to the position being opened to non-bargaining unit employee applicants. Qualifications shall be based on a successful interview.

Non-Bargaining unit employee applicants will not be previewed until the Employer judges no bargaining employee applicants are qualified for the position.

- B. Any non-probationary employee may apply for such vacancies. Consideration will be given to the background, attainments, skills, seniority and all other relevant factors when filling such vacancy. If the qualifications are judged by the Employer to be equal, seniority will be the determining factor.
- C. If an employee is involuntarily transferred, the Employer shall first consult with the employee regarding said transfer.

ARTICLE 8 - LAYOFF AND RECALL

- A. The Employer will notify the affected employee(s) at least thirty (30) days in advance, if possible, of the anticipated layoff(s). If a reduction is necessary and a layoff occurs, the member will be offered another open position in which they meet the qualifications. If a position is unavailable, the employee(s) in the position(s) eliminated shall have the right to use their seniority to bump the least senior employee(s) (elimination must be a loss of 5 hours or more per week), within the same classification, after presenting qualifications, as determined by the Employer. The bump must be approved by the position supervisor.
- B. When the Employer recalls laid-off employees, those employees shall be recalled in the reverse order in which they were laid off provided the employees are qualified as determined by the Employer, to perform the duties of the positions being staffed. This provision shall only apply to senior employees.
- C. The Employer shall give written notice to any laid-off employee of a job opening by sending the job posting by certified mail to the laid-off employee at their last known address. The employee has three (3) working days to reply to the posting and indicate interest in the position. If the employee submits an application for the position and qualifies, the Employer will notify the employee by certified mail the date to report to work. Failure by the employee to respond to or comply with the recall notice within three (3) working days shall be considered a voluntary quit and the employee will automatically terminate their employment relationship with the Employer. The Employer's obligation to recall a laid-off employee will cease after one (1) year from the date of layoff.

ARTICLE 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. A grievance shall be defined as an alleged violation of the expressed terms of this Agreement. A grievant shall be defined as an employee.
- B. An employee may assert their right to present such grievance directly to the Employer and have it adjusted without the Association's intervention, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, and that the Association is given the opportunity to be present at such adjustment.
- C. Informal Conference, Step 1: The grievant shall meet with their immediate supervisor or principal within five (5) work days of the alleged occurrence of the issue giving rise to the grievance with the object of resolving the matter verbally.
- D. Formal, Step 2: If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at the informal conference, the grievant shall within five (5) work days of the informal conference submit the grievance in writing to the immediate supervisor or principal. The immediate supervisor or principal shall respond in writing in five (5) work days.
- E. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 2, the employee may appeal in writing within five (5) work days to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall respond in writing within ten (10) work days of such hearing.

Formal, Step 3: If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 2, the employee may appeal in writing within five (5) work days of receipt of the decision at Step 2 to the Board. Upon receipt of such request the Board may hold a hearing or may designate one or more of its members to hold a hearing. This hearing will be held and a final determination submitted in writing to the grievant within forty (40) days after its submission to the Board. The decision of the Board or the committee of the Board is final.

- F. The grievance procedure shall not apply to:
 - 1. The discharge or discipline of any probationary employee.
 - 2. Any provision of this Agreement, which contains an express exclusion from the Grievance Procedure.
 - 3. Any matter which is a prohibited or illegal bargaining subject under the Public Employment Relations Act.
- G. Any grievance which has not been addressed via Section C or Sections D through F or which is not made within the time prescribed shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and shall automatically terminate any further proceedings. Any grievance, which is not awarded within the time specified, shall be deemed to have been denied and the grievance shall automatically advance to the next step unless withdrawn.

ARTICLE 10 - SICK DAYS AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Paid Leaves

1. Sick Days:

- a. School year employees shall be credited with ten (10) sick leave days at the beginning of each school year. Paid sick time shall be prorated for employees whose start date is after the start of the school year. Upon written request, the business office will provide an accounting of available sick time for each employee.

Annual sick leave shall accumulate without limitation up to retirement. In accordance with the Michigan Paid Medical Leave Act ("PMLA"), MCL 408.961 et seq., an eligible non-exempt (i.e., hourly) employee may use paid leave for any reason identified in the PMLA regulations.

- b. At the time of retirement, provided the employee has been employed for the last ten (10) years, any sick days over eighty (80) with a cap of one hundred seventy (170) days shall be collected by the employee at the rate of 25% pay per day in a lump sum total. A day shall be considered to be eight (8) hours.

2. Bereavement: Five (5) days paid absence due to the death of a member of the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as: Spouse, mother, father, children, grandchildren, grandmother, grandfather, sister, brother, and includes these relationships as created by adoption or marriage.

