

Carman-Ainsworth
Education Association
Collective Bargaining Agreement



2023-2027

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CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

This Agreement entered into on August 8, 2023, by and between the Board of Education of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, Flint, Michigan, hereinafter called the “Board,” and/or the “Employer,” and the Carman-Ainsworth Education Association, an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association, hereinafter called the “Association.”

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association recognize and declare that providing a quality education for the children of Carman-Ainsworth is their mutual aim and that the character of such education depends predominantly upon the quality and morale of the educators; a cooperative effort by all facets of the professional staff with the Board of Education is necessary and proper, and

WHEREAS, the members of the educator profession and the administration are particularly qualified to assist in improving educational standards, and

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligation, pursuant to the Public Employment Relations Act, Act 379 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965, to bargain with the Association as the representative of its educator personnel with respect to hours, wages, terms, and conditions of employment, and

THEREFORE, the parties have reached certain understandings, which they desire to confirm in this Agreement.

ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole bargaining representative for all certified educator personnel and registered nurses whether under contract, on leave, or on a per diem basis, including coordinators, counselors, media specialists, reading consultants, social workers, school psychologists, Title I educators, alternative program educators, student/parent advocates, speech and language therapist/pathologists, instructional specialists, excluding superintendent, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, directors, supervisors, other positions which are supervisory, and day to day substitutes within the meaning of the Public Employment Relations Act. The Board will not recognize or negotiate with any educators’ organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement, unless required by law to do otherwise.
- B. The term, “Educator” when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the bargaining unit as above defined. The term “Board” and/or “Employer,” when used herein shall refer to the Board of Education, Superintendent and other Central Office Administrators, Principals, Assistant Principals and all other supervisory personnel within the meaning of Act 379.

ARTICLE II

BOARD RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Association recognizes that the Board has the responsibility and authority to manage and direct, on behalf of the public, all operations and activities of the school district to the full extent authorized by law.
- B. The Board shall discharge its responsibility and authority without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity of its employees and in its employment practices.
- C. The Board will not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive, or coerce any educator in the enjoyment of any right conferred by Public Act 379 or other law, State or Federal. The Board will not discriminate against any educator with respect to any terms of this Agreement or conditions of employment by reason of the educators membership in the Association, negotiations with the Board as an Association Representative or the educator's institution of any grievance or other proceeding under this Agreement.
- D. One (1) copy of the handbook of current Board Policy shall be made available in each building and three (3) copies shall be assigned to the Association President.
- E. Existing building policies shall be put in writing and shall be distributed annually in each building to all educators and the Association. Changes made after distribution of written policies each year shall be distributed to educators in the affected building.
- F. Copies of the current agreement shall be duplicated or shared electronically at the expense of the Board and delivered to all educators as soon as possible after ratification.

ARTICLE III

ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Educators shall not be denied the right to organize, join and/or support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiations.
- B. The Association shall apply the terms of this Agreement in a manner which is not arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory with regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity or membership in or in association with, the activities of any educator organizations.

- C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any educator rights the educator may have under the Michigan General School Laws or other applicable laws and regulations.
- D. The Association, and its representatives, shall have the right to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings (provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations), provided established procedure is followed in requesting such use.
- E. Duly authorized representatives of the Association and their respective affiliates shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times (provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations), provided established procedure is followed in requesting such use.
- F. The Association shall have the right to use school facilities and equipment normally used for instructional purposes at reasonable times, when such equipment is not otherwise in use, provided established procedure is followed in requesting such use. The Association shall pay for reasonable cost of all materials and supplies incidental to such use.
- G. The Association shall have the right to post notices of its activities and matters of Association concern on educator bulletin boards, at least one (1) of which shall be provided in each school building. Such educator bulletin boards shall not normally be accessible to students.
- H. The Association may use the district mail/e-mail service and educators' mailboxes for communications to educators, provided there is no additional expense to the school district.
- I. No educator shall be prevented from wearing insignia, pins, or other identification of membership in the Association, provided that it does not interfere with the educational process.
- J. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association, in response to reasonable requests, all information in the format available concerning the financial resources of the district, including but not limited to: annual financial reports and audits, register of certificated personnel, tentative budgetary requirements and allocations (including county allocation board budgets), agendas and minutes of all Board meetings except executive sessions, treasurer's reports, census and membership data, names and addresses of all educators, and such reasonably available information as will assist the Association in negotiations and in the processing of any grievance or complaint.
- K. The private and personal life of any educator is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board, except that such educators shall conduct themselves in their private and personal life in a manner consistent with the Code of Ethics of the Educator

Profession and their professional standing in the community. Educators shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship, and no religious or political activities of any educators, or lack thereof, shall be grounds for any discipline or discrimination with respect to the professional employment of such educator.

