

# ***MASTER AGREEMENT***

*between the*

***EATON RAPIDS  
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT  
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION***

*and the*

***EATON RAPIDS BOARD  
OF EDUCATION***

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement is entered into this 8th day of December, 2004 by and between the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools, hereinafter called the "Board" and the Eaton Rapids Educational Support Personnel Association, hereinafter called the "Association."

It is the purpose of this Agreement to promote and ensure harmonious relations, cooperation and understanding between the Employer and the employees covered hereby, to ensure true collective bargaining and to establish standards of wages, hours, working conditions, and other conditions of employment.

## **ARTICLE 1 - Recognition**

- A. Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Public Act 379 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965 as amended, the Board hereby recognized the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all full-time and regularly employed part-time secretarial/clerical personnel, food service personnel, paraprofessional/aide personnel and custodial/maintenance personnel employed by the Board excluding the Superintendent's secretary, the Business Manager's secretary, the accounts payable secretary, the Curriculum Director's secretary, the Special Services Director's secretary, child care paraprofessional/aides, substitutes and supervisory employees as defined by the Act.
- B. The Board and the Association recognize four (4) groups of employees under this Agreement: Secretarial/Clerical, Food Service, Paraprofessional/aides and Custodial/ Maintenance employees. Within these four (4) employee groups, bargaining work may be performed by employees of the following status:
1. Full-time employee: An employee who is employed at least thirty (30) hours each week on a permanent, daily basis.
  2. Part-time employee: An employee who is employed less than thirty (30) hours each week on a permanent, daily basis.
  3. Probationary employee: An employee who is employed to fill a full or part-time position and serve a probationary period of ninety (90) work days in conformity with the provisions set forth in Article 11 of this Agreement.
  4. Substitute employee: An employee who is employed to fill a full or part-time position on a per diem basis while the regular employee is absent. A substitute shall not be employed to fill a bargaining unit position for more than forty (40) consecutive days actually worked in one job classification as set forth in Appendix A each year. However, if the regular employee who is absent will be, or, in the case of accident or illness, might be, returning to work within ninety (90) consecutive days, a substitute may be employed to fill a bargaining unit position for ninety (90) consecutive days actually worked.

After the completion of the foregoing time periods, an individual assigned to such a position shall serve the ninety (90) day probationary period, commencing on the next day of employment. However, if the individual has been assigned to the position for the

full amount of the foregoing time periods, either forty (40) or ninety (90) days, the individual shall serve only a forty-five (45) day probationary period, commencing on the next day of employment.

- C. The term "employee," when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all personnel represented by the Association in the bargaining unit as above defined and shall apply to both female and male personnel.
- D. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any organization other than that designated as the representative of the above employees pursuant to Public Act 379 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Board Rights**

- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the District, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and of the United States, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:
  - 1. To executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities.
  - 2. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion, and to promote and transfer all such employees.
  - 3. To determine the hours of employment and the duties, responsibilities, and assignments of employees with respect thereto, and the terms and conditions of employment.
- B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules and regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgement and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Association Rights**

- A. The parties agree to abide by Public Act 379 and all other laws, statutes and the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Michigan.
- B. The Association and its members shall have the right to use school building facilities. The Association shall make arrangements per a District Building Use Form for the above with the building administrator.
- C. The District messenger service and the use of the telephones shall be made available to the Association and its members for Association business. All charges for long distance phone calls for Association business shall be reimbursed to the Employer.

- D. The Board agrees to furnish the Association, in response to reasonable requests, existing information which the Association requires to administer this Agreement and to formulate contract proposals.
- E. Duly authorized representatives of the Association shall be permitted to transact Association business on school property provided that this shall not interfere with normal school operation and/or conflict with normal employee work assignments.
- F. The Association president and those designated by him/her shall be released without loss of pay for up to thirteen (13) days annually provided that reasonable advance prior notice is given to the building administrator and Superintendent. Upon approval of the Superintendent, the Association may use up to two (2) additional days per year provided the Board is reimbursed for the cost of the substitute. Said released time may be used in amounts of not less than one (1) hour per occasion and shall be used to conduct Association business, grievance investigation, and for attendance at meetings of the state or national Association. Parties agree that time for negotiations and arbitration proceedings will be scheduled at times other than regular student attendance hours whenever possible.

In addition to the above thirteen (13) days, with prior approval of the Superintendent, up to eight (8) days may be used by a bargaining unit member who has been elected to a state or national position (MEA/NEA) for attendance at state or national meetings, provided the Board is reimbursed for the cost of the substitute.

- G. School Board meeting agendas and minutes shall be made available to the Association President the week of the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - Agency Shop, Dues and Payroll Deductions**

- A. All employees as a condition of employment shall either:
  - 1. Sign and deliver to the Board an assignment authorizing the deduction of membership dues and assessments of the Association by September 1 of each year; or
  - 2. Any employee who is not a member of the Association or who does not make application for membership within thirty (30) days from the date of completion of the probationary period shall, as a condition of employment, pay to the Association a Representation Benefit Fee in an amount not to exceed the professional dues to the Association. Any non-member who makes objection pursuant to the Association "Policy Regarding Objections to Political-Ideological Expenditures Administrative Procedures" (hereinafter referred to as the Association's Policy and Procedures) shall be required to pay a reduced Representation Benefit Fee to the full extent permitted by state and federal law.

The objecting non-member's exclusive remedy shall be through the Association's Policy and Procedures, together with appropriate state or federal agencies or courts. The non-member may authorize payroll deduction for such fees in the same manner as provided for professional dues. The Association shall provide to all non-members copies of the Association's Policy and Procedures.

By December 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, of each year, the Association shall provide written notice to all non-members and the Board of the reduced fee and an explanation of the basis for the reduced fee. Pursuant to the Association's Policy and Procedures, any non-member who objects to the amount of the fee shall be given a prompt opportunity by the Association to challenge that amount before an impartial decision-maker. Pending resolution of the fee, the objecting non-member shall be required to pay 100 percent of the reduced fee to the Association; however, the Association shall preserve the fee in an interest-bearing escrow account until a decision is rendered by an impartial decision-maker pursuant to the Association's Policy and Procedures.

In the event the non-member shall not pay the Representation Benefit Fee directly to the Association, or authorize payment through payroll deduction, the Board shall, upon proper written notice from the Association, deduct the Representation Benefit Fee from the employee's wages and remit same to the Association pursuant to the conditions described in Section C, below, for professional dues.

Should the provisions for payroll deduction of the Representation Benefit Fee be found contrary to law, the parties agree to negotiate procedures for termination of employment.

- B. The Board agrees to advise the Association, upon request, of all additions, deletions or changes in the status of members of the bargaining unit. When the Employer hires a new employee, the ERSPEA president shall be supplied with the following information within the employee's first week of employment: name, address, date of hire, social security number, classification, job location, and hours of work.
- C. Authorized deduction of membership dues shall be made from each paycheck each month for twenty (20) pays beginning with the second paycheck in September (or the second paycheck after employment, if employed later than September) and ending in June of each year. The Board agrees to promptly and monthly remit to the Association treasurer all monies so deducted, accompanied by a list of employees from whom the deductions have been made. Employees may also pay dues in full to the Association Treasurer within thirty (30) days of the onset of each school year. The Board's remittance shall be deemed correct if the Association does not give written notice to the Superintendent within two (2) calendar weeks after remittance is transmitted of its belief that the remittance is incorrect, with reason(s) stated therefore. The Board shall only check off obligations which come due at the time of check off, and will make check off deductions only if the employee has enough pay due to cover such obligation. The Board is not responsible for refund to an employee if he/she has duplicated a check off deduction by direct payment to the Association. The Association shall provide at least ten (10) work days written notice to the Superintendent of the amount of dues and/or fees to be deducted from the wages of employees in accordance with this Article. Any changes in the amounts determined will also be provided to the Superintendent at least ten (10) work days prior to its implementation.
- D. The Association shall defend with attorney(s) selected by the Association, indemnify and save the Board harmless from any and all claims, suits and other forms of liability as a result of complying with the provisions of this Article.

- E. Upon appropriate written authorization, the Board shall deduct from the salary of the employee, and make appropriate remittance for annuities, credit union, community chest, and other plans or programs jointly approved by the Association and the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - Negotiation Procedures/Special Conference**

- A. This Agreement expressly embodies all agreements written and/or oral between the Board and the Association and is intended to cover all matters which are raised or could have been raised by either of the parties at the time of negotiations.
- B. Matters not specifically covered by this Agreement shall be subject to negotiations only by consent of both parties.
- C. **Special Conference.** The Employer and the Association shall meet and confer on matters of mutual concern upon written request of either party; however, there shall not be any obligation to meet more than once per month. The written request shall be made in advance and shall include an agenda stating the nature of the matter to be discussed and the reasons for requesting the meeting. Discussion shall be limited to matters set forth in the agenda, but it is understood that these special meetings shall not be for the purpose of conducting continuing bargaining negotiations nor to in any way modify, add to, or detract from the provisions of this Agreement. Meetings shall be held at a time and place mutually agreeable to the parties. Each party may be represented by not more than three (3) persons except by mutual agreement. Employees shall be paid while attending a special conference, but only if held during their normal working hours.
- D. When negotiations are conducted during regular school hours, release time shall be provided for the Association's Bargaining Committee to attend the negotiating session with the Employer. The Association's Bargaining Committee will include not more than six (6) employees if conducted during working hours. The Association will furnish the Employer with a written list of the Bargaining Committee prior to the first bargaining meeting and substantial changes thereto, if necessary.
- E. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives will be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations. However, any tentative agreements are subject to ratification by the bargaining unit and the Employer.
- F. There shall be two (2) signed copies of any final Agreement. One copy shall be retained by the Employer and one by the Association.
- G. The parties agree to enter into negotiations for a successor Agreement on wages, hours and working conditions at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement.



## **ARTICLE 6 - Grievance Procedure**

### **A. Definitions**

1. A grievance shall be an alleged violation of a specific article or section of this Agreement, as claimed by an employee, group of employees or the Association.
2. Working days shall be Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

### **B. Grievance Procedure**

1. **Step One:** The grievant(s) shall discuss the complaint with the immediate supervisor within five (5) working days of his/her knowledge of the event or occurrence which is the basis for the complaint.
2. **Step Two:** If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Step One, it shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the grievant's immediate supervisor within five (5) working days of the formal discussion required in Step One. The written grievance shall generally contain the following information:
  - a. The name of the grievant(s).
  - b. The names of all other persons involved in the incident or incidents generating the grievance.
  - c. The number and title of any and all articles of this Agreement alleged to have been violated and by appropriate reference the sections and paragraphs of such articles alleged to have been violated.
  - d. A full statement of the facts giving rise to the grievance.
  - e. The contention of the grievant(s) and of the Association as to how the facts indicate violation of this Agreement.
  - f. The relief requested.

Within five (5) working days of receipt of the written grievance, the immediate supervisor shall submit an answer in writing to the grievant(s) and to the Association Representative. Such answer shall either grant or deny the relief requested.

3. **Step Three:** If the grievance is not resolved at Step Two, it may be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) working days of receipt of the immediate supervisor's written answer.
  - a. Within five (5) working days from the receipt of the grievance, the Superintendent, or his/her designated representative, shall arrange a meeting with the grievant(s) and an Association Representative at a mutually agreeable time and place on school premises. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of discussing the grievance and attempting to resolve it.

- b. Within five (5) working days after the date of the meeting designated in the paragraph immediately above, the Superintendent or his/her designated representative shall give the Association Representative and the grievant(s) an answer in writing. If further investigation is needed, additional time may be allowed by mutual agreement between the Association Representative and the Superintendent or his/her designated representative.
4. Step Four: If the grievance is not resolved in Step Three, it may be appealed to the Board of Education within five (5) working days after receipt of the written answer in Step Three by the grievant(s). Such appeal shall be by letter delivered to the Superintendent as agent for the Board. The letter shall state the reasons for the appeal and shall be accompanied by a complete grievance record.

Within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the letter of appeal by the Board, a committee composed of Board members shall meet with the grievant(s) for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory disposition of the grievance. If no such mutually satisfactory disposition shall result from the meeting, a complete grievance record together with the recommendations of the Board committee shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting or at any special meeting called prior to the Board's next regular meeting.

5. Step Five: If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the Board of Education, or if no disposition has been made within the period above provided, the grievance may, at the option of the Association, be submitted to arbitration.
    - a. If the parties cannot agree as to the arbitrator, he/she shall be selected by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its rules which shall likewise govern the hearing.
    - b. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of this Agreement.
    - c. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the Employer, Association and employees; provided, however, that this shall not prohibit a challenge to the arbitration decision in a court of competent jurisdiction, if it is alleged that the arbitrator has exceeded his/her jurisdiction, or that such decision was obtained through fraud or other unlawful action.
    - d. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Board and the Association.
- C. Time limits provided in this Article shall be strictly observed, but may be extended by mutual written agreement. Any grievance which is not appealed to the next higher step of the procedure within the time limit specified, will be considered settled on the basis of the decision rendered at the last step. Any grievance upon which no decision is rendered by the District within the time limit specified will be considered automatically appealed to the next higher step of the procedure, effective with the expiration of the time limit.