3. Personal Business: Two (2) days per year may be used for the purpose of personal business, when arrangements cannot be transacted outside the regular workday to avoid its use. The personal business day may not be taken on days before or after a vacation or holiday. To be eligible for personal business leave the employee must file a request with their immediate supervisor at least seventy-two (72) hours before the planned leave. The immediate supervisor may waive said notification in case of an emergency. Such leave shall not accumulate, however, personal business leave not used will be added to the employee's sick leave.

4. Other Paid Leaves

- a. Professional: A maximum of two (2) days per year shall be allowed for interschool visiting, professional meetings, and conventions according to the individual's need or affiliation. Any employee officially designated by the school administration to attend a meeting or convention sponsored by an educational or professional organization shall be allowed reasonable expense. The unused time shall not be considered part of the regular (2) two-day allowance and no deduction from salary shall be made for such an absence. Any employee wishing to use the above two days, or any part of it should make arrangements with the Administration. This (2) two-day allowance shall not accumulate in any way.
- b. Jury Duty: Employees on jury duty shall receive the difference between the daily fee for jury duty, excluding expenses, and their average daily pay providing jury

duty is less. Such leave shall be granted in half-day increments. For example, if an employee is called for jury duty and dismissed, they should return to work for a half day. The employee would receive the average pay for the morning, minus the jury fee, and regular hourly pay for the afternoon.

B. Unpaid Leaves

Except as provided in this agreement, leave without compensation may be granted at the discretion of the administration.

1. Family and Medical Leave: An employee who has worked for the District for at least 1250 hours during the preceding twelve (12) months shall be granted up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave during any fiscal year under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), with health care coverage provided by the Board pursuant to FMLA, if requested by the employee, for one or more of the reasons allowable by FMLA.

Any family and medical leave shall be subject to the following conditions.

- The employee shall first exhaust any sick leave they may have accrued before placement on unpaid family and medical leave.
- Upon return from leave, the employee shall be assigned to either the same position from which the leave was taken, or to a comparable position for which the employee is qualified. Restoration may be denied in the event of a reduction of staff.
- If the employee fails to return from leave at its expiration (except in the event of the continuance, onset, or recurrence of the employee's serious health condition or other circumstances beyond the employee's control), the Board shall have the right to recover all health care premium payments made during the unpaid leave interval. These amounts may be deducted from any wage or other payments due the employee, with any deficiency to be remitted by the employee to the Board within five (5) days of demand.

ARTICLE 11 - VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

A. School Year Employees

1. School year employees shall receive the following vacation allowances:

1 st year of employment	No paid vacation
2 nd year of employment	5 days paid vacation
3 rd -5 th years of employment	10 days paid vacation
6 th + years of employment	12 days paid vacation

All days must be taken on non-instructional (student days) during winter, spring, professional development days, and/or parent teacher conference make-up days, with the exception of no more than one day that can be used at the end of the school year; otherwise, all remaining days will be forfeited. Years-of-service for bargaining unit employees will be on the Employer's fiscal year calendar. This applies to vacation and pay schedule steps, anniversary dates will no longer be

used.

2. The additional days of scheduled school vacations will be taken without pay. To receive a paid holiday, the employee must work their scheduled workday preceding and the scheduled workday following the holiday unless the employee is on a paid leave of absence except as provided in this agreement.
3. Vacation days must be used in the period earned.
4. School year employees are entitled to the following paid holidays:
 - Presidents Day (only if school is not in session)
 - MLK Day (only if school is not in session)
 - Memorial Day
 - Labor Day
 - Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving Day (or a full day if school is not in session)
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday after Thanksgiving
 - Christmas Eve
 - Christmas Day
 - New Year's Eve
 - New Year's Day

To receive paid holidays, the employee must work their scheduled workday preceding and the scheduled workday following said holiday unless the employee is on an approved leave of absence. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday will be given on the closest weekday when students are not in session.

5. Employees may choose to work up to three (3) additional days (with supervisor approval) on days when school is not in session during the school year. This must be a non-work day that is not paid. Employees may work no more than their regular number of hours on said day(s).
- B. A paid holiday occurring during vacation period shall not be counted as a vacation day, but may be added to the vacation or taken at a later date with the approval of the immediate supervisor.
- C. Vacation days shall be paid at the same rate as a normal day.
- D. If an employee works at least one-half of their contract year, and resigns from their position, the employee will be paid out for the remaining vacation days earned.