- L. The Board and the Association pledge themselves to make public education available to every student of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools which is not arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory with regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity, and seek to achieve full quality of educational opportunity to all pupils.
- M. Employees will not be punished, penalized, or demoted for being a member of the Association's Negotiations Committee.
- N. A total of thirty (30) days without cost to the Association shall be granted for professional use at the discretion of the officers of the Association. Association days shall be granted for NEA and MEA Board Members. The Board will be reimbursed by the appropriate association (MEA or NEA) for sub cost. In requesting association days, the Association President will contact the Superintendent and the Office of Human Resources with the names and dates for the requested association days. The Office of Human Resources will check the availability of substitutes on the requested date(s). If substitutes are available on the requested date(s), the association days will be granted. If substitutes are not available, another date may be selected. The next available date shall be granted. The Association President shall complete the appropriate paperwork. Additional Association days may be purchased at the current substitute rate upon request by the Association President and will be authorized by the Office of Human Resources.

ARTICLE IV

ASSOCIATION SECURITY AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Public Acts 53 and 349 of 2012 prohibit the district from complying with Association Security and Payroll Deductions. Therefore, the language has been moved to Appendix A and will be enforceable should there be legal circumstances that allow the district to comply with the language in Appendix A.

- A. The Board shall furnish the Association the names of all new educators (with current addresses, phone numbers and school assignments) as they are hired.
- B. The Board shall also make payroll deductions upon written authorization from educators for annuities, credit union, savings bonds, or any other plans or programs jointly approved by the Association and the Board.

- C. Payroll deduction shall be available for all existing additional MESSA programs and new programs jointly approved by the Board and the Association.
- D. Educators hired after ratification of the 2004-2007 collective bargaining agreement shall be paid on the 26/27 pay option.

ARTICLE V

EDUCATOR CONDITIONS

The parties recognize that optimum school facilities for both students and educators are desirable to ensure the high quality of education that is the goal of both the Association and the Board. It is also acknowledged that the primary duty and responsibility of the educator is to teach, and that the organization of the school and the school day should be directed toward ensuring that the energy of the educator is primarily utilized to this end.

- A. Because the pupil-educator ratio is an important aspect of an effective educational program as such the following class size limits will commence with the third student contact week of the course/class. Should the district and association mutually agree that a particular class/course overload is necessary the parties will come to agreement on how such overload(s) will be assigned and compensated.

Grade Level

Kindergarten Prep	22
Kindergarten	27
1 st - 2 nd	28
3 rd	29
4 th - 5 th	32

GAM – Grade Level Class Size +3

1. ELEMENTARY SPECIAL AREAS

- a. Physical Education, Music, Art, Curriculum Enhancement – Class size shall be set at the grade level being serviced plus three.
- b. Gifted 29

2. GENERAL EDUCATION, MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade Level

Social Studies	32
Science	32
Math	32
English	32
Reading Intervention	24
Math Intervention	24

All other subjects 32

*Physical Education – Class size shall be set at the grade level being serviced plus two.

*Vocal and Instrumental Music excluded from class size maximum.

3. GENERAL EDUCATION, SECONDARY

The scheduled class size is for the purposes of sectioning in the spring. Max Class size refers to the final class size excluding overloads as defined in Section A of this Article. In no event shall class sizes exceed the number listed below with the exception of Vocal and Instrumental music.

All secondary classes will be scheduled at two less than the class maximums set forth below.

Grade Level

English	33
Reading Lab	33
Social Studies	33
Algebra I	33
Geometry	33
Pre-Calculus	33
Advanced Algebra	33
AP Calculus	33
Functions/statistics/trig	33
Probability & Statistics	33
Computer Science/AP CS	33
Science	33
Foreign Lang.	33
Industrial Arts	33
Drafting	33
Career Technical Ed. (CTE)	33
Life skills	33
Art	33
Health	33
Physical Education	38

Alternative Education

Alternative class sizes shall not exceed a total of 40 students (in-person and virtual combined) with no more than 25 being in person.

4. GENERAL EDUCATION, COMBINATION CLASSROOMS

When two or more grade levels at the elementary level or two or more subjects at the secondary level are combined within the same classroom or class period, the maximum class size will be reduced two students for each grade or level added below the maximum

class size for the subject level or the grade having the lowest class size which is included in the combination. This does not apply to multi-age or gifted programs at the elementary level. At the elementary level, attempts will be made to equalize the number of students per grade level in a split classroom.