- D. Notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement, any claim or grievance arising prior to the expiration of this contract may be processed through the grievance procedure until resolution.
- E. If any bargaining unit member for whom a grievance is sustained shall be found to have been unjustly discharged, he/she shall be reinstated and the arbitrator or the Board may award full reimbursement for all compensation lost. If any bargaining unit member shall have been found to have been improperly deprived of any compensation or advantage, the same or its equivalent in money shall be paid to him/her and his/her record cleared by any reference to this action.
- F. A bargaining unit member shall have the right to inspect and acquire copies of his/her personnel file and any other files or records of the Employer which pertain to the affected bargaining unit member or any issue in the proceeding in question. Confidential letters of reference secured from outside sources and other matters excluded under MCL 423.501 et. seq. - "Employee Right to Know Act", shall be excluded from inspection.
- G. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to prevent any individual employee from presenting a grievance, appealing any grievance, or having a grievance adjusted without intervention by the Association; provided that any such adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, and providing further that the Association has been given an opportunity to be present at such adjustment. However, notwithstanding the above, no employee shall have the right to proceed to arbitration unless approved by the Association.
- H. Both parties of this Agreement may be represented at any step of this grievance procedure.
- I. In the event that a group of employees with different supervisors shall become grievant, or in the event that the Association shall become a grievant in matters concerning the Association as a whole, it shall consider the Superintendent of Schools as its immediate superior and supervisor for purposes of implementing the grievance procedure.
- J. The Grievance Form is attached to this Agreement as Appendix B. However, the parties may deviate from that form and respond on separate paper or correspondence.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - Employee Rights and Protection**

- A. Any written complaint directed toward an employee shall be promptly called to the employee's attention when such complaint is to be made part of the employee's personnel file or a matter of other written record. The employee may submit a written statement to be attached to and filed with the original complaint.
- B. Any case of assault upon an employee, during working hours or arising out of a school situation, shall be promptly reported to the Board or to its designated representative. The Board will provide legal counsel to advise the employee of his/her rights and obligations in connection with the handling of the incident.
- C. At his/her request, an employee shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present when being reprimanded or disciplined.
- D. No non-probationary employee shall be disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation without just cause. Dismissal, suspension, and/or other disciplinary action shall

be only for just stated causes, which shall be given to the employee in writing, except that verbal reprimands and verbal warnings will not be written. No employee will be deprived of job opportunities for which he/she is eligible, and for which he/she indicated an interest in writing, if such disciplinary action as above is found to be without just cause. The employee shall have the right to defend himself/herself against any and all charges. Among the causes which shall be deemed sufficient for dismissal, suspension, and/or other disciplinary action are the following: drunkenness, dishonesty, insubordination or willful violation of rules. Any such discipline, reprimand, reduction in rank or compensation or deprivation of advantage by the Board or representatives thereof, shall be done in private. The employee shall be informed of the basis for disciplinary action and will be provided with all information concerning the basis for such action.

- E. Documents of a disciplinary and/or evaluative nature shall be signed and dated by the employee prior to being inserted into the personnel file. Such signing shall not necessarily be interpreted as agreement with the material. The employee shall have ten (10) work days to submit any written statement for attachment to the material in question and its inclusion in the personnel file. If an employee refuses to sign such a document, it may be placed in the personnel file with a notation by the supervisor recording the date on which an opportunity to sign the document was refused.
- F. An employee shall have the right upon request to review the contents in his/her personnel file. A representative of the Association may accompany the employee in such review. Privileged information such as confidential credentials and related personal references normally sought at the time of employment and other matters excluded under MCL 423.501 et. seq., "Employees Right to Know Act", shall be exempted from review. Medical records shall be kept separate from the personnel file.
- G. Any warning or reprimand in an employee's personnel file which does not relate to a recurring incident within a two (2) year period from the date of warning or reprimand shall be removed from the personnel file at the written request of the employee. Said warning or reprimand shall not be used in a future disciplinary action against said employee. Unsubstantiated complaints against an employee shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file. However, the Employer may maintain in a separate file documents stating that an investigation was conducted and the results of such an investigation.
- H. The parties recognize the merits of progressive discipline. It is therefore agreed that any action taken against a non-probationary employee shall be appropriate to the behavior causing said action. Alleged breaches of discipline shall be brought to the employee's attention as promptly as possible.
- I. The private and personal life of an employee is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board provided that such shall not interfere with the employee's job performance.
- J. The Board recognizes that appropriate equipment and materials are necessary to complete job tasks. The employees and administrators shall confer from time to time for the purpose of reviewing the selection and use of such tools.
- K. Employees shall be made aware of any identified safety or health hazards in their buildings and any investigation of identified building safety or health hazards. The Employer will take reasonable measures to prevent and eliminate any present or potential job hazards which the

employees may encounter at their places of work, in accordance with the requirements of any federal, state or local occupational safety and health acts. The employee shall obey all safety standards set under the Occupational Safety and Health Act and as set by the Employer. Employees are required to promptly notify the Employer of any safety hazards which they believe exist.

- L. The Board and the Association shall not discriminate because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, handicap, age, sex, or marital status or political affiliation as required by law.

### **ARTICLE 8 - Working Conditions**

A. Hours

1. The normal work week for full-time secretarial/clerical personnel shall be forty (40) hours consisting of five (5) days of eight (8) consecutive hours Monday through Friday inclusive, for a 52-week, 47-week, or 44-week work year.

The normal work week for full-time paraprofessional/aide personnel shall be at least thirty (30) hours consisting of five (5) days of at least six (6) consecutive hours Monday through Friday inclusive. The work year shall coincide with the number of pupil days in the district-wide calendar. All paraprofessional/aides will normally be scheduled for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days. Up to five (5) additional days may be scheduled at teacher request and with administrative approval.

The normal work week for full-time food service personnel hired before January 1, 1991 shall be forty (40) hours consisting of five (5) days of at least eight (8) consecutive hours Monday through Friday inclusive for a work year that coincides with the number of pupil days in the district-wide calendar, plus in-service days as is deemed appropriate by the immediate supervisor. Employees hired on or after January 1, 1991, within the discretion of the Employer may have a workday from four (4) to eight (8) consecutive hours per day on the days specified above. Additionally, summer work normally consists of three (3) days per week at five and one-half (5 1/2) hours per day when the District runs the Senior Citizen Program. The Employer shall have the right to schedule hours as it deems necessary.

The regularly scheduled workweek for full-time custodial/maintenance personnel shall consist of forty (40) hours beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday and ending at 11:59 p.m. Friday. The normal workday shall be eight (8) consecutive hours.

2. There shall be a specific starting and quitting time, as determined by the Employer.
3. Employees shall be provided at least seven (7) calendar days notification of any change in the normal starting and/or quitting time.
4. Lunch periods.
- a. For paraprofessional/aides, food service and secretarial/clerical employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week:

Each employee shall receive a lunch period of at least thirty (30) minutes. If it is uninterrupted and duty-free it shall be an unpaid lunch. Food Service employees and any other employee(s) remaining on duty during lunch shall be paid for the lunch period. The lunch period shall be scheduled in accordance with the organizational pattern best suited to the particular building and/or department and the employee as determined by the Administration.

- b. For custodial/maintenance employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week:

The day shift shall be allowed one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch period; the afternoon and night shift shall receive a one-half (1/2) hour paid lunch period.

5. Each employee shall be provided with a fifteen (15) minute uninterrupted relief period for every complete three (3) hours worked. The relief period shall be scheduled in accordance with the organizational pattern best suited to the particular building and/or department and the employee.
6. Employees shall be allowed to leave the building and school premises during the lunch period provided the immediate supervisor is notified.
7. In the event that schools are closed due to weather, natural disaster or other catastrophic occurrence, employees will operate under the following standards:
- a. Paraprofessional/Aides: If a paraprofessional/aide is requested by his/her building administrator to report for work on a day when school is closed for reasons in the paragraph above, the paraprofessional/aide will be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2) times his/her regular hourly rate for each hour employed. Paraprofessional/aides called in on such days will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate.

The paraprofessional/aide required to work on "Act of God" days at one and one-half (1-1/2) times his/her normal wage will be paid for an equal number of "Act of God" make-up days if such days are made up within the school calendar. For paraprofessional/aides "Act of God" days that are not required to be made up, compensation will be paid at the regular rate. For days that are required to be made up, compensation will be paid when days are made up.

- b. Secretaries: Secretaries will not be required to work, unless notified otherwise by their immediate supervisor. In the event the secretary is requested to work, the secretary will be compensated at one and one half (1-1/2) times his/her regular hourly rate for each hour employed. Secretaries employed less than 52 weeks required to work on "Act of God" days will receive regular pay at the time of "Act of God" days plus time and one-half (1-1/2) for hours actually worked.

Secretaries will be compensated for "Act of God" days as they occur and will receive no further compensation when such days are made up.

- c. Food Service: Whenever an "Act of God" day is declared by the Employer because of conditions beyond the Employer's control, the employee will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay if he/she reports for work before being notified otherwise.
    - (1) Each food service employee covered by the terms of this Agreement shall be eligible to receive pay for "Act of God" days not required to be made up.
    - (2) In the event that the state mandates that "Act of God" days must be made up, the food service employee will be paid when days are made up.
  - d. Custodial/Maintenance: Employees should contact their supervisors on days when school has been closed due to inclement weather or other emergency to determine their work schedule. Employees are expected to work on such days unless excused. An employee who works on an "Act of God" day will be granted an alternative day off with pay to be taken not later than the start of the next school year.
8. The Board of Education agrees that the temperature level of a work area impacts upon the working environment. To this end, the Board agrees to maintain school building offices and employee workstations at temperature settings of 60 degrees minimum and 90 degrees maximum. Whenever the temperature exceeds these settings for longer than a three (3) hour continual period, affected employees will be provided an alternate work site.
9. Weekend Activities and Building Coverage - A custodial/maintenance employee will ordinarily be present to work when activities are scheduled in a building outside of normal hours. Weekend building use by large groups in Class 2 and Class 3 shall require the presence of a custodial/maintenance employee for supervision of the building and to provide for clean up. Activities under Class I and small group activities under Class 2 and Class 3 shall not require the presence of custodial personnel unless the activity requires subsequent cleanup to prepare the area for use on the next school day or building supervision. If an exception is sought, it is understood that the Association and Administration will meet to resolve the matter.
- Class 1 groups are defined as school-sponsored organizations, 4-H clubs, and scout groups; Class 2 groups are defined as civic organizations - non-profit; and Class 3 groups are defined as private clubs and organizations (see Building Use Procedure). All groups must complete a building use form.
10. Whenever a custodial/maintenance employee is required to return to work after the completion of his/her regularly scheduled working hours, he/she shall receive pay for the actual time worked at time and one-half (1-1/2) his/her regular rate or a minimum of two (2) hours pay at his/her straight time hourly rate, whichever is the greater.

**B. Assignments**

1. Notice of overtime shall be provided to affected employees one (1) day in advance, whenever possible.
2. Only members of the bargaining unit shall perform bargaining unit work, except in cases of temporary necessity, such as instructional training, experimentation, or in case of emergency.
3. The right of contracting or subcontracting is vested in the Employer. The right to contract or subcontract shall not be used for the purpose of undermining the Union, nor to discriminate against any of its members, nor shall the use of contracting or subcontracting result in the reduction of the present work force as is now in effect, nor in the event of additional facilities being added to the school district shall contracting or subcontracting be used to avoid the performance of work covered under this Agreement. Parties agree this language is unenforceable under current Michigan Law (3/97).

**C. Training**

The employees covered by this Agreement shall attend all educational and safety meetings as scheduled by the Employer.

- D.** A sum of \$9,000.00 will be set aside every school year for the purpose of providing training and professional development for support staff employees. The fund will be non-accumulative and not carry over from year to year. The requests for using these funds will be reviewed by a committee of two persons. One person on the committee will be appointed by the superintendent and the other person will be chosen by the president of ERESPA. Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a \$500.00 limit each year for support staff members. All requests must be pre-approved before the training or course is taken. In the case of college courses, the money will be distributed to the employee after a passing grade is shown to the committee. In the unlikely event that these two persons are unable to agree on a use of the available funding, the superintendent will cast a tie-breaking vote. If there is a general reduction in expenditures across the District, the same percentage will apply to these funds as well.

**E. Qualifications of Title 1 Paraprofessionals:**

1. Paraprofessionals hired on or before January 8, 2002 and required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, NCLB Act, to meet the requirements of NCLB Act by January 8, 2006 shall be allowed to elect which of the six (6) options below he/she will elect in order to satisfy the requirements.
  - a. Completion of at least 2 years of study at an institution of higher education.
  - b. Obtain an associate's (or higher) degree.



- c. Achievement of a passing score on the following WorkKeys tests:

<u>WorkKeys Test</u>	<u>Score</u>
Reading for Information	4 or better
Applied Mathematics	4 or better
Writing	3 or better

In the event that any of the above passing scores are revised by the Michigan Department or Board of Education, the above contract provision shall be considered to be immediately revised to conform with said revision. Tests results dated prior to said revision shall be considered valid for achievement of a passing score. Achievement of a passing score shall not be invalidated by a subsequent revision of the minimum score for passing. The above three tests may be taken separately and at different times. The employee shall be responsible for arranging for the tests and for the submission of evidence of a passing score.