ARTICLE 12 - WAGES AND BENEFITS

- A. Pay Dates: Employees will be paid bi-weekly with insurance payments deducted semi-monthly and tax-sheltered annuities deducted either semi-monthly or monthly as requested in writing.
- B. Overtime Pay: Overtime work in excess of 40 hours per week shall be paid at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate. Compensatory time shall be paid, in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and Regulations. Those employees who perform such work on a straight time basis shall normally perform overtime work. If it is determined by the Employer other employees are also required to perform such work, nothing in this Agreement prevents such assignment. If more than one (1) employee performs such work, the work shall be divided amongst said employees.
- C. Insurance: The following insurance provision is provided:

1. The insurance benefit year is January 1 – December 31.
2. The Association shall identify its preferred insurance carrier and coverage, and shall advise the Board of the insurance carrier and coverages selected for each medical benefit plan coverage year. A committee of District employees (including a representative of the Buchanan Association of Administrative and Media Assistants) will meet to review insurance proposals. The medical benefit plan identified by the District Employee Insurance Committee shall comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the IRS Code, and Public Act 152 of 2011, as amended (PA 152), including any requirements necessary to avoid taxes, fees, or penalties.
3. Subject to Public Act 54 of 2011, the Board shall contribute the maximum hard-cap amount per eligible individual allowed under PA 152 for the medical benefit plan coverage year then in effect. The Board shall first contribute to medical benefit plan premiums, and then to a Health Savings Account (if any amount remains) in a combined amount not to exceed the individual's PA 152 hard-cap. The Board shall contribute an amount up to each eligible individual's PA 152 hard-cap in pro-rated monthly premium payments, with the remainder, if any, in a lump sum HSA payment.
4. For employees assigned to less than a full-time position as defined by the PPACA (currently working an average of 30 hours or more per week in the District), will not be entitled to health insurance benefits.

Any new hires into the bargaining unit after July 20, 2015 will only be eligible for Single coverage health insurance, members hired prior to July 20, 2015 can select between single, 2-person and family.

5. For all employee's continuously employed, insurance benefits allowed shall not be terminated before September 1 for any individual leaving the District's employment after June 1 of the same school year, so long as the individual pays their portion of the medical benefit plan costs. The Board's contribution shall cease for any individual whose employment ceases before June 1 or who goes on an unpaid leave of absence, other than a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act. Individuals shall be responsible for ensuring that the Board is reimbursed for any pro-rated portion of its HSA contributions attributable to that portion of the medical benefit plan coverage year remaining when the individual leaves active employment

with the District, except where the leave is related to the Family and Medical Leave Act.

6. To the extent allowed by law, employees may contribute to a health Flexible Spending Account or Section 125 plan in an amount authorized by law for the medical benefit plan coverage year, which shall be used to offset any deductibles, premium costs attributable to the employee (if any), and any other items allowed by law and the Board's Section 125 plan.
7. If, in any insurance benefit year, the monthly insurance premium exceeds the Board's contribution, any additional amounts shall be payroll deducted, or if wages are not available for payroll deduction, shall be paid directly by the individual before the 1st of the month in which the premium payment is due.
8. The Board will provide a Section 125 Plan that complies with the IRS Code.
9. An employee may opt to take cash-in-lieu of insurance rather than the medical benefit plan, on the conditions that: (1) the employee voluntarily and in writing opts out of the available medical health care plan; and (2) provides documentation to the Superintendent's designee that the employee has other medical health care coverage that meets the minimum value and coverage requirements of the Affordable Care Act., For each employee taking cash-in-lieu, the Board shall pay Four Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and 13 cents (\$488.13), minus all applicable taxes, deductions, and any payments made towards non-medical benefit insurance plans chosen or required by the employee, in accordance with the District's Section 125 Plan.

Any new hires within the bargaining unit after July 20, 2015 will only receive \$370 cash-in-lieu.

If an employee elects an insurance plan that includes a Health Savings Account (HSA) option, the District agrees to put the deductible amount (split equally between January and July) into an individual HSA. Employees may elect for the District to add in 0%, 50%, or 100% of the deductible to the HSA amount.

Annuities and insurance begin after employee elects option. It is the employee's responsibility to sign-up for benefits and is aware of their negotiated rights. All employees are to be aware of all provisions listed in the Support Staff Handbook.