Elementary Educators with Splits will receive a stipend of 2.5% of the educator's salary. (paid per schedule D)

Scheduling of Special Needs Students

Special needs students participating in a regular education classroom shall be equally distributed to the extent possible when scheduling. Should the combined number of students with Individual Educational Plans or students with 504 Plans (excluding those with only speech services) in any general education classroom exceed thirty percent of the established maximum class size, that class size limit shall be reduced by two (2) unless an additional paraprofessional is provided in the class.

5. ONLINE EDUCATORS/FACILITATORS

Elementary educators teaching the districts full semester 100% online classes will have a class size of 35 student not to exceed 40 students in total. Secondary educators teaching the districts full semester 100% online classes will have a class size limit of 9 students per academic hour.

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Maximums in each case shall be those established in applicable law/rules. Where an educator is assigned to more than one special education area, the student maximums will be a pro-ration of the maximums established in applicable laws/rules. Deviation shall be compensated under Section A of this Article. Notification will be sent to the Association President whenever a deviation or waiver is requested or utilized.

7. The Office of Human Resources will make class size information available, upon written request, to the Association within ten (10) days.

8. The Association recognizes that building/construction progress or emergency situations affect student class size. If circumstances exist that are beyond the Board's control, the Board and Association will meet to work out a solution.

B. COUNSELING SERVICES

Any counseling positions reduced through attrition beyond the minimum of 6 will be replaced by a certified EA member, whose certification may be, but is not limited to, roles such as: social worker; psychologist; counselor.

In recognition of the value of providing counseling services to our students, the district will provide counseling services at each level (High School, Middle School and Elementary). Whenever possible, grants and/or other funding may be used to provide these services.

Counseling work year may be adjusted per article V J 14.

C. MEDIA

When media services are provided, the media center will be staffed to meet MICIP standards.

- D. The Board agrees at all times to keep the school adequately equipped and maintained.
- E. The Board shall provide an educator reference library in each school and include therein all texts which are reasonably requested by the educators and approved by the principal of that school.
- F. The Board will make available in each school adequate typing and duplicating facilities to aid educators in the preparation of instructional materials.
- G. The Board shall provide:
 - 1. Separate desks with drawer space for each educator in the district.
 - 2. Suitable lockable space for each educator to store personal items.
 - 3. Adequate whiteboards and bulletin board space where needed.
 - 4. Educator's editions of all texts used in each of the courses an educator is to teach, if available from the publisher, exclusively for each educator's use.
 - 5. Adequate storage space in each classroom for instructional materials.
 - 6. Appropriate textbooks, attendance books/technology and adequate quantities of paper, pencils, pens, chalk, erasers and other materials required in daily educator responsibilities.
 - 7. Smocks, as requested by the educator and approved by the building principal, for educators in the following areas: life skills, industrial arts, art, and science (lab courses).
- H. The Board shall continue to provide in each building adequate restrooms and lavatory facilities exclusively for staff and at least one (1) appropriately furnished educator's lounge. Supplies and furnishings shall be of at least moderate quality.
- I. Telephone facilities shall continue to be made available to educators for professional use.

J. All teaching hours and schedules including marking periods shall be developed within the following parameters:

1. All educators shall be entitled to a duty free, uninterrupted thirty (30) lunch period.
2. All elementary educators shall have regularly scheduled planning time of at least 250 minutes per week, which shall be scheduled in blocks of at least twenty-five (25) consecutive minutes, with at least one such block scheduled each day. Whenever possible, elementary planning periods shall be scheduled in blocks of fifty (50) minutes. All secondary educators shall have regularly scheduled planning time of at least 275 minutes per week, which shall be scheduled in blocks of at least twenty-five (25) consecutive minutes, with at least one such block scheduled each day. Planning periods throughout a building shall be equalized to the greatest extent possible.

In the event of a lack of substitute coverage to ensure that students are properly supervised in a safe learning environment, we will use the following transparent process that will be communicated to staff. The administrator/designee will first ask for volunteers to cover classes, and after those resources are exhausted, an administrator/designee will give notice to available educators and certified staff available during the time period. Notifications will be given to cover classes by rotating through the available staff. The beginning of the school year, the building administrator/designee shall post a list of the rotation schedule to staff, which shall include load bearing and certified nonloadbearing staff. Non-loadbearing staff shall have an assigned planning period for the purpose of subbing. This process will be used to distribute the responsibilities of student coverage during a sub shortage so that the burden of coverage is shared among staff. Educators shall be compensated at the substitute rate during the pay period for which the coverage falls. Educators who cover for administrators shall be compensated for their planning period. Educators shall not cover for administrators if there are not enough subs to cover classrooms.