- d. Achievement of a passing score on the ParaPro Assessment test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The employee shall be responsible for arranging for the test and for the submission of evidence of a passing score.
- e. Achieve a passing score on the Basic Skills Test of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification.
- f. Provide a Portfolio Assessment that meets the guidelines adopted by the Michigan Department of Education.
2. If a paraprofessional has been determined by another school district or by the Michigan Department of Education as meeting the requirements of NCLB Act, then he/she shall be considered by his school district as meeting the requirements of NCLB Act.
3. The Employer shall reimburse tests costs to the employee within four (4) weeks after the employee submits a receipt for the costs of taking the tests. If any portion of these tests have to be retaken, that expense will be the responsibility of the employee.
4. An employee subject to the requirements of NCLB Act who is unable to meet the requirements by the deadline established by law shall be transferred to another bargaining unit position as soon as such a vacancy occurs; provided he/she does not otherwise apply for and receive a vacancy and further provided that said transfer shall not supercede the vacancy, transfer, layoff or recall provisions of the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 9 - Leaves of Absence**

### **A. Paid Leaves**

1. All employees shall accrue sick leave per month as follows:

1-9 days worked =  $\frac{1}{2}$  day sick leave

10 or more days worked = a full day sick leave (approved paid leave days are counted as days worked)

Support staff who need to use sick leave will be allowed to utilize the full yearly allotment before such time is actually earned. If an employee terminates his/her employment, sick leave will be prorated to reflect unpaid leave time.

- a. Unused sick leave shall accumulate for all employees to a maximum of one hundred thirty (130) days.
- b. Employees shall be granted the use of sick leave for the following:
  - (1) Personal illness or disability.
  - (2) Illness in the immediate family which is defined as spouse, children, parents of the employee and spouse, and others living within the immediate household.
  - (3) Time necessary to fulfill dental, as well as medical appointments, when such appointments cannot be made at any other time subject to the approval of the administration.
  - (4) Time necessary for attendance at the funeral service of a person whose relationship to the employee warrants such attendance subject to the approval of the administration.
- c. Employee's sick and vacation leave hours will be reported on their paychecks. Implementation is to be accomplished as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2005; the Association will be provided with quarterly progress reports regarding implementation.
- d. As a condition for the return from sick leave or leave of absence due to illness or disability, the Board may require written certification of the employee's fitness to return to work from a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who may be the employee's personal physician.
- e. The Board shall be responsible for payment of days used for personal illness up to, but not including, the effective date of long-term disability insurance payments made to the employee by the insurance carrier.
- f. All sick leave used shall be verified by the employee with evidence as that employee's supervisor may require which could include a doctor's verification, when the Employer has reasonable cause to believe that an employee is abusing sick leave. Falsification of such evidence shall be cause for disciplinary action, which may include discharge.

The Employer may place an employee on notice that all future sick leave, for a specified period, will require such written verification, if there is reasonable cause to believe that the employee has abused sick leave.
- g. Medical Examination - The Employer reserves the right to require an employee, at the Employer's expense, if not covered by insurance, to take a physical or

mental examination (1) if it should appear that the employee is having difficulty in performing his/her duties, or (2) on return from any leave of absence. The examination shall be given by a doctor selected by the employee. If the Employer is not satisfied with the determination of the designated physician of the employee, it may require a report from a doctor of the Employer's choice. If the dispute still exists, at the request of the Employer or employee, the designated physician of the Employer and the employee's doctor shall agree upon a third doctor to submit a report to the Employer and the employee, and the decision of such third party shall be binding on all the parties. The expense of the second and third opinions shall be paid by the Employer if not covered by the employee's insurance. On the basis of the examination(s), the Employer will take appropriate action.

2. Leave of absence with pay not chargeable against sick leave shall be granted to employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week for the following reasons:
  - a. A maximum of five (5) normally scheduled working days for a death in the immediate family: father, mother, spouse, child, parent-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law, grandchildren, grandparents, step parents, step children and grandparents-in-law.
  - b. Two (2) days (from the date of death through the date of the funeral) for attendance at the funeral service of a person whose relationship to the employee warrants such attendance, subject to the approval of the administration.
  - c. Jury Duty - Employees who are called to serve on jury duty on a regularly scheduled work day will be compensated at their regular rate for the hours scheduled to work, provided the employees remit directly to the Employer all monies received for such service less reimbursed mileage and meal costs, except as may be required by law. An employee shall report to his/her immediate supervisor when excused for the day from attendance at court unless the employee was required to spend four (4) or more hours serving on jury duty. In calculating time spent serving on jury duty, the employee may include travel time in excess of the employee's normal commute.
  - d. Court appearance as a witness in any cases connected with the employee's employment or the school or whenever the employee is subpoenaed to attend any proceeding related to employment.
3. Each bargaining unit member who works twenty (20) hours or more per week shall be granted one (1) personal business day each year to attend to business which cannot be conducted or transacted outside the normal work day. Additionally, a 52-week employee shall receive a second (2nd) personal business day each year.

New employees, after completion of probation, will be granted up to one (1) personal business day per year as follows:

Employed before Dec. 31 = 1 personal business day  
Employed after Dec. 31 = ½ personal business day

- a. The employee shall notify his/her immediate supervisor of his/her intent to use personal business leave at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance except in case of emergency.
  - b. Said leave shall not be used on the day preceding and/or following a school or personal vacation period or holiday.
4. Upon resignation, retirement or death, pursuant to the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System and after completing ten (10) years of employment in the Eaton Rapids Schools, the employee shall be paid at one-half (1/2) his/her regular rate for all accumulated sick leave.

#### B. Unpaid Leaves

1. The following leaves of absence, without pay or benefits, shall be granted by the Board upon written request of the employee for a period not to exceed one (1) year. The leave may be extended for an additional year upon request of the employee and at the discretion of the Board:
  - a. A prolonged illness or disability of the employee or of the employee's spouse, child or parents.
  - b. Child care for the employee's minor children.
  - c. Training related to an employee's regular duties in an approved educational institution.
  - d. National Guard or a branch of the Armed Forces Reserves for the purpose of fulfilling annual field training obligations, providing such employee makes written request for such leave of absence immediately upon receiving their orders to report for such duty.
  - e. Any employee in the bargaining unit who is either elected or appointed to a full-time office or position in the Association whose duties require his/her absence from work, shall be granted a leave of absence for the term of such office or position.
  - f. A leave of absence shall be granted to an employee who entered the military service of the United States by reason of an act or law enacted by the Congress of the United States or who may voluntarily enlist during the effective period of such law, with the reinstatement of the employee to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the law granting such rights.
2. A leave of absence without pay or benefits for ten (10) days or less in duration may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.
3. A leave of absence without pay or benefits may be granted by the Board of Education for a period of time not to exceed one (1) year for other reasons.

C. Other Leave Provisions

1. An employee who meets all of the requirements as herein before specified shall be granted a leave of absence without pay; he/she shall accumulate seniority during such leave of absence, and he/she shall be entitled to resume his/her regular seniority status and all job and recall rights. An employee returning from an unpaid leave of absence of not more than one (1) calendar year shall be entitled to the position held at the time the leave was granted. An employee returning to work from a leave of absence of more than one (1) year as approved by the Board of Education shall be entitled to the position held by the least senior employee within the job classification for which the employee is qualified. Leaves of absence may be granted at the discretion of the Employer for reasons other than those listed above when they are deemed beneficial to the Employer.

After twelve (12) consecutive weeks a position open due to an unpaid leave of absence will be posted in accordance with Article 10. During the first twelve (12) consecutive weeks of any unfilled position due to an unpaid leave of absence, the Board of Education shall have the right to employ a substitute employee.

However, in accordance with Article 1 B 4, if a regular employee, who is absent, will be or, in the case of accident or health, might be returning to work within ninety (90) consecutive days, the Board of Education shall have the right to employ a substitute employee for ninety (90) consecutive days actually worked. If, after ninety (90) consecutive days actually worked, the regular employee has not returned to work, the position will be posted in accordance with Article 10, but only as a temporary position, for a period up to one (1) year.

2. Upon return from leave, all rights and benefits under this Agreement shall be restored to the employee.
3. An employee on an unpaid leave of absence shall not have his/her fringe benefits continued and/or accumulate during the leave. Fringe benefits that will not continue during that time, include, but are not limited to, vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays and retirement. Employees wishing to continue health insurance during an unpaid leave may do so by paying the premiums to the Employer. Earned and banked vacation and sick leave shall be frozen.
4. Unpaid leaves of absence are to be used for the purpose intended, and employees shall make their intent known when applying for an unpaid leave of absence.

D. Family Medical Leave

1. The District shall post the most recent release of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) bulletin, as published by the United States Department of Labor, in each building, within ten (10) days of receipt and a copy will be attached to this Agreement.
2. Upon return from the leave, the employee shall be returned to the position held immediately before the leave began. If the position no longer exists, the employee shall return to a position equivalent in pay, benefits, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

3. An employee may use up to twenty (20) paid sick leave days prior to the start of his/her FMLA leave. FMLA leave shall then run concurrently for the remainder of the leave.
4. Insurance benefits will be continued during the leave under the same conditions and at the same level as if the employee were still at work.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - Vacancies, Promotions and Transfers**

##### **A. Postings**

1. A vacancy shall be defined as any position, either newly created or a present position that is not filled, that the Board wishes to fill. With at least two (2) weeks written notice of explanation to the ERSPA president, a specific job or type of work may be eliminated or discontinued by the Board.

If, however, the work content of said job or type of work is to be transferred, in whole or in part, to non-unit personnel, said transfer cannot be effected until the Association gives a written release of that work to the Superintendent. In this event, the Association will respond in writing to the Board, within two (2) weeks of receiving written notice. Under no circumstances may any classification be eliminated or discontinued. However, this shall not be construed as to require the Board to employ person(s) in any classification.

2. The Board agrees to post known vacancies in all buildings as soon as they occur. During the summer, the Board will forward a copy of postings to the Association president and to employees who provide stamped, self-addressed envelopes.
3. Any employee may apply for a posted vacancy.
4. Whenever a vacancy or new position occurs within the bargaining unit, the Board shall post the same in each building for at least five (5) work days. The vacancy shall not be permanently filled until after the expiration of the posting period.
5. All vacancies that are posted shall be filled within thirty (30) work days.
6. If a vacancy occurs while there are employees on layoff, the position shall be posted internally before it is offered to those on layoff.
7. The following format shall be used to advertise a position:
  - a. Type of work
  - b. Place of work
  - c. Approximate starting date
  - d. Job classification
  - e. Rate of pay
  - f. Hours to be worked
  - g. Minimum qualifications

- B. Bargaining unit members will be given full consideration for vacancies. The District will first interview bargaining unit members, prior to interviewing non-bargaining unit members. However, after interviewing bargaining unit members, the District may, in its discretion, interview individuals from outside the bargaining unit. This will not limit or change the right of the District to select the best-qualified candidate for the vacancy.

If after interviewing the candidates the District determines two (2) candidates may be equally qualified for the vacancy and one of the equally-qualified candidates is a bargaining unit member, then the District will award the vacancy to the bargaining unit member. When two (2) bargaining unit members are equally qualified, then the District will award the vacancy to the bargaining unit member with the most seniority.

- C. If an employee desires to be transferred, promoted or demoted to a posted position, application shall be made in writing during the posting period.

- D. A letter will be sent to each applicant from within the bargaining unit informing him/her of the appointment decision.

E. Involuntary Transfers

1. Normally, involuntary transfers shall not take place without prior discussion with the affected employee and ten (10) days written notice.
2. The parties agree that unrequested transfers are to be minimized and thus unrequested transfers shall be made only for just cause.
3. When a position is eliminated and later reinstated, the employee transferred out of that position shall be offered the job before it is posted.

- F. When changing job classifications, an employee shall serve a training and trial period of forty (40) days actually worked. During this training and trial period, if the employee so requests for any reasons, the employee shall be reinstated in the employee's prior job classification. During this training and trial period if the District determines that the employee is not performing satisfactorily, the District shall inform the employee of the areas of unsatisfactory performance and the employee shall be reinstated in the employee's prior job classification.

This training and trial period shall apply to any additional job classifications which a bargaining unit member obtains in addition to the employee's existing job duties. This training and trial period shall commence on the employee's first day in the position as a regularly scheduled employee and shall not include any days worked as a substitute, casual or temporary employee.

- G. Any person covered under the conditions of this contract shall provide two (2) weeks notice of intent to resign to his/her building principal or immediate supervisor.
- H. Vacancies which occur within a job classification, that are less than full time shall, prior to posting, be used on a seniority basis to increase the work hours of employees assigned less than 40 hours per week in the same job classification. The prescribed hours needed to accomplish the task and the established work schedule of the employee will determine that employee's availability for increased work hours in that same job classification.

- I. When a new or revised job cannot be properly placed into an existing classification by mutual agreement between the parties, the Employer shall place into effect a new job classification and a rate of pay for the job classification in question, and shall designate the job classification and pay rate as temporary. The Employer shall notify the Association in writing of any such temporary job classification which has been placed into effect, upon the institution of such job classification.

The new job classification and rate of pay shall be considered as temporary for a period of thirty (30) calendar days, following the date of written notification to the Association. During this thirty (30) calendar day period, but not thereafter during the life of this Agreement, the Association may request in writing that the Employer negotiate the job classification and rate of pay. The negotiated rate, if higher than the temporary rate, shall be applied to the date the employee first began working in the temporary job classification, except as otherwise mutually agreed. In a case where the parties are unable to agree on the job classification and/or rate of pay, the issue may be submitted to the grievance procedure. When a new job classification has been assigned a permanent rate of pay, either as a result of the Association not requesting negotiations for the temporary job classification during the specified period of time, or as a result of final negotiations, or upon resolving the matter through the grievance procedure, the new job classification shall be added to and become a part of Appendix A of this Agreement.