D. Wage Schedule:

1. Classifications Class 1
 - Administrative Assistants
 - Registrar/Administrative Assistant
2. Administrative Assistant Class 2
 - Media Assistants

Pay Schedule

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Class 1	Step	Step	Step	Step
	1 - \$15.30	1 - \$15.30	1 - \$15.30	1 - \$15.30
	2 - \$15.90	2 - \$15.90	2 - \$15.90	2 - \$15.90
	3 - \$16.50	3 - \$16.50	3 - \$16.50	3 - \$16.50
	4 - \$17.10	4 - \$17.10	4 - \$17.10	4 - \$17.10
	5 - \$17.70	5 - \$17.70	5 - \$17.70	5 - \$17.70
	6 - \$18.30	6 - \$18.30	6 - \$18.30	6 - \$18.30
	7 - \$18.90	7 - \$18.90	7 - \$18.90	7 - \$18.90
	8 - \$19.50	8 - \$19.50	8 - \$19.50	8 - \$19.50
	9 - \$20.10	9 - \$20.10	9 - \$20.10	9 - \$20.10
10+ - \$20.70	10+ - \$20.70	10+ - \$20.70	10+ - \$20.70	
Class 2	Step	Step	Step	Step
	1 - \$14.91	1 - \$14.91	1 - \$14.91	1 - \$14.91
	2 - \$15.49	2 - \$15.49	2 - \$15.49	2 - \$15.49
	3 - \$16.07	3 - \$16.07	3 - \$16.07	3 - \$16.07
	4 - \$16.65	4 - \$16.65	4 - \$16.65	4 - \$16.65
	5 - \$17.23	5 - \$17.23	5 - \$17.23	5 - \$17.23
	6 - \$17.81	6 - \$17.81	6 - \$17.81	6 - \$17.81
	7 - \$18.39	7 - \$18.39	7 - \$18.39	7 - \$18.39
	8 - \$18.97	8 - \$18.97	8 - \$18.97	8 - \$18.97
	9 - \$19.55	9 - \$19.55	9 - \$19.55	9 - \$19.55
10+ - \$20.13	10+ - \$20.13	10+ - \$20.13	10+ - \$20.13	

Employees that are due their step increase will get their step increase.

Longevity beginning from 5-9 years will be given \$250 at the end of each school year.

Longevity from 10-14 years will be given \$500 at the end of each school year.

Longevity from 15-19 years and up will be given \$1,000 at the end of each school year.

Longevity from 20+ years will be given \$1,250 at the end of each school year.

3. Service Compensation

- a. Credit on the pay schedule to a maximum acceptable to the Board may be allowed to those presenting satisfactory prior experience. Current employees may make written application for this credit to the Business Manager.

ARTICLE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS

A. Temporary or Part-Time Employment (excluding student help):

- 1. If there is a need for temporary or part-time clerical help during regular school vacations when administrative assistants or media assistants are not working, current employees will be asked to work before the services of temporary or part-time help is acquired. The employee asked to work

shall be determined as follows:

- a. First opportunity shall be given to the employee from whose office or building the request is made.

If the employee refuses the opportunity, the offer shall be made to the staff employees by seniority.

2. A media assistant asked by a supervisor to temporarily assume the duties of a classroom teacher for at least ½ day, will receive their regular rate of pay and an additional \$15 per half day. The assistant must have substitute certification.
- B. Written Resignation. Any assistant desiring to resign shall file a written resignation with the Business Manager at least (10) work days before the resignation's effective date, after first discussing the resignation with the immediate supervisor.
 - C. Employee's Address. It shall be the responsibility of each employee to notify the Employer of any change of address. The employee's address as it appears on the Employer's record shall be conclusive.
 - D. Students will not be left in the office to be supervised by bargaining unit employee Members as a form of discipline. Discipline is the responsibility of the Principal/Assistant Principal.
 - E. Job descriptions will be updated periodically.
 - F. **Retirement Incentive:** Employees who have attained ten (10) consecutive years of service with the District shall, upon retirement, receive a retirement incentive bonus as part of their final average compensation. Five (5) retirement incentive days, payable at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per retirement incentive day, shall be awarded for the first ten (10) years of service. One (1) additional retirement incentive day shall be awarded for each year over ten (10) up to a maximum of twenty (20) years of service, payable at sixty dollars (\$60.00) per retirement incentive day. The benefit shall be included with their final pay.

ARTICLE 14 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the Agreement or any application of the Agreement to any employee is found contrary to law, then such provision or application shall be deemed null and void, but all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect; furthermore, the provisions of such law shall supersede, to the extent of the conflict, the provisions of this Agreement and govern the relation of the parties hereunder.

An Emergency Financial Manager appointed by law may reject, modify, or terminate this agreement as provided by law.

ARTICLE 15 - DURATION

The Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2028. Either party may request the initiation of negotiations for a subsequent agreement on or after March 1, 2028.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Justin M. Baker 6/18/24
President Date

Jennifer F. Foss 6/19/24
Vice-President Date

FOR THE EMPLOYER

Harry F. Smith 6/17/24
President Date

Betty L. Laesch 6/17/24
Secretary Date