Planning periods may be altered or compensated to accommodate mandated testing.

Educators will notify the main office when leaving the building for school business during their planning hour. Educators may leave the building for personal business on their planning period with administrator approval.

3. An educator's daily schedule shall not exceed a maximum of a 7½ hour continuous block of time.
4. No educator shall have a daily schedule that requires them to report earlier than 7:10 a.m. with the exception of late start Wednesdays or a zero (0) hour class.

5. No educator shall be required to supervise during their lunch period. Student lunch supervision may be made both a part of and in place of regular class assignment. Supervision during an educator's lunch period is voluntary in exchange for an equal number of minutes in early educator dismissal.
6. All Carman-Ainsworth staff shall be expected to actively supervise hallways and/or areas in which they are assigned during passing times, including ten minutes before the first bell and ten minutes after the school day. Active supervision will include greeting students, providing direction and or guidance to students in an effort to safely secure each building and promote a positive environment. All educators' lunch periods shall be scheduled between 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.
7. It is the Board's responsibility to establish the beginning and ending times of a school day within the parameters of this contract. When a building schedule is to be realigned within these times, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - a. Following consultation with the educators involved the building principal will develop individual building schedule options within the parameters.
 - b. Proposed schedules are subject to approval by a majority of the building faculty in a secret ballot vote conducted by the Faculty Advisory Council.
 - c. If realignment must take place during the summer, the principal shall set a temporary schedule to begin school. Adjustments made after the process has been completed shall be accomplished as soon as practical.
 - d. Notice of a proposed change of schedules shall be forwarded to the Association President Forty-eight (48) hours prior to vote.
8. Educators who teach in more than one (1) building shall have time provided for travel outside of lunch and preparation times provided for in this Article. Human Resources will develop a schedule which may include supervision time but will not exceed the maximum work hours per section J of this article.
9. The maximum weekly educator load will be five (5) unassigned hours of preparation and twenty-five (25) contact hours which shall include passing time. Secondary educators shall be assigned to no more than five (5) classes per day. Instructional Specialists and Coordinators shall be assigned to six (6) hours per day or thirty (30) hours each week.
10. The master schedule of each secondary building for the current school year will be mutually reviewed by the Board and the Association prior to the first day of school.
11. At the High School, zero (0) hour sections will be limited to no more than three (3). If no staff member volunteers, the specific department/PLC may give input for staffing to the

principal. Zero-hour educators will have coverage provided in order to participate in all scheduled professional development opportunities during late start Wednesdays.

Educators on an alternate 2nd through 7th schedule will be assigned on a volunteer basis. If no staff member volunteers, the specific department/PLC may give input for staffing to the principal. Educators with a 2nd through 7th hour schedule will fulfill their professional development obligations on late-start Wednesday's beginning at 7:55 a.m. In the event that said educators are requested, or approved to attend by the building principal, they will be compensated for the additional hour at curriculum rate.

12. Non-load bearing members may have a different work year than load bearing members. Non-load bearing members will work the same number of days as load bearing members. Any additional days beyond the non-load bearing schedule shall be voluntary and compensated at a rate agreed upon between the association and the board, on the basis of the work being done, to be pre-determined in writing. No one will be assigned to work in July, weekends, weeks with less than three (3) days or holidays unless mutually agreed upon.

For the purpose of work year, non-load bearing members consist of: instructional specialists, counselors, academic coaches, social workers, curriculum coordinators, psychologists, educator consultants, media specialists, nurse, speech language, title 1 coordinators, teacher consultants, student/parent advocates and department chairs. If there are multiple qualified volunteers for an alternative schedule, members will be selected in the following order: 1. Successful experience at the task, 2. Area of specialization, 3. Seniority.

Specific to non-load bearing staff where a supervisor determines an alternative work year schedule is necessary; the schedule of no more than six (6) alternate workdays will be mutually developed by the supervisor and member and submitted by September 1st to the Human Resource (HR) department and EA President. Changes to the schedule within the same school year must be mutually agreed to by the supervisor and member and approved by HR department and EA President at least seven (7) workdays before change occurs. If an agreement between supervisor and member cannot be reached by September 1st for the following year, the Assistant Superintendent for HR and EA President or designee, shall mutually agree on the calendar and that agreement will be binding. Alternate work schedules are subject to article VI section A.

- K. If educators in a building, through consensus, decide to formulate a schedule that does not fit the parameters of Article V J, of the master agreement, the following process shall be followed:
 1. All educators of the affected building will have input into the proposed schedule.
 2. The F.A.C. will develop a written draft of the proposed schedule.