- J. Temporary transfers of personnel shall be for a period of no longer than thirty (30) calendar days, except in the event that both parties mutually agree to an extension of the thirty (30) calendar day time period. In the event it is not mutually agreeable to extend the temporary transfer beyond the thirty (30) calendar days, the position shall then be considered an open position and posted for bidding for interested employees.
- K. Any employee temporarily transferred from his/her job classification to another job classification within the bargaining unit shall be paid at the rate of the position from which he/she is transferred, or at the probationary rate of the position to which he/she is transferred, whichever is higher. After ten (10) consecutive days the rate of pay shall be the rate of the position to which the employee is transferred, or from which the employee is transferred, whichever is higher.
- L. Food Service absences will be filled with the most qualified senior employee who is in the next lower job classification working within the same work site.

An employee who works at more than one job site will be able to move up to the higher job classification, if qualified, at either site. This only applies to positions vacant for the entire day. The remaining open position may then be filled by a substitute.

Regular employees filling a temporary vacancy shall be paid the rate of the higher job classification for all hours actually worked in the higher job classification.

- M. Temporary Seasonal Positions

The following applies to temporary seasonal positions only:

1. The Board may create temporary positions (of no more than six months' duration) to meet seasonal needs (such as painting or grounds maintenance). Such positions will be posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.A.2., as soon as reasonably possible after the need for the project is known.



2. Any employee of the District may apply for such positions. The District will verify the qualifications of applicants to perform the duties of the position, and upon verification will add the applicant's name to an eligibility list. A list of qualified applicants eligible for each classification of position will be created and maintained, sorted as follows:
  - a. The first sort will be into two groups by employee classification, with those currently holding classification(s) with similar qualification requirements separated from and placed into a higher group than those holding other classifications. (EXAMPLE: For a temporary seasonal painting position, Custodial/Maintenance Employees would be separated from and placed into a higher group than other employees.)
  - b. For the second sort, within each group, qualified applicants who have been offered and accepted the fewest temporary assignments for the current calendar year will be given priority.
  - c. For the third sort, within each sub-group, qualified applicants will be ranked by total seniority within the District, based on last date of hire.
3. Assignments will be offered to qualified applicants based on their position on the list. Provided, however, that the District will not be required to offer a schedule that will result in overtime compensation, nor will the District be required to grant a leave of absence for the purpose of accepting a temporary seasonal position. The Training and Trial Period described in Article 10.F. will apply to any person placed into a position created under this Article.

A leave of absence will not be arbitrarily or unreasonably denied.
4. There will be an Equity Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives from the Association and the District administration. This committee will, upon request, hear and consider any objections to the application of this Article if the Association, or a member of the Association, believes that a temporary seasonal position has been created in a way that is intended to favor any employee or group of employees over another (except on the basis of seniority or qualification to perform the duties). The filing of an objection with the Equity Committee is an alternative, rather than in addition, to the remedies under Article 6 of the Agreement (Grievance Procedure).

#### **ARTICLE 11 - Seniority, Layoff and Recall**

##### **A. Seniority**

1. On or about September 1 of each year, the Board shall publish and distribute to each member of the bargaining unit a copy of the complete seniority list of members of the bargaining unit. Such list shall include all individuals who hold seniority as a result of this Agreement and shall contain date of hire, employee's location, employee group, and job classification. Objections to the seniority list shall be filed within ten (10) days of posting. Thereafter, the list shall be final and conclusive for that school year.

2. In the event that more than one (1) individual within an employee group has the same position on the seniority list, the Board of Education reserves the right to determine who shall have seniority advantage.
3. Seniority shall be measured from the last date of hire. That date shall become the seniority date and number for each employee.
4. Only members of the bargaining unit shall possess, retain or accrue seniority by employee group in the bargaining unit.
5. Probationary Period
  - a. Employees newly hired by the Board or employees new to this bargaining unit shall serve a probationary period for the first ninety (90) days actually worked. A probationary employee shall be eligible for health insurance benefits for which the employee would otherwise be eligible under Article 13, on the first day actually worked.
  - b. When an employee completes the probationary period in a satisfactory manner, he/she shall become a member of the bargaining unit and shall be placed on the seniority list and shall rank for seniority purposes from the date of hire.
  - c. Probationary employees shall not come under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. During the probationary period, the employee may be terminated without recourse to or without regard to this Agreement and shall not be entitled to the benefits of the grievance procedure as it relates to discipline and/or discharge. The probationary employee can be terminated for any reason or for no reason. Upon completion of the probationary period, the employee's name shall be placed on the seniority list as of his/her last date of hire; provided, however, that if an employee is absent from work for any reason, his/her probationary period shall be extended by a period equal to the duration of such absence. During the probationary period, employees shall be compensated by wages and health insurance (if selected), only and shall not be entitled to receive any other fringe benefits provided under this contract, such as, but not limited to, paid holidays.
6. Employees in the bargaining unit who move or have moved from one employee group to a different employee group, as established in this contract, shall have their seniority "frozen" at the accrued level attained when the change in employee group occurs and shall begin accruing seniority in the new employee group immediately for layoff and recall purposes. Temporary or substitute work by non-bargaining unit members does not count toward seniority accumulation except for when a temporary employee works in a long-term spot more than twelve (12) consecutive weeks and then is hired to fill a position on a permanent basis and has completed their probationary period.
7. An employee in the bargaining unit who is promoted outside the bargaining unit shall not accumulate seniority while working outside the bargaining unit. That employee who is transferred back to the bargaining unit shall maintain the seniority rank he/she had at the time of his/her promotion, provided he/she returns to the bargaining unit within one (1) year.

**B. Loss of Seniority**

An employee shall automatically lose his/her status as an employee and his/her seniority for any of the following reasons:

1. He/she resigns or quits.
2. He/she is discharged or terminated and not reinstated.
3. He/she retires.
4. Intentionally falsifies his/her employment application.
5. He/she has been laid off for a period of time equal to his/her seniority at the time of his/her layoff.

**C. Layoff**

1. The term "layoff" shall mean a reduction in the employee work force. Employees who are to be laid off shall be provided with at least fifteen (15) work days written notice.
2. In the event of a reduction in the work force, probationary employees and temporary employees shall be laid off first in the affected employee group. Thereafter, further reduction shall be in accordance with seniority within the affected job classification. Those employees retained will have the ability to perform the work available and possess the necessary skills required for the job.
3.
  - a. Procedure: An employee forced to change jobs as a result of a reduction in work force may exercise seniority within the same job classification and shall displace the least senior person in that job classification, subject to the qualifications set forth above in paragraph C-2.
  - b. If the employee is the least senior person in that job classification, the employee may exercise seniority within another job classification at the same or at a lower salary or hourly rate in the same employee group and shall displace the least senior person in that job classification subject to the qualifications set forth above in paragraph C-2.
  - c. If the employee is the least senior person in a job classification at the same or at a lower salary or hourly rate in that employee group, the employee may exercise any seniority that employee has within another employee group, and shall displace the least senior person in that employee group subject to the qualifications set forth above in paragraph C-2.
  - d. Employees who work less than twenty (20) hours per week may not exercise their seniority to displace an employee who works twenty (20) hours or more per week.
4. In the event of layoff, employees on leave shall be notified by the Board so that such employees may exercise seniority rights.
5. Laid off employees shall have insurance benefits continued by the Board for one (1) month beyond the month in which the layoff became effective. The Board shall

continue to pay the insurance premiums beyond that time provided and contingent upon the employee reimbursing the Board in advance for that premium as required by COBRA.

D. Recall

1. Employees shall be recalled in order of seniority within an employee group with the most senior employee being recalled first, subject to the qualifications as set forth above in paragraph C-2.
2. Recall shall be by registered mail to the employee's last known address in his/her personnel record or hand delivered to his/her last known address or in person, with a copy to the Association. An employee receiving recall notice shall have five (5) calendar days in which to notify the Board of his/her intention to return or to remain on layoff. Failure to notify the Board and/or failure to return to work within ten (10) work days of recall shall result in loss of recall rights and the employee shall be deemed a voluntary quit. An extension to return to work beyond the ten (10) work days may be agreed to in writing by the Superintendent and employee.
3. Should the Board reinstate a position that had been eliminated, the employee, if not on layoff, who previously held the position, shall be offered the position before it is offered to laid off employees.

E. Reduction in Work Hours

1. There shall be no reduction in the normal work hours provided for any employee or position without prior notification to the Association.
2. Procedure:
  - a. In the event of a reduction in the work hours of an employee, if that employee has greater seniority and possesses the necessary skills and ability, he/she may maintain his/her normal work schedule by displacing an employee with less seniority in the same job classification. In no event will such employee's work hours be reduced without fifteen (15) days advance written notice.
  - b. If the employee is the least senior person in that job classification, he/she may maintain his/her normal work schedule by displacing the least senior person in another job classification in the same employee group, or at a lower salary or hourly rate in the same employee group, provided the employee possesses the necessary skills and abilities.
  - c. If the employee is the least senior person in a job classification at the same or at a lower salary or hourly rate in that employee group, the employee may maintain his/her normal work schedule by exercising any seniority that employee has within another employee group, displacing the least senior person in that employee group provided the employee possesses the necessary skills and abilities.

- d. Employees who work less than twenty (20) hours per week may not exercise their seniority to displace an employee who works twenty (20) hours or more per week.

## **ARTICLE 12 - Holidays and Vacation**

### **A. Holidays**

For the 2004-2005 school year, in lieu of Good Friday, the Friday before Spring Break will be treated as a paid holiday. After the 2005-2006 school calendar is determined, similar adjustments will be made to insure no loss in holidays for bargaining unit members.

1. Secretarial/clerical, food service, paraprofessional/aides and custodial/maintenance employees who work twenty (20) or more hours per week shall have the following days off with pay:
  - Friday before Labor Day
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Day after Thanksgiving
  - Christmas Eve
  - Christmas Day
  - New Year's Eve
  - New Year's Day
  - Presidents' Day - In the event that school is not scheduled to be in session, employees will not report to work and will be paid their regular day's pay.
  - Good Friday - 1/2 day when classes are scheduled; if no classes are scheduled, all day Good Friday shall be considered a legal holiday.
  - Friday before Memorial Day (beginning 2003-04 school year)
  - Memorial Day
  - Independence Day (for those working at that time)
2. Employees working less than twenty (20) hours per week shall have the following day off with pay:
  - Friday before Labor Day
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Day after Thanksgiving
  - Christmas Day
  - Presidents' Day - In the event that school is not scheduled to be in session, employees will not report to work and will be paid their regular day's pay.
  - Friday before Memorial Day (beginning 2003-04 school year)
  - Memorial Day
  - Independence Day (for those working at that time)
3. Employees shall receive pay for each such holiday provided that they shall have worked both the employee's scheduled work day immediately preceding and the employee's scheduled work day immediately succeeding such holiday, unless an absence on either

of such days is caused by the employee being on paid vacation or by legitimate injury or illness for which written evidence may be required in accordance with Article 9.A.1.f., verifying same within seven (7) work days immediately following the period of absence.

Employees absent from work due to illness or injury compensable under the sick leave, Workers' Compensation and/or insurance provisions of this Agreement and who are otherwise entitled to holiday pay shall be paid their regular holiday pay less the amount paid under the sick leave, Workers' Compensation or insurance provisions of this Agreement.

4. Employees required to work on any of the above-named holidays shall receive time and one-half (1 1/2) for hours worked in addition to the regular holiday pay.
5. Holidays falling within a vacation period shall not be counted as a vacation day, but shall be a paid holiday.

#### B. Vacations

1. Secretarial/clerical employees who work twenty (20) or more hours per week shall have vacation with pay as follows:
  - a. Secretarial/clerical employees with less than five (5) full years of satisfactory employment shall receive ten (10) days of vacation with pay per year.
  - b. Secretarial/clerical employees with five (5) years but less than ten (10) full years of satisfactory employment shall receive fifteen (15) days of vacation with pay per year.
  - c. Secretarial/clerical employees with over ten (10) full years of satisfactory employment shall receive twenty (20) days of vacation with pay per year except that a secretary who is scheduled to work less than forty-seven (47) weeks in any year shall not be eligible for this benefit unless he/she has fifteen (15) years of satisfactory employment with the District.
  - d. Beginning July 1, 2005, secretaries will receive their vacation leave hours on July 1 for the school year, which they would normally receive on their hire date anniversary. Vacations should be taken each year. For employees working less than 52 weeks per year, vacation must be taken by July 1. Employees who work 52 weeks per year may use vacation beyond the end of the fiscal year up to the beginning of the school year. However, the employee may choose to carryover up to ten (10) vacation days into the next twelve (12) month period. Employees prevented from using vacation within the foregoing time periods because of an administrative decision, shall be compensated at the employee's regular rate of compensation for the unused portion, unless the employee requests, in writing, to the Personnel Office those days be carried over.
2. Eligibility for vacation time shall be calculated from the employee date of hire within the District.