3. The aforementioned proposal(s) are subject to the approval of the Board and the Association Executive Committee each year.
 4. Following approval, a secret ballot vote shall take place. In order for the changes in the schedule to be made, there must be an 80% approval by 100% of the building educators.
 5. The proposed change(s), if approved, shall take place and shall remain in effect as long as the proposal states.
 6. If the approved proposed changes are made at the end of the school year, the changes shall take place the following year.
 7. At the conclusion of the year implemented, an evaluation shall take place.
- L. When the media specialist and/or librarian is not on duty in the library, only certificated personnel or responsible adults shall supervise the students in the library.
- M. Nothing in this Article shall be interpreted to prevent any educator from volunteering for emergency assignments.
- N. Educators shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions, or to perform tasks which endanger their health, safety or well-being.
1. Whenever it is known that school is not to be in session because of conditions not within the control of school authorities not limited to heat, water or weather conditions, students and educators shall have notification as soon as practical prior to the time school is to begin, and educators shall not be required to report for work.
 2. If school is in session and students are sent home because of heat, water, or weather conditions, educators shall be relieved of duty when students have been dismissed.

The Association and the Board recognize that professional responsibilities and duties may not be confined to the normal educator day. Attendance for these professional responsibilities and duties shall be voluntary.

In case of emergency, educators are obligated to assist and supervise children after regular working hours.

It is the responsibility of the educator, when an individual parent initiates a conference, to schedule said conference within three (3) working days at a time that is convenient to the educator.

- O. School improvement plans/strategic planning/site-based decision making

The Board and Association recognize that educator participation in these initiatives is desirable in providing positive results for students. If it becomes apparent that plans coming out of these initiatives violate or are inconsistent with this collective bargaining agreement, it is understood that the collective bargaining agreement shall prevail.

Further, it is understood that the Board and Association will seek to collaborate in any situation where contract language is inconsistent with mutually agreed to improvements.

The Board and the Association commit themselves to establishing a collaborative process to ensure a school environment that improves both teaching and learning.

ARTICLE VI

LEAVE PAY

- A. Members will be allotted 12 days eight (8) sick days and four (4) personal days at the beginning of each school year. Educators wanting to use personal time must submit a written request at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance (except in an emergency situation), to their immediate supervisor. Every new educator to the district will donate one sick day to the sick bank. Use of personal days around a holiday will still require administrator approval, in addition to working four events prior to use of those personal days. Worked events can carry forward one (1) year. Days must be used in one-hour increments.

An educator qualifies to use personal days attached to a holiday if the educator participates in four (4) or more events outside of the regular school day. The parameters for those events and the use of the time shall be as follows:

- 1. The faculty advisory council in each building shall determine a building list of events that shall qualify toward the minimum of four (4) events in which an educator must participate.*
- 2. The principal shall determine the number of staff members necessary to fulfill the work requirements of the event with input from the faculty advisory council.*
- 3. Events must be at least two (2) hours in length to qualify for the use of the personal day.*
- 4. In any one (1) year a maximum of two (2) personal days may be used attached to the beginning of the holiday or at the end of the holiday recess. Educators may only attach personal days to the start or the end of the holiday recess.*
- 5. A maximum of fourteen (14) educators may use personal days attached to the beginning or end of a holiday period on a first come first serve basis.*
- 6. Application for use of personal days attached to a holiday may only be made after the completion of the required events.*
- 7. Working four (4) or more events in any one year earns the educator the right to use a personal day attached to a holiday one (1) time during the year in which the events occurred or the entitlement can be carried over into the following year.*
- 8. Members may use this benefit once per school year.*

9. *The deadline is the first Monday in October at 4:00 p.m. A lottery will be held if there are more requests than allowed per Holiday. If a lottery is not necessary, applicants will be approved up to the limit on a first come first served after the October date.*

- B. When an employee does not report within the first two weeks of the school year, the leave credited will be prorated by the hour for time not worked.

Employees who have unpaid leaves during the year and/or whose employment terminates prior to the end of the school year will have any leave accrual for that year prorated by the hour for time not paid. Accruals will not be prorated when an employee is on an approved FMLA leave.

- C. Educators using two (2) or less sick days will earn the right to convert one (1) sick day to a personal day for the following year.
- D. Unused personal days will be carried over as sick days into the following school year.
- E. Sick days may be used for the following:

Personal illness or disability. The educator may use all or any portion of sick and personal days accumulated to recover from illness or disability which shall include childbirth and complications of pregnancy.

- a. If the Board has reason to suspect abuse of sick days, an educator may be asked to provide verification of illness or disability. The phrase “reason to suspect abuse” shall mean a specific instance that creates reasonable suspicion on the part of the administrator of abuse. In that situation, the administrator must then notify the member of that suspicion and may request verification of further absences. This request can last no longer than one (1) year from date of notification. Failure to provide verified documentation will result in a deduct day.
- b. Should time and/or circumstances not allow the administrator to make written notification and enough peripheral evidence exists to create reasonable suspicion of abuse, the administrator shall notify the association president and discuss the suspicions and reasons for suspected abuse. After this discussion, if the administrator still has suspicions, then the administrator may contact the member verbally, notify the member of suspected abuse and request verification prior to the days being taken. This request shall be followed by written confirmation, not to be placed in personnel files, outlining reasons for suspicions, with a copy sent to the association president.
- c. When abuse is suspected, “verification” shall mean an “appointment card,” note signed by a physician or other such proof. Verification must include the time period for which the employee is/was unable to work and why the employee is/was unable to work. If the initial verification provided is not sufficient to alleviate suspicion of abuse, then the

administrator may request an evaluation by a physician of the district's choice at the school district's expense.

- d. For a continuing illness or disability of five (5) or more days, the educator may be asked to supply verification upon request.
2. Illness of an immediate family member. For serious illness or medical care of the spouse, son or daughter, parents, siblings, in-laws, close friend living in the home or other dependent, which requires the presence of the educator in order to provide the necessary care; or critical illness of the spouse, child, siblings, parents or in-laws.
 3. Death in the family. For the educator's use in case of death in the immediate family: The immediate family will include residents of the employee's household, dependents, parents, parents-in-law, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and any person who has acted in loco parentis for the employee or vice-versa.
 4. Court appearances not delineated in Article VI F 2.
 5. Travel. A reasonable length of time for travel is included in all above allowances.
 6. Death of close friends or relatives outside the immediate family. No more than three (3) days including travel time to attend the funeral of a close friend or relative outside the immediate family. In extenuating circumstances, additional travel time may be approved by the Office of Human Resources.
- F. Leave with pay, not chargeable against the educator's sick and personal days shall be granted for the following reasons:
1. Jury Duty—Absence when an educator is called to jury duty.
 - a. The educator is to report to the principal when called for jury duty.
 - b. If the educator serves, any remuneration paid for jury duty shall be returned to the school district upon receipt, excluding expenses.
 - c. When an educator is released from jury duty prior to the end of their workday, it is the educator's responsibility to report back to their work assignment. When there is less than two hours left in the educator's workday, the educator need not report back to work.
 2. Court appearances as a witness in any case connected with the educator's employment, or the school. If subpoenaed in a case involving the public interest the educator shall be granted leave pay.

- a. Any remuneration shall be returned to the school district upon receipt, excluding travel expenses.
 - b. This paragraph (VI D 2) shall not apply in cases where the employee and/or the Association is the plaintiff, or where the interests of either the employee and/or the Association are not the same as the employer. At the sole discretion of the employer, exceptions to this language (VI D 2 b) can be made.
 3. Administration approved visitation to another school or approved educational conference or convention.
 4. Time necessary to submit to selective service physical examinations.
 5. An educator called to active military duty, shall be granted the difference between military pay and current contractual salary, including fringe benefits for a maximum of thirty (30) workdays per contract year.
- G. If the Board has reason to believe that the educator is unable to satisfactorily perform their professional duties when assigned to a position, or requesting to return to a position, then the Board may require the educator to submit to a medical examination by a physician of the Board's choice at the Board's expense. An educator may submit a report of examination by their own physician, which shall be considered in conjunction with the Board's report, in any decision regarding the educator.

H. Sick Leave Bank Policy

1. The Association will operate a sick leave bank on a mandatory basis. The Association will establish a committee to administer the sick leave bank and to provide the information to the Business Office which will keep the records. A representative from the Office of Human Resources will serve in the capacity of an advisor to the committee. The Association shall make the sick bank guidelines available to each educator and apprise educators in a timely fashion of guideline changes.
2. Members shall donate additional days (in half day increments) to replenish the sick bank to three (3) times the current bargaining unit membership.
3. Additions will be made to the bank at the beginning of each fiscal year according to the above limitations.
4. A person will not be able to withdraw the contributed days.
5. The first twenty-one (21) consecutive workdays of illness or disability will not be covered by the bank, but must be covered by the member's own accumulated sick and personal time. Upon exhaustion of accumulated sick and personal time, subject to the limitations of

VI F 6 a, the employee will automatically be placed on an unpaid leave of absence. This leave shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days.