3. Upon resignation, termination of service or employment, or transfer to a position requiring fewer working hours or weeks of employment, an employee shall receive at his/her request any unused vacation allowance at his/her current rate of pay.
  4. All vacation time is to be arranged in advance with the administrator in charge of the office in which the employee works, and is to be scheduled in such a manner as to not interfere with the work of that office.
  5. When an employee is on a scheduled vacation and a death in the family occurs, those days shall be considered as funeral leave and the employee shall be entitled to that number of days as vacation.
- C. For custodial/maintenance only
1. All twelve (12) month employees covered by this Agreement, who work twenty (20) hours or more per week, who have completed one (1) year of service shall receive one (1) week paid vacation; two (2) years of service shall receive two (2) weeks paid vacation; five years (5) of service shall receive three (3) weeks paid vacation; and ten years (10) of service shall receive four (4) weeks of paid vacation.
  2. To be eligible for a vacation, an employee must have worked eighty percent (80%) of his/her regularly scheduled working hours in the preceding year. In the event that an employee works less than eighty percent (80%) but more than sixty percent (60%) of his/her regularly scheduled working hours, he/she shall receive pro-rata vacation allowance based on his/her actual percentage of hours worked.
  3. Employees terminating employment or on an unpaid leave of absence shall receive pro-rata vacation allowance based on one twelfth (1/12th) of the vacation pay for each month or major fraction thereof between his/her anniversary date of employment and his/her termination date, or commencement of an unpaid leave of absence.
  4. Vacation time must be applied for, in writing, and is subject to the approval of the immediate supervisor.
  5. Beginning July 1, 2005, custodians will receive their vacation leave hours on July 1 for the school year, which they would normally receive on their hire date anniversary. Vacation should be taken each year. However, the employee may choose to carryover up to ten (10) vacation days into the next twelve (12) month period. Employees prevented from using vacation within the foregoing time periods because of administrative decision shall be compensated at the employee's regular rate of compensation for the unused portion, unless the employee requests, in writing, to the Personnel Office those days be carried over.

### **ARTICLE 13 - Insurance**

- A. Effective July 1, 2002, the Board shall provide health insurance coverage selected by the Association for self, self and spouse, or full family as described below to the employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week.

For employees hired on or after February 14, 2001, this coverage will be available only to employees working thirty (30) or more hours per week. Employees who were hired on or before February 13, 2001, qualify for coverage based on the criteria that were in effect on July 1, 1999. This qualification will not change due to an involuntary layoff and recall, but a voluntary quit or a sustained discharge will terminate eligibility for coverage.

For the 2002-03 school year (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003), the Association selected MESSA Super Care 1 as the coverage for all employees choosing health insurance. The Employer contributions toward the cost of health insurance shall be \$972.59 for employees who qualify for family coverage, \$879.88 for employees who qualify for 2-person coverage, and \$390.54 for employees who qualify for single coverage.

For the 2003-04 school year (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004), the Association has selected a choice of plans (MESSA Super Care 1, or MESSA Tri-Med) as the coverage for all employees choosing health insurance. (All of the following figures are on a monthly basis.) For employees selecting Super Care 1 family coverage, the Board will contribute \$1,048.16 and the employee will contribute \$75.57. For employees selecting Super Care 1 two-person coverage, the Board will contribute \$948.25, and the employee will contribute \$68.37. For employees selecting Super Care 1 single coverage, the Board will contribute \$420.81 and the employee will contribute \$30.27. For employees selecting Tri-Med family coverage, the Board will contribute \$926.57, and the employee will contribute nothing. For employees selecting Tri-Med 2-person coverage, the Board will contribute \$838.28, and the employee will contribute nothing. For employees selecting Tri-Med single coverage, the Board will contribute \$372.12, and the employee will contribute nothing.

For the 2003-2004 school year, the parties agree that any savings resulting from employees switching to Tri-Med insurance from Super Care 1 insurance, will be credited to the bargaining unit based upon the following understandings.

1. The baseline is the census as of May, 2003, and the SC1 rate structure.
2. The basis of comparison will be the October, 2003, invoice and the 2003-04 rates.
3. The annualized District cost from the October, 2003, invoice will be compared to the annualized cost from the May, 2003, invoice, and the Association will determine how the savings (if any) will be shared among its members. This will be viewed as "one time" money, and will not be used to create permanent cost features.

The final agreed upon amount to be credited to the bargaining unit for the 2003-2004 school year is \$56,389.20.

For the 2004-2005 school year, the Association has selected a choice of plans (MESSA Super Care 1, or MESSA Tri-Med) as the coverage for all employees choosing health insurance. The Board shall provide Tri-Med health insurance coverage selected by the Association for self, self and spouse, or full family at no cost for all eligible employees. Effective February 1, 2005, employees shall be responsible for paying the premium difference between the Super Care 1 rate and the July 1, 2004, Tri-Med rate. Employees shall not be responsible for any retroactive payments for health coverage increases. An open enrollment period shall be provided for employees choosing to switch health insurance plans during January, 2005.

For the 2004-2005 school year, a one-time payment in the amount of \$13,300 will be distributed to bargaining unit members as determined by the Association. This amount represents a portion



of the health insurance premium as budgeted by the Board, which the parties agreed should be credited to the bargaining unit. This will be viewed as “one time” money, and will not be used to create permanent cost features.

For the 2005-2006 school year, the Association has selected a choice of plans (MESSA Super Care 1, or MESSA Tri-Med) as the coverage for all employees choosing health insurance. The Board shall provide Tri-Med health insurance coverage selected by the Association for self, self and spouse, or full family at no cost for all eligible employees. Effective July 1, 2005, employees shall be responsible for paying the premium difference between the Super Care 1 rate and the July 1, 2005, Tri-Med rate.

For the 2006-2007 school year, the administration will offer to meet with the Association before April 1, 2006, for the purpose of negotiating the amount of the Board’s contribution toward health insurance for eligible employees. If the administration does not offer to meet with the Association before April 1, 2006, fully paid Tri-Med insurance for all eligible bargaining unit members will be placed in the District’s 2006-2007 budget.

For the 2006-2007 school year, bargaining unit members’ insurance rate contribution shall be based on the July 1, 2005 insurance rates. Payment for insurance shall be based on each member’s insurance subscriber status (single, two-person, full family). The July 1, 2005, insurance rates will form the basis from which the parties shall bargain a successor agreement. It is further agreed, that any employee contributions for health insurance rate increases will not be implemented until a successor agreement is reached. The parties agree that whatever insurance agreement is reached will be retroactive to July 1, 2006, unless otherwise agreed upon.

Employee contributions shall be made by payroll deduction. The deduction amount shall be determined by multiplying the monthly employee share (if any) by twelve months, and dividing that amount by the number of paychecks that the employee is scheduled to receive during the school year. The employee’s contribution shall be paid beginning with the first paycheck in September each year.

Employees may participate in the District’s “Section 125 Plan” in order to have contributions made on a pre-tax basis through a salary reduction agreement.

- B. Effective July 1, 1999, employees working twenty (20) hours or more per week not electing health insurance shall receive \$258.54 per month as a cash benefit.

For employees hired on or after February 14, 2001, this payment will be available only to employees working thirty (30) or more hours per week. Employees working more than twenty (20) but less than thirty (30) hours per week shall receive one-half of this amount.

Employees who were hired on or before February 13, 2001, qualify for payment based on the criteria that were in effect on July 1, 1999. This qualification will not change due to an involuntary layoff and recall, but a voluntary quit or a sustained discharge will terminate eligibility for coverage.

Effective July 1, 2004, eligible employees not electing health insurance shall receive \$271.47 as a cash benefit.

In lieu of cash, these amounts may be applied toward any of the MESSA options, or may be applied toward a tax sheltered annuity of the employee's choice from among those available in the District as currently approved by the Board. Any remaining difference may be received as cash.

- C. 1. For custodial/maintenance employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week:  

The Board will provide long-term disability insurance for employees covered by this Agreement. Benefits shall begin after a thirty (30) calendar day waiting period or expiration of accumulated sick leave, whichever is greater, and continue at sixty percent (60%) of the employee's current weekly wage to age 65 or lifetime for an automobile accident.
- 2. For food service, secretarial/clerical, and paraprofessional/aide employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week:  

The Board shall provide, without cost to the employee, long-term disability insurance with a benefit percentage of 66 2/3% with a qualifying period of sixty (60) calendar days.
- D. Health insurance benefits shall take effect on the first day of the month following the first date of eligibility. All other benefits described in this Agreement take effect the first day of the month following completion of the probationary period, provided that the employee is not eligible for coverage as a dependent under an insurance program.
- E. All employees shall be provided \$10,000 life insurance, including AD&D, at no cost to the employee.

**ARTICLE 14 - Compensation**

- A. Employees shall be engaged in the type of work and classification as set forth in Appendix A and shall be compensated in accordance with said Appendix.
  - 1. Salaries shall be paid every two weeks on a payday which conforms to the pay schedules for all employees of the school system. A salaried secretarial/clerical employee working less than 52 weeks per year may elect to be paid on a 26-pay period basis. An employee electing to change this option must notify the District no later than August 15.
  - 2. Salaries shall be calculated according to the salary schedules and other provisions of this Agreement.
  - 3. Payroll deductions shall be made as required by law, governmental regulation and this Agreement.
- B. Overtime
  - 1. Excepting for custodial/maintenance employees, time and one-half (1 1/2) shall be paid for all work over eight (8) hours in any one day or over forty (40) hours in any one

- week. Double time shall be paid for all hours worked on Sunday. There shall not be any pyramiding or compounding of overtime.
2. Overtime rates for custodial/maintenance employees will be paid as follows: time and one-half (1-1/2) will be paid for all time worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period; all time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one work week, for which overtime has not already been earned. There shall not be any pyramiding or compounding of overtime.
  3. Overtime for custodial/maintenance employees shall be divided and rotated as equally as possible within the building according to seniority and among those employees who regularly perform such work, provided they are qualified to perform such work. Overtime is not guaranteed by the Employer.
- C. An employee using his/her personal vehicle at the request of the District shall be compensated at the IRS rate. Any change shall be effective thirty (30) days after it is published by the IRS and shall not be paid retroactively.
- D. In addition to the regular weekly salary, employees covered by this Agreement who work twenty (20) hours or more per week shall receive a longevity payment for service rendered to the Employer. Involuntary layoff shall be calculated as time worked. The amount of such payment shall be calculated from the last date of hire according to the following:
- \$ .35 per hour after five (5) years;
  - \$ .55 per hour after ten (10) years;
  - \$ .75 per hour after fifteen (15) years;
  - \$ .95 per hour after twenty (20) years and;
  - \$1.05 per hour after twenty-five (25) years.
- E. The Board agrees to pay the legally specified contribution to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Fund.
- F. New employees shall be hired in at the probationary rate of pay. All employees shall advance on the salary schedule on July 1 of each year unless:
1. An employee is on probation as of July 1, or
  2. An employee has reached the maximum pay for his/her classification.
- G. The probationary rate is applicable for the first ninety (90) days actually worked.
- H. Food service employees who work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week covered by this Agreement shall be eligible to receive a maximum yearly reimbursement of one-hundred and seventy (\$170.00) dollars for needed uniform purchases. Payment will be prorated on the basis of 1/180th of the sum for the year, paid for each day worked during the year.
- I. All wage schedules are reflected in Appendix A. The wage rates for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 shall remain at the 2001-2002 wages rates. The wage rates for 2004-2005 shall be increased by one percent (1%) across the wage schedule, with an additional one percent (1%) increase at the top of the scale for those persons currently at the top of the wage scale. The

increase at the top step shall be applied after the increase across the wage schedule. These increases shall be retroactive to July 1, 2004. The wage rates for 2005-2006 shall be increased by one percent (1%) across the wage schedule.

- J. The parties agree to continue to explore the implementation of a ten-step wage scale, which would place bargaining unit members more in line with other employees in the district.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - Miscellaneous Provisions**

- A. Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the expense of the Board and presented to all bargaining unit members now employed or hereafter employed by the Board.
- B. If any provision of this Agreement is found invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal or court of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision should be permanently restrained by any such court, the remainder of this Agreement, and any supplements thereto, shall remain in full force and effect, and the Employer and the Association at the request of either party shall enter into negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provision.
- C. This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the Board which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms. It shall likewise supersede any individual contract heretofore in effect. All future individual contracts shall be made expressly subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- D. This Agreement is subject to amendment, alteration, waiver or modification only by a subsequent written agreement between, and executed by, the District and the Association. Means of execution by each party shall be governed by the rules, regulations and/or bylaws of each party.
- E. This Agreement embodies all the obligations between the parties evolving from the collective bargaining process and supersedes all prior relationships and/or past practices.
- F. The Association agrees that neither the Association, its agents nor its members will authorize, instigate, aid, condone or engage in a work stoppage, slowdown, strike or other concerted activity which interferes with the operation of the Employer in any way.
- Individual employees or groups of employees who instigate, aid or engage in a work stoppage, slowdown or strike may be disciplined up to and including discharge at the sole discretion of the Employer.
- G. See attached Letter of Agreement regarding school improvement.
- H. The Association and the Board agree to establish a Labor Relations Committee, which shall meet at a minimum of every other month.