6.
 - a. A person credited with less than fifty (50) sick and personal days at the beginning of the school year will not be able to use days from the bank until his or her sick and personal days are depleted to three (3) days.
 - b. A person credited with fifty (50) or more sick and personal days at the beginning of the school year will not be able to withdraw days from the sick bank until his or her sick and personal days are depleted to fourteen (14) days.
 - c. Members drawing from the sick bank will be paid at 85% of the bargaining unit member's salary at the time of the leave.
 - d. Follow-up medical appointments will be covered by sick bank only during the same school year as the initial leave.
7. An individual may withdraw the number of days from the bank necessary to result in no loss of wages for one year, subject to number 6 above.
8. Persons withdrawing days from the bank will not have to replace these days except as a regular contributing member of the bank.
9. Any educator who leaves the employ of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools shall donate one third of the educators unused sick and personal days to the sick bank.
10. Should the Association require an employee to be evaluated by a physician of the Association's choice prior to determining their eligibility or continuing eligibility, the results of such an evaluation will be shared with the Administration.
- I. The Board agrees to make every effort to maintain an adequate list of substitute educators. Educators shall be informed by the first day of school of the procedure they are to follow to report unavailability for work. Educators will not be penalized if, in cases of emergency, they are not able to follow the procedure. Once an educator has reported unavailability, it shall be the responsibility of the administration to arrange for a substitute educator.
- J. Absence due to injury or illness incurred in the course of the educator's employment shall be charged against the educator's sick days on a prorated basis, and the Board, on this basis, may pay the difference between the educator's daily rate and the benefits received under the Michigan Workers' Compensation Act for the duration of such absence. The total amount received from sick days and Workers' Compensation shall not exceed the employee's regular pay.

- K. Any period of leave under this contract will run concurrently with any leave that is eligible to be taken pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

ARTICLE VII

SABBATICAL LEAVES

After an educator has been employed at least seven (7) consecutive years and/or at the end of each additional seven (7) or more consecutive year periods, they are eligible for a sabbatical leave for professional improvement subject to the following conditions:

1. The Board may grant sabbatical leave up to four (4) educators for a period not to exceed two (2) semesters at any time.
2. The educator must hold a Permanent, Professional, Provisional, Continuing or Life certificate.
3. Of the sabbaticals approved, any or all may be one-semester sabbaticals. An educator on sabbatical may be based in a district building or program to enhance professional growth and training. The type of growth and training may include the following: curriculum development, training for use of new technology, developing computer skills, learning new educator strategies, etc.
4. The educator obligates him/herself to return for one (1) year; otherwise, the grant becomes a loan to be repaid within one (1) year with no interest for the first six (6) months. After six (6) months any unpaid balance shall be assessed at an interest factor of six percent (6%) per annum.
5. During the sabbatical leave, the educator shall have a contract and shall be considered in the employment of the Board.
6. The educator shall be paid a minimum of one-half (1/2) their full annual salary (or more, dependent upon the nature of the leave) and full fringe benefits, provided the educator does not utilize approved sabbatical leave for gainful employment elsewhere. Educational grants and fellowships shall not be considered as gainful employment.
7. An educator on sabbatical leave shall be allowed credit towards retirement for time spent on such leave in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Michigan School Employees Retirement Board. The Board shall reimburse the educator the dollars equal to the current retirement contribution for the earliest qualifying salary to allow the educator to purchase a full year's credit for retirement. It is the educator's obligation to complete the purchase within two (2) years of the completion of the sabbatical leave.

Failure to do so within this time limit negates any responsibility for reimbursement on the part of the Board.

8. An educator, upon return from a sabbatical leave shall be restored to their educator position or, if it does not exist, to a position of like nature. Credit shall be given for all seniority and leave accumulated prior to paid leave and seniority shall accrue for the duration of the leave. Full credit shall be given for salary as though the educator had not been on leave.

ARTICLE VIII

UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Conditions of Unpaid Leaves

Leaves of absence without pay shall be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Educators must have been employed by the district for a period of three years.
2. A leave may not extend into a school year following the one in which the leave commenced.
3. Requests for leaves shall be in writing to the Office of Human Resources and shall contain the type of leave requested, the reason(s) for such leave, the duration of the leave, and the expected date of return to employment.
4. The educator shall deliver the request for leave to the Office of Human Resources at least sixty (60) days prior to the date on which the leave is expected to commence. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Office of Human Resources.
5. All leaves, except deduct leave, are subject to formal Board approval.
6. An educator shall be notified whether or not leave is granted within thirty (30) working days of receipt of application.
7. Leaves shall be granted to those educators who meet the conditions of leave as set forth in this Article except in cases of personal, public office, exchange and study leaves which shall be at the discretion of the Board. In cases of personal, public office, exchange and study leaves, employees must meet the conditions of the leave before the leave request can be considered by the Board.