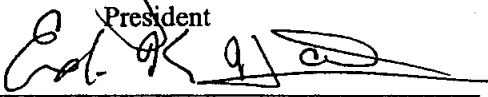
**ARTICLE 16 - Duration of Agreement**

- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2002, and shall continue in effect for all terms and conditions for four (4) years, until the 30th day of June, 2006, unless reopened by the mutual request of both the Association and the Board of Education.
- B. The Board and the Association agree to meet and negotiate a successor contract prior to April 1, 2006.
- C. All terms of this Agreement are retroactive effective July 1, 2002, except as otherwise noted.

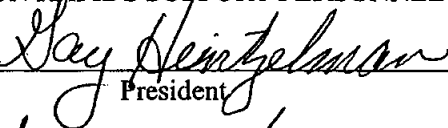
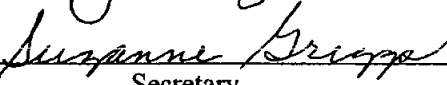
**ARTICLE 17 - Binding Effective Agreement**

This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.

EATON RAPIDS BOARD OF EDUCATION

By  1/26/05  
President Date  
By  1-26-05  
Secretary Date

EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

By  1-26-05  
President Date  
By  1-26-05  
Secretary Date

**APPENDIX A**  
**2002-03 through 2005-06 Wage Rates -- Aide-Clerical/Instructional**

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Alt/Gen Ed Parapro	02-03	8.98	9.17	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.98	9.17	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	04-05	9.07	9.26	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	9.16	9.35	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
	02-03	9.71	9.92	10.13	10.34	10.56	10.66	10.77	10.87	10.98	11.08	11.19	11.29	11.40
	03-04	9.71	9.92	10.13	10.34	10.56	10.66	10.77	10.87	10.98	11.08	11.19	11.29	11.40
Clerical Assistant	04-05	9.81	10.02	10.23	10.44	10.67	10.77	10.88	10.98	11.09	11.19	11.30	11.40	11.63
	05-06	9.91	10.12	10.33	10.55	10.77	10.87	10.99	11.09	11.20	11.30	11.41	11.52	11.74
	02-03	10.54	10.77	11.00	11.23	11.46	11.57	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.03	12.15	12.26	12.37
	03-04	10.54	10.77	11.00	11.23	11.46	11.57	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.03	12.15	12.26	12.37
	04-05	10.65	10.88	11.11	11.34	11.57	11.69	11.81	11.92	12.04	12.15	12.27	12.38	12.62
	05-06	10.75	10.99	11.22	11.46	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.04	12.16	12.27	12.39	12.51	12.74
Elementary Library Parapro	02-03	10.54	10.77	11.00	11.23	11.46	11.57	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.03	12.15	12.26	12.37
	03-04	10.54	10.77	11.00	11.23	11.46	11.57	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.03	12.15	12.26	12.37
	04-05	10.65	10.88	11.11	11.34	11.57	11.69	11.81	11.92	12.04	12.15	12.27	12.38	12.62
	05-06	10.75	10.99	11.22	11.46	11.69	11.80	11.92	12.04	12.16	12.27	12.39	12.51	12.74
	02-03	8.98	9.17	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.98	9.17	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
Health Care/ Assistant Instructional	04-05	9.07	9.26	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	9.16	9.35	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	04-05	8.38	9.07	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	8.47	9.16	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
Reading/Math Parapro	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	04-05	8.38	9.07	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	8.47	9.16	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
Secondary Library Parapro	04-05	8.38	9.07	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	8.47	9.16	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	04-05	8.38	9.07	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	8.47	9.16	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
Special Services Parapro	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	04-05	8.38	9.07	9.46	9.67	9.86	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.54	10.75
	05-06	8.47	9.16	9.56	9.76	9.96	10.06	10.16	10.25	10.35	10.46	10.56	10.65	10.86
	02-03	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54
	03-04	8.30	8.98	9.37	9.57	9.76	9.86	9.96	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.54

2002-03 through 2005-06 Wage Rates -- Paraprofessional/Aide-Non-Instructional

Step	Prob	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lunchroom & Playground Parapro	02-03	7.67	8.30	8.48	8.66	8.84	9.02	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.74
	03-04	7.67	8.30	8.48	8.66	8.84	9.02	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.74
	04-05	7.75	8.38	8.56	8.75	8.93	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.66	9.93
	05-06	7.82	8.47	8.65	8.83	9.02	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.48	9.57	9.66	9.75	9.84
Part-time Office Parapro(Less than 20 hours)	02-03	7.67	8.30	8.48	8.66	8.84	9.02	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.74
	03-04	7.67	8.30	8.48	8.66	8.84	9.02	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.74
	04-05	7.75	8.38	8.56	8.75	8.93	9.11	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.47	9.56	9.66	9.93
	05-06	7.82	8.47	8.65	8.83	9.02	9.20	9.29	9.38	9.48	9.57	9.66	9.75	9.84
Transportation Parapro	02-03	8.07	8.74	8.93	9.12	9.31	9.50	9.59	9.68	9.78	9.87	9.97	10.06	10.25
	03-04	8.07	8.74	8.93	9.12	9.31	9.50	9.59	9.68	9.78	9.87	9.97	10.06	10.25
	04-05	8.15	8.83	9.02	9.21	9.40	9.60	9.69	9.78	9.88	9.97	10.07	10.16	10.46
	05-06	8.23	8.92	9.11	9.30	9.50	9.69	9.78	9.87	9.98	10.07	10.17	10.26	10.36

2002-03 through 2005-06 Wage Rates -- Custodial/Maintenance

Step	Prob	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Bldg Engineer Elem/Comm Ed	02-03	11.63	12.59	12.86	13.14	13.41	13.69	13.82	13.96	14.10	14.23	14.37	14.51	14.78		
	03-04	11.63	12.59	12.86	13.14	13.41	13.69	13.82	13.96	14.10	14.23	14.37	14.51	14.78		
	04-05	11.75	12.72	12.99	13.27	13.54	13.83	13.96	14.10	14.24	14.37	14.51	14.66	14.79	15.08	
	05-06	11.86	12.84	13.12	13.40	13.68	13.97	14.10	14.24	14.38	14.52	14.66	14.80	14.93	15.23	
	02-03	11.95	12.93	13.21	13.49	13.78	14.06	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.76	14.90	15.04	15.18	
Bldg Engineer High School	03-04	11.95	12.93	13.21	13.49	13.78	14.06	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.76	14.90	15.04	15.18	
	04-05	12.07	13.06	13.34	13.62	13.92	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.77	14.91	15.05	15.19	15.48	
	05-06	12.19	13.19	13.48	13.76	14.06	14.34	14.49	14.63	14.77	14.91	15.06	15.20	15.34	15.64	
	02-03	13.44	14.54	14.86	15.18	15.49	15.81	15.97	16.12	16.28	16.44	16.60	16.76	16.91	17.07	
	03-04	13.44	14.54	14.86	15.18	15.49	15.81	15.97	16.12	16.28	16.44	16.60	16.76	16.91	17.07	
Bldg Engineer Maintenance	04-05	13.57	14.69	15.01	15.33	15.64	15.97	16.13	16.28	16.44	16.60	16.77	16.93	17.08	17.41	
	05-06	13.71	14.83	15.16	15.49	15.80	16.13	16.29	16.44	16.61	16.77	16.93	17.10	17.25	17.59	
	02-03	11.95	12.93	13.21	13.49	13.78	14.06	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.76	14.90	15.04	15.18	
	03-04	11.95	12.93	13.21	13.49	13.78	14.06	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.48
	04-05	12.07	13.06	13.34	13.62	13.92	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.62	14.77	14.91	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.64
Custodian	05-06	12.19	13.19	13.48	13.76	14.06	14.34	14.49	14.63	14.77	14.91	15.06	15.20	15.34	15.64	
	02-03	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32	
	03-04	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32	
	04-05	11.38	12.32	12.59	12.86	13.13	13.39	13.52	13.67	13.80	13.93	14.06	14.20	14.33	14.61	
	05-06	11.50	12.45	12.72	12.99	13.26	13.53	13.66	13.80	13.93	14.07	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.75	
Maintenance Technician	02-03	15.01	16.25	16.60	16.96	17.31	17.66	17.84	18.02	18.19	18.37	18.55	18.72	18.90	19.08	
	03-04	15.01	16.25	16.60	16.96	17.31	17.66	17.84	18.02	18.19	18.37	18.55	18.72	18.90	19.08	
	04-05	15.16	16.41	16.77	17.13	17.48	17.84	18.02	18.20	18.37	18.55	18.74	18.91	19.09	19.46	
	05-06	15.31	16.58	16.93	17.30	17.66	18.01	18.20	18.38	18.56	18.74	18.92	19.10	19.28	19.66	
	02-03	12.44	13.47	13.76	14.05	14.35	14.64	14.79	14.93	15.08	15.23	15.37	15.52	15.67	15.81	
General Maintenance	03-04	12.44	13.47	13.76	14.05	14.35	14.64	14.79	14.93	15.08	15.23	15.37	15.52	15.67	15.81	
	04-05	12.56	13.60	13.90	14.19	14.49	14.79	14.94	15.08	15.23	15.38	15.52	15.68	15.83	16.13	
	05-06	12.69	13.74	14.04	14.33	14.64	14.93	15.09	15.23	15.38	15.54	15.68	15.83	15.98	16.29	
	02-03	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32	
	03-04	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32	
Grounds Maintenance	04-05	11.38	12.32	12.59	12.86	13.13	13.39	13.52	13.67	13.80	13.93	14.06	14.20	14.33	14.61	
	05-06	11.50	12.45	12.72	12.99	13.26	13.53	13.66	13.80	13.93	14.07	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.75	



Pool Operator	02-03	11.63	12.59	12.86	13.14	13.41	13.69	13.82	13.96	14.10	14.23	14.37	14.51	14.64	14.78
	03-04	11.63	12.59	12.86	13.14	13.41	13.69	13.82	13.96	14.10	14.23	14.37	14.51	14.64	14.78
	04-05	11.75	12.72	12.99	13.27	13.54	13.83	13.96	14.10	14.24	14.37	14.51	14.66	14.79	15.08
	05-06	11.86	12.84	13.12	13.40	13.68	13.97	14.10	14.24	14.38	14.52	14.66	14.80	14.93	15.23
	02-03	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32
Utility Maintenance	03-04	11.27	12.20	12.47	12.73	13.00	13.26	13.39	13.53	13.66	13.79	13.92	14.06	14.19	14.32
	04-05	11.38	12.32	12.59	12.86	13.13	13.39	13.52	13.67	13.80	13.93	14.06	14.20	14.33	14.61
	05-06	11.50	12.45	12.72	12.99	13.26	13.53	13.66	13.80	13.93	14.07	14.20	14.34	14.48	14.75

2002-03 through 2005-06 Wage Rates -- Secretary

Step	Prob	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Community Ed Secretary	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
Secretary to Asst Principal	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
Secretary to Athletic Director	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
Secretary to Building Principal	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
Student Services Secretary	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	03-04	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47
	04-05	12.29	13.31	13.59	13.89	14.18	14.46	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.19	15.33	15.47	15.78
	05-06	12.41	13.44	13.73	14.03	14.32	14.61	14.76	14.90	15.05	15.20	15.34	15.49	15.63	15.94
	02-03	12.17	13.18	13.46	13.75	14.04	14.32	14.47	14.61	14.75	14.90	15.04	15.18	15.32	15.47

2002-03 through 2005-06 Wage Rates -- Food Service

Step	Prob	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Baker	02-03	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	03-04	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	04-05	8.84	9.56	9.77	9.98	10.18	10.39	10.49	10.61	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.02	11.12
	05-06	8.93	9.66	9.86	10.08	10.28	10.50	10.60	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.03	11.13	11.23
	02-03	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
Cook	03-04	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	04-05	8.84	9.56	9.77	9.98	10.18	10.39	10.49	10.61	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.02	11.12
	05-06	8.93	9.66	9.86	10.08	10.28	10.50	10.60	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.03	11.13	11.23
	02-03	7.94	8.59	8.78	8.96	9.15	9.34	9.43	9.52	9.62	9.71	9.80	9.90	9.99
	03-04	7.94	8.59	8.78	8.96	9.15	9.34	9.43	9.52	9.62	9.71	9.80	9.90	9.99
Cafeteria Helper	04-05	8.02	8.68	8.87	9.05	9.24	9.43	9.52	9.62	9.72	9.81	9.90	10.00	10.09
	05-06	8.10	8.76	8.96	9.14	9.33	9.53	9.62	9.71	9.81	9.91	10.00	10.10	10.19
	02-03	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	03-04	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	04-05	8.84	9.56	9.77	9.98	10.18	10.39	10.49	10.61	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.02	11.12
Cafeteria Helper/Driver	05-06	8.93	9.66	9.86	10.08	10.28	10.50	10.60	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.03	11.13	11.23
	02-03	10.28	11.13	11.37	11.61	11.85	12.09	12.22	12.34	12.46	12.58	12.70	12.82	12.94
	03-04	10.28	11.13	11.37	11.61	11.85	12.09	12.22	12.34	12.46	12.58	12.70	12.82	12.94
	04-05	10.38	11.24	11.48	11.73	11.97	12.21	12.34	12.46	12.58	12.71	12.83	12.95	13.07
	05-06	10.49	11.35	11.60	11.84	12.09	12.33	12.47	12.59	12.71	12.83	12.96	13.08	13.20
Food Service Coordinator/Head Cook	02-03	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	03-04	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	04-05	9.42	10.20	10.42	10.65	10.87	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.65	11.76	11.87
	05-06	9.52	10.30	10.53	10.75	10.98	11.20	11.31	11.43	11.54	11.65	11.76	11.87	11.99
	02-03	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
Head Baker	03-04	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	04-05	9.42	10.20	10.42	10.65	10.87	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.65	11.76	11.87
	05-06	9.52	10.30	10.53	10.75	10.98	11.20	11.31	11.43	11.54	11.65	11.76	11.87	11.99
	02-03	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	03-04	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
Head Salad Maker	04-05	9.42	10.20	10.42	10.65	10.87	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.65	11.76	11.87
	05-06	9.52	10.30	10.53	10.75	10.98	11.20	11.31	11.43	11.54	11.65	11.76	11.87	12.00
	02-03	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	03-04	9.33	10.10	10.32	10.54	10.76	10.98	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.64	11.75
	04-05	9.42	10.20	10.42	10.65	10.87	11.09	11.20	11.31	11.42	11.53	11.65	11.76	11.87
Salad Maker	05-06	9.52	10.30	10.53	10.75	10.98	11.20	11.31	11.43	11.54	11.65	11.76	11.87	12.10
	02-03	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	03-04	8.75	9.47	9.67	9.88	10.08	10.29	10.39	10.50	10.60	10.70	10.81	10.91	11.01
	04-05	8.84	9.56	9.77	9.98	10.18	10.39	10.49	10.61	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.02	11.12
	05-06	8.93	9.66	9.86	10.08	10.28	10.50	10.60	10.71	10.81	10.92	11.03	11.13	11.23

**APPENDIX B**  
**EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**  
**GRIEVANCE FORM**

Grievance # \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution of Form**

1. Principal
2. Association
3. Grievant

**STEP ONE:**

Date of discussion with immediate supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP TWO:**

Name of Grievant: \_\_\_\_\_

Other(s) involved in incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Article(s) alleged to have been violated: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of facts giving rise to the grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Statement as to how facts indicate violation of the Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Relief Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Grievant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date submitted to immediate supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer of immediate supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested Relief:

\_\_\_\_\_ Granted

\_\_\_\_\_ Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STEP THREE:**

Date submitted to Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of meeting with Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer from Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STEP FOUR:**

Date appealed to Board of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for the Appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of ERESPA Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date of meeting with committee of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of the grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation(s) to the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Date of Board meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of the grievance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STEP FIVE:**

Date submitted to arbitration: \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION  
AND  
EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

This Letter of Agreement is entered into between the Eaton Rapids Board of Education and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association. This Letter of Agreement shall be considered supplementary to the 2002-2006 Master Agreement between the Board and the Association.

The Board and the Association declare their mutual commitment to school improvement in the enhancement of instructional and support services delivered to the District's students. The school improvement involved participation of support personnel in established processes of school improvement at the building level.

In accordance with these objectives, the undersigned parties agree as follows:

1. No more than two (2) support staff per building will be appointed by the Association each school year as representatives on the improvement team.
2. Each support staff representative will receive a \$150 stipend for each year of participation.

This Letter of Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2006 unless otherwise extended, in writing, by the Board and the Association.

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: 

Date: 1-26-05

EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

By: 

Date: 1-26-05

**Letter of Agreement  
between the  
Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
and the  
Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association**

**Concerning: The 2003-2004 temporary contract revisions to avoid layoffs**

WHEREAS, the Eaton Rapids Public Schools are in financial circumstances that require expenditure reductions, and

WHEREAS, the Board may lay off staff in order to reduce expenditures, but prefers not to do so in order to maintain the maximum possible level of services to students, and

WHEREAS, the Support Personnel Association has, over a number of years obtained contract provisions advantageous to its members, and is willing to waive these provisions for a period of time in order to avoid layoffs among its members,

THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and the Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association enter into this Letter of Agreement.

A. **Duration.** This Letter of Agreement will begin following ratification by both parties, and will continue until one of the following events takes place:

1. The parties to the Letter of Agreement mutually agree to terminate it;
2. The Board initiates an involuntary layoff of any member of the Association; or
3. The Board grants a general pay increase to any employee group.

Either party may request that the Letter of Agreement terminate following the end of the 2003-2004 school year (June 30, 2004). The Letter of Agreement will end 30 calendar days following such a request, or on July 1, 2004, whichever is later. Following delivery of such a request, the parties will enter into negotiations regarding a successor to this Letter of Agreement.

B. **Contract Provisions Waivers.** For the duration of this Letter of Agreement, the following will supercede any conflicting contract provisions:

1. **Paid overtime for custodial/maintenance employees.** When employees in the custodial/maintenance group are scheduled to work overtime, they will be compensated with compensatory time, calculated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment A to this Letter of Agreement. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$42,000 for 2003-2004, and \$7,000 for the balance of 2002-2003.
2. **Temporary custodial/maintenance transfers to Food Service Department.** During times when meals are served to students, custodial/maintenance employees may be transferred, on the basis of hours and fractions of hours, to the Food Service Department to assist with the setup for meals, supervision of students during meal time, cleanup of food service areas following meal time, and related duties. This will be partially financed within the Food Service Fund by Food Service staff savings on half days. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's general fund expenditures in the amount of approximately \$60,000 for 2003-2004.

3. **Paraprofessional/Aides' assignments on half days.** When school is in session only a half day, paraprofessional/aides in buildings and in the Food Service Department will only be expected to work for a half day, and will only be paid for a half day. Work beyond a half day will only be performed if directed by the Administration. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's general fund expenditures in the amount of approximately \$34,000 for 2003-2004, and \$5,500 for the balance of 2002-2003.
4. **Substitutes for custodial/maintenance.** When absences occur among custodial employees, the Board may make temporary transfers for the purpose of avoiding the need to engage substitute custodial staff. The Board will endeavor to give advance notice to employees prior to such temporary transfers. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$22,000 for 2003-2004, and \$3,500 for the balance of 2002-2003.
5. **Paid overtime for paraprofessional/aides and secretaries.** When employees in the paraprofessional/aide and secretarial group are scheduled to work overtime, they will be compensated with compensatory time, calculated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment A to this Letter of Agreement. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$7,500 for 2003-2004, and \$1,000 for the balance of 2002-2003.
6. **Clothing/uniform allowances for custodial/maintenance employees.** The Board will cease to provide allowances for custodians to purchase clothing to wear when on duty, and will cease to rent uniforms for maintenance employees. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$2,300 for 2003-2004.
7. **Building use coverage.** When buildings are in use during times that custodial staff is not normally scheduled to be on duty, the Board may arrange for building coverage by posting changes in assignments, or temporarily modifying the custodians' schedule(s) to provide coverage without the need for overtime. Such modifications might include (but are not limited to) assigning a custodian to work from Tuesday through Saturday rather than from Monday through Friday, or changing starting and ending times. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the anticipated deficit in the amount of approximately \$6,000 for 2003-2004.
8. **Health care paraprofessional/aide positions.** Paraprofessional/aides assigned as health care paraprofessional/aides for a specific student or students may have additional students assigned to their responsibility so long as this does not violate the students' IEP. It is estimated that this will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$51,700 per year.
9. **Use of substitute staff.** The parties agree that the length of time that a vacant position may be filled with a substitute will be up to 91 days, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1.B.4. of the Master Agreement. It is estimated that this change, together with other changes in practice, will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$60,500 per year.
10. **Prescription drug co-pay.** As soon as it can be implemented, those members of the Association covered by health insurance will have the co-pay for covered prescriptions increased from \$2.00 per prescription to \$5.00 per prescription. It is estimated that this will reduce the Board's expenditures in the amount of approximately \$21,000 per year.

- C. **Implementation.** It is the intention of the parties to minimize any adverse impact on employees, and to distribute the burden of these concessions as fairly as possible. During the course of this Letter of Agreement, there will be a standing Implementation Committee consisting of representatives from the Board and from the Association. The Implementation Committee will meet on a regular basis in order to discuss concerns arising from this Letter of Agreement. The Committee will have the authority to develop rules for assignments, and to make minor deviations from the terms of this Letter of Agreement in order to prevent unanticipated hardship.
- D. **Changes to this Agreement.** The intent of this Letter of Agreement is to avoid layoffs by reducing the anticipated deficit by approximately \$335,000 per year. It is recognized that cost projections may be inexact. Therefore, it is agreed that:
1. If the implementation of the concessions described above results in, or is projected to result in, savings greater than the target amount, the parties will meet and discuss changes that will provide for partial restoration of the concessions, and
  2. If the implementation of the concessions described above results in, or is projected to result in, savings less than the target amount, the parties will meet and discuss changes that will provide for additional savings. However, the Board reserves the right to assert its management rights to create a balanced budget.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: Gary Wichman Its President  
By: Kerry Hatler Its Vice President  
By: Bill Bottie Its Secretary

Dated: September 23, 2003

EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

By: Carolyn Wyckoff Its President  
By: Gay Heintzelman Its Vice President  
By: Suzy Griggs Its Secretary

Dated: September 23, 2003



**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between the**  
**Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools**  
**and the**  
**Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association**  
  
**Compensatory Time for 2003 – 2004 School Year**

The Eaton Rapids Public Schools and the Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association jointly wish to find innovative practices that have mutual benefit to the schools and the employees. The parties wish to establish a program that will allow compensatory time to be earned at times of peak workload and used at times of reduced demand. It is expected that this can allow the schools to accomplish needed tasks at peak work times, allow employees to have paid time away from work when workloads are lower, and at the same time avoid strain on the school's budget. To that end, the parties agree to the following pilot program:

Hourly employees who work overtime will be granted compensatory time to be taken at a later date.


Compensatory time is to be granted at time-and-one-half the number of overtime hours worked. A written record of the compensatory time earned and taken is to be maintained by the supervisor on forms provided by the Personnel Office. A copy of the record is to be sent to the Personnel Office at the end of each quarter.

Employees with compensatory time are to be allowed to take this time as soon as it is mutually convenient to do so. At no time can the balance of compensatory time in an employee's time bank exceed forty (40) hours.

The Implementation Committee will have the authority to establish or modify scheduling practices as required in order to meet the intent of this portion of the Memorandum of Understanding.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

By:   
Its \_\_\_\_\_ President

EATON RAPIDS  
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

By:   
Its \_\_\_\_\_ President

**Letter of Agreement  
between the  
Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
and the  
Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association**

**Concerning: The 2004-2006 temporary contract revisions to preclude layoffs**

The intent of this Agreement is to forge a mutually satisfying arrangement for all parties that will more effectively manage labor costs for the District, while at the same time, offer Association members a greater level of assurance relative to their job security.

**A. Duration.** This Letter of Agreement will begin following ratification by both parties, and will continue for two (2) years and will terminate on June 30, 2006, or until one of the following events takes place:

1. The parties to the Letter of Agreement mutually agree to terminate it; or
2. The Board initiates an involuntary layoff of any member of the Association; or
3. With thirty (30) days written notice on the part of either the Board of Education or the ERSPA, this Agreement may be terminated.

**B. Contract Provisions Waivers.** For the duration of this Letter of Agreement, the following will supercede any conflicting contract provisions:

1. **Paid overtime for custodial/maintenance employees.** When employees in the custodial/maintenance group are scheduled to work overtime for an event that is paid by the group requesting the building, they will be compensated with (1) first 4 hours will be trade time, (2) second 4 hours paid at time and a half, (3) any other time paid with compensatory time, calculated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment A to this Letter of Agreement. It is anticipated that this provision will reduce the Board's expenditures.
2. **Temporary custodial/maintenance transfers to Food Service Department.** During times when meals are served to students, custodial/maintenance employees may be transferred, on the basis of hours and fractions of hours, to the Food Service Department to assist with the setup for meals, supervision of students during meal time, cleanup of food service areas following meal time, and related duties.
3. **Paraprofessionals and Food Service assignments on half days.** When school is in session only a half day, paraprofessionals will only be expected to work a half day, and will only be paid for a half day, unless they have submitted in writing a request to work a full-day on those half days to their administrator. There must be a valid need for the requested work and be pre-approved by the administrator. Food Service employees will be expected to work a half day on half-days, but will be given the opportunity to request to work the remainder of the day for the purpose of kitchen cleaning, subject to the approval of the Food Service supervisor.

4. **Substitutes for custodial/maintenance.** When absences occur among custodial employees, the vacancy will be covered the first two days with a half time sub. After the first two days the position will be covered by a full time sub. Buildings may change such scheduling to accommodate unusual and extenuating circumstances.
  5. **Paid overtime for paraprofessional/aides and secretaries.** When employees in the paraprofessional/aide and secretarial group are scheduled to work overtime, they will be compensated with compensatory time, calculated and administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment A to this Letter of Agreement.
  6. **Clothing/uniform allowances for custodial/maintenance employees.** The Board will cease to provide allowances for custodians to purchase clothing to wear when on duty, and will cease to rent uniforms for maintenance employees.
  7. **Building use coverage.** When buildings are in use for a school sponsored activity during times that custodial staff is not normally scheduled to be on duty, the Board may arrange for building coverage by posting changes in assignments, or temporarily modifying the custodians' schedules(s) to provide coverage without the need for overtime. Such modifications might include (but are not limited to) assigning a custodian to work during the day on Saturday rather than on Friday evening, changing starting times and ending times of a custodian's shift.
  8. **Health care paraprofessional/aide positions.** Paraprofessional/aides assigned as health care paraprofessional/aides for a specific student or students may have additional students assigned to their responsibility so long as this does not violate the students' IEP.
  9. **Use of substitute staff.** The parties agree that the length of time that a vacant position may be filled with a substitute will be up to 91 days, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1.B.4. of the Master Agreement.
  10. **Overtime.** The intent is that all employee groups be treated equally with regard to overtime compensation.
- C. **Implementation.** It is the intention of the parties to minimize any adverse impact on employees, and to distribute the burden of these concessions as fairly as possible. During the course of this Letter of Agreement, there will be a standing Implementation Committee consisting of representatives from the Board and from the Association. The Implementation Committee will meet on a regular basis in order to discuss concerns arising from this Letter of Agreement. The Committee will have the authority to develop rules for assignments, and to make minor deviations from the terms of this Letter of Agreement in order to prevent unanticipated hardship.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dated: 2-23, 2005

By: W. J. DeFronzo  
Its Superintendent

EATON RAPIDS SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Dated: 2-23, 2005

By: Mary Heintzelman  
Its President

**Letter of Agreement  
between the  
Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
and the  
Eaton Rapids Education Support Personnel Association**

**Resignation Incentive Plan**

It is hereby agreed by and between the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools ("Board") and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association ("Association") as follows:

1. The Resignation Incentive Plan which is attached and incorporated by reference shall be implemented according to its terms and conditions as a benefit available at the option of eligible employees.

2. The Letter of Agreement, the Resignation Incentive Plan, and the Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits Election Form constitute the sole and entire agreement between the Board and the Association regarding the terms and the implementation of the Resignation Incentive Plan and shall not establish any practice, working condition or precedent for future negotiations or dealings between the Board and the Association.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dated: December 16, 2004

By: William DeFrance  
Its Superintendent

EATON RAPIDS  
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Dated: December 16, 2004

By: Gay Heintzelman  
Its President

Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
 TABULATION OF ELIGIBLE AND NON-ELIGIBLE STAFF

The Resignation Incentive Plan contains the conditions which must be satisfied by an employee to be eligible for the resignation incentive benefit. (See paragraph 2 of the Resignation Incentive Plan). This document contains a tabulation of the employees in the bargaining unit represented by the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association who are eligible and not eligible for the resignation incentive benefits.

Job Titles and Ages of Eligible Bargaining Unit Members

Custodian	60	1		58	1
	58	1	Parapro	57	3
	56	1		56	1
	55	1		55	1
	53	3		54	2
	49	1		53	1
	47	2		52	2
	46	1		51	2
	42	1		48	1
	41	1		46	2
	40	1		44	2
Food Service				42	1
	66	1		41	1
	57	1		32	1
	55	1		31	1
	53	1	Secretary	59	2
	46	1		57	1
	45	1		56	1
Parapro	74	1		55	1
	68	1		54	1
	62	1		47	1
	60	1		45	1
	59	1			

Job Titles and Ages of Ineligible Bargaining Unit Members

			Parapro	60	2
Custodian	69	1		59	1
	62	1		57	2
	61	1		56	2
	58	1		54	2
	55	1		51	2
	53	1		50	1
	50	1		48	1
	46	1		47	3
	45	1		46	1
	44	4		45	2
	40	2		44	2
Food Service				43	2
	75	1		42	2
	67	1		41	2
	62	1		40	1
	58	1		39	3
	50	2		38	1
	48	1		37	2
	47	1		36	3
	46	1		35	2
	45	1		34	1
	41	1		32	1
	39	1		26	1
	37	1	Secretary	48	1
	36	1		47	1
	31	1		37	1
	26	1		36	1
Parapro	62	1			

## EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESIGNATION INCENTIVE PLAN

The Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools (“Board”) and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association (“Association”) hereby agree to the Resignation Incentive Plan.

1. **Purpose of Plan.** The purpose of the Plan is to assist employees of the Board who are covered by the Plan who are desirous of terminating employment sooner than they would otherwise retire. Participation in the Plan is totally voluntary on the part of an eligible employee. If an eligible employee elects not to resign under the Plan, the employee’s election shall not have any impact on the employee’s current or future employment with the Board.
2. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for the resignation incentive benefit all of the following conditions must be satisfied:
  - A. The Board’s Employee must be actively employed by Board as a current member of the bargaining unit represented by Association at the end of the school year that the Employee’s resignation is effective.
  - B. Unless the Board, in its discretion, determines otherwise, the Employee must have at least nine (9) years of service in the bargaining unit represented by the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association as of June 30, 2005.
  - C. The Employee must resign no later than June 30, 2005.
  - D. The Employee must submit to the Superintendent of Schools between February 21, 2005 and by 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2005, an irrevocable letter of resignation containing the effective date of his/her resignation and an executed and completed election form entitled “Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits.” A copy of the election form is attached and incorporated herein by reference.
3. **Incentive Benefit.** The Board shall provide an Employee who resigns in accordance with this Plan a payment calculated as follows:
  - Step 1. Calculate the Employee’s actual hourly rate based upon his/her step plus longevity and multiply the actual hourly rate by 1.23.
  - Step 2. Multiply the starting non-probationary rate by 1.23.
  - Step 3. Subtract the Step 2 amount from the Step 1 amount.
  - Step 4. The difference determined pursuant to Step 3 shall be multiplied by the actual number of hours worked per day by the employee, as specified in the employee’s hire letter.
  - Step 5. The result determined pursuant to Step 4 shall be multiplied by the actual number of days the employee is scheduled to work per school year.

Step 6. The result determined pursuant to Step 5 shall be multiplied by three (3).

The resultant amount (which will differ per employee) shall be paid in two (2) equal annual installments. The first annual installment shall be paid before July 1, 2005 and the subsequent annual installment shall be made by January 31, 2006. Subject to applicable contribution limits under the Internal Revenue Code (the "IRC"), the installment payments by the Board shall be made as a non-elective employer-paid lump sum contribution to the IRC 403 (b) plan to be established by the Board. If any amount of the contribution exceeds the Employee's applicable contribution limit, the portion of the contribution in excess of the Employee's applicable contribution limit shall be paid directly to the Employee, subject to applicable employment tax withholding. The 403 (b) plan shall be established through MEA Financial Services or another mutually agreed upon by Board and Association.

4. Conditions and Limitations.

- A. If an employee participating in this Plan dies prior to receiving all scheduled payments, any unpaid balance will be paid to his/her designated beneficiary.
- B. Each employee is advised to consult an attorney before submitting his/her irrevocable letter of resignation and the election form entitled "Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits."
- C. Unless the Board, in its discretion, determines otherwise, a minimum of fifteen (15) employees who resign on or before June 30, 2005 and a maximum of twenty-five (25) employees who resign on or before June 30, 2005 shall be permitted to participate in this Plan. If an employee is not permitted to participate in this Plan pursuant to this subparagraph of this Plan, the Letter of Resignation and Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits submitted by the employee shall be null and void.

5. Other Employment. An employee who elects to participate in this Plan may accept other employment without affecting his/her eligibility to participate in this Plan and receive the resignation incentive benefit. However, the Board has no obligation to rehire any employee who voluntarily terminates employment under this Plan.

6. Funding of Benefits. This Plan shall not be funded with a separate trust or escrow arrangement. All benefits shall be paid from the Eaton Rapids Public Schools' general assets.

7. Plan Administrator. The Superintendent of Schools shall be the Plan Administrator and named fiduciary under this Plan. The Plan Administrator shall have the discretionary power and authority to administer this Plan in accordance with its terms and applicable laws and regulations. The Plan Administrator shall exercise his authority in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Plan Administrator's duties include, but are not limited to, the right to interpret the terms of this Plan. Specifically, the Plan Administrator may decide all questions regarding eligibility for participation, eligibility for benefit payments and the amount of benefit payments.



8. **Appeal Procedure.** An eligible employee, or his or her personal representative, may file an appeal in writing under this Plan if the participant believes he or she has been treated unfairly with respect to this Plan or has been improperly denied the resignation incentive benefit. A written appeal must be filed with the Plan Administrator within sixty (60) days of the denial or alleged unfair treatment.

The Plan Administrator will make a full and fair review of the appeal within sixty (60) days and provide written notice as to the decision regarding the participant's appeal. If the appeal has been denied in whole or in part, the written notice shall set forth the specific reason(s) for the denial.

Any eligible employee, or his or her personal representative, whose appeal has been denied in whole or in part may within sixty (60) days after receipt of this notice of such denial, submit to the Plan Administrator a written request for review of the denial. In that event, the Board shall make a full and fair review of such decision within sixty (60) days after receipt of the written request for review. Any decision by the Board shall be subject to further review pursuant to the grievance procedure contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board and Association.

9. **Governing Law.** To the extent it is not pre-empted by federal law, this Plan shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Michigan.
10. **Term of Plan.** This Plan shall be effective beginning with the date it is approved by the Board and shall terminate upon payment of resignation incentive benefits required by paragraph 3 of this Plan. Termination of this Plan shall not affect the receipt of resignation incentive benefits by eligible employees in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Plan. Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to imply that it or any other plan will be or will not be continued or offered in the future. This Plan shall not be regarded as an obligation, established working condition or as a term or condition of employment which shall continue after its expiration.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dated: December 16, 2004

By: William DeFrance  
Its Superintendent

EATON RAPIDS  
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Dated: December 16, 2004

By: Gay Heintzelman  
Its President

**Eaton Rapids Public Schools  
Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits  
Election Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge and affirm that I have voluntarily elected to resign on or before June 30, 2005 as an employee of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and receive early resignation incentive benefits in accordance with the Resignation Incentive Plan approved by the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the aforementioned Plan and fully understand all of its provisions.

I further acknowledge and affirm that I have freely and voluntarily elected to resign and terminate my employment with the Eaton Rapids Public Schools on or before June 30, 2005. I also acknowledge that I could have elected to not resign and not participate in the Resignation Incentive Plan and that such election would have had absolutely no impact or consequence upon my current or future employment or status with the Eaton Rapids Public Schools. In consideration of the early resignation incentive benefit provided pursuant to the aforementioned Plan, I agree that I shall not seek re-employment with the Eaton Rapids Public Schools unless requested to do so by the Superintendent of Schools.

I acknowledge that I have not relied upon any representation or statement, written or oral, not set forth in the aforementioned Plan or this election form. I also acknowledge and agree that I have had an opportunity to contact and communicate with the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System to obtain any and all necessary information and confirmation of my retirement eligibility as well as my anticipated benefits under the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System, including any impact or consequence(s) of the benefits of the Resignation Incentive Plan and that I have determined that the terms and conditions of the Resignation Incentive Plan are acceptable and satisfactory to me.

I acknowledge and agree that I have the sole responsibility for the payment of any taxes that may be owed as a result of payment or receipt of the incentive benefit provided under the aforementioned Plan. I acknowledge and agree that the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and its officers, employees and agents shall have no liability regarding the tax consequences of payment or receipt of the incentive benefit under the aforementioned Plan. I further acknowledge that no representations have been made to any representative, employee or agent of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools with respect to the tax consequent of payment or receipt of the incentive benefit under the aforementioned Plan.

In consideration of the early resignation incentive benefit provided to me pursuant to the aforementioned Plan, I hereby release the Eaton Rapids Public Schools, its Board of Education, past and present Board members, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits and causes of action I may have related to the termination of my employment, including, but not limited to contract claims, tort claims, employment discrimination claims, age discrimination claims (including claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended), except as may be necessary to enforce the terms of the Plan and this election form. This release and waiver does not waive rights or claims pertaining to alleged age discrimination arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 that may arise after the date this election form is executed.

I acknowledge that I have been advised in writing to consult with an attorney prior to executing this election form and resigning. I further acknowledge that I have been given a period of at

least forty-five (45) days to consider the aforementioned Plan and this election form prior to executing this election form. Further, I acknowledge that my letter of resignation and this election form may be revoked during the seven (7) day period following the date they are submitted and that they are irrevocable after that date.

I acknowledge receipt of information identifying the employees in the bargaining unit who are eligible to participate in the Resignation Incentive Plan, together with their respective ages and identifying the employees in the bargaining unit who are ineligible to participate in the Resignation Plan, together with their respective ages. This information is provided pursuant to Section 626(f)(1)(H)(ii) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

I acknowledge that no representations have been made to me by the Board of Education or any representative of the Board of Education regarding the availability, unavailability, level or character of resignation or severance or resignation benefits which may or may not be made available in the future to employees of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools. I understand that different or reduced benefits may be made available in the future and I expressing disclaim any reliance on representations to the contrary.

I acknowledge and agree that my eligibility for participation in the Resignation Incentive Plan has been derived from the collective bargaining process between the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association and that any asserted breach of the Resignation Incentive Plan and documents related to that Plan, including the Application for Resignation Incentive Benefits Election Form, shall be subject to resolution through the grievance procedure under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect between the Board of Education of the Eaton Rapids Public Schools and the Eaton Rapids Support Personnel Association at the time that the dispute arises.

I acknowledge and understand that my voluntary resignation is intended to preclude my application for and receipt of unemployment benefits under the provisions of the Michigan Employment Security Act and may be presented to disqualify me from receipt of unemployment compensation benefits as evidence of a voluntary termination of employment without cause attributable to the Eaton Rapids Public Schools.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee

Date election form received: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

Election form received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of Michigan  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

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