Leaves are available for the following purposes:

1. Child Care – A leave of up to one school year related to the birth and/or care of the educator's child shall be granted. "Educator's child" shall include natural child, a stepchild, a child that is adopted, or a child receiving foster care from the educator. Such leave shall be extended up to an additional one (1) year upon request of the educator. This cannot exceed four (4) continuous years.

2. Personal Illness and Disability – An educator who is unable to teach because of personal illness or disability and who has exhausted all leave available shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for the duration of such illness or disability, up to one (1) year and the leave may be renewed each year upon written request by the educator. Medical insurance will be continued until the educator is eligible for Long Term Disability (LTD). For all educators on LTD, the insurance carrier will cover the cost of the entire medical premium as provided by the existing policy in effect at the time the educator goes on LTD. Should such leave be extended four times, prior to any additional extension a probable date of termination of necessity for such leave shall be provided by the physician(s) in charge of the case before any additional extension shall be granted by the Board. Should the physician not be able to provide a date of probable termination of the disability, the employee shall be considered permanently disabled and the district's obligation for future employment shall be terminated.
3. Military Leaves – Military leaves of absence shall be granted to any educator in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
4. Association Office – A leave of absence shall be granted to any educator upon application for the purpose of serving as an officer or on the staff of the Association, its parent groups or affiliates. Upon return from such leave, such educators may be placed at the same position on the salary schedule as they would have been had they taught in the system during the period.
5. Public Office – The Board may grant leaves of absence without pay for an educator to campaign for, or serve in, a public office. This office may be elective or appointive. Any information released by the Board to interested and qualified persons, regarding such campaign and/or service, shall consist solely of dates of employment in the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools.
6. Personal Leave – After an educator has been employed at least four (4) consecutive years, and/or at the end of each additional four (4) or more consecutive year periods, the educator is eligible for a personal leave.
 - a. The maximum number of educators that may be on personal leave at any one time shall not exceed three percent (3%) or 18, whichever is less, of the bargaining unit.
 - b. If the number of applicants for personal leave exceeds the maximum, selection shall be made as follows:
 1. Those educators needing the leave due to an emergency situation, which has been agreed to mutually by the Board and Association, shall be granted said leave.
 2. All other requests shall be divided into two (2) groups: Group A applicants who were granted any leave pursuant to Articles VII and VIII within the last five (5) years excluding leaves taken pursuant to either the FMLA or the USERRA; Group B—All other applicants.

3. Group B applicants will be selected by lot until their number when added to the number of emergency situation personal leaves pursuant to this Article (VIII B 7 b 1) equals the maximum.
4. Then applicants from Group A shall be selected by lot until the total number of personal leaves approved equals the maximum.
7. Study – A leave related to the educator’s certification major or minor or study required to meet eligibility requirements for a certificate other than that held by the educator (or study, research or special educator assignment involving probable advantage to the school system) may be granted. If said leave is taken with the mutual consent of both parties, the regular salary increment shall be allowed.
8. Exchange Programs – A leave of absence may be granted to any educator, upon application, for the purpose of participating in exchange educator programs in other districts, states, territories, or countries; foreign or military educator programs; the Peace Corps, Educators’ Corps, or Job Corps, as a full-time educator in such programs.

RETURN PROCEDURES

1. Educators on approved leaves of absence shall retain all credits toward illness and disability leaves, seniority, and salary increments accrued prior to the beginning of the unpaid leave. No credit shall accrue during any such leave unless specifically stated in this Collective Agreement.
2. Full seniority and salary credit shall be granted for the semester in which the leave was granted, if the employee worked one-half or more of the semester.
3. An educator on an approved leave of absence shall notify the Office of Human Resources by April 15 of their intent to return for the following school year. An educator on approved leave of absence who wishes to extend their leave for the following school year shall make their request for such extension to the Office of Human Resources on or before April 15 of the current school year. Should such leaves occur after April 15, intent to return or extend shall be indicated in the initial request. Failure to file notice of intent to extend will result in the employee being placed on active employment status for the following school year and assigned in accordance with the applicable provisions of this agreement. The Board will notify the Association President of the status of all educators on leave, including those educators not conforming to this requirement.
4. All educators returning from leave pursuant to Article VII shall be offered positions, providing they are qualified and certified, before any new educator is assigned.
5. An educator returning from a leave of ninety-five (95) workdays or less will be returned to an existing position per the administrative guidelines. Paid sick leave including leave days from sick bank, which immediately precede a personal illness or disability leave (Article VIII B 2), shall be counted toward these ninety-five (95) days.

6. An educator wishing to return from a leave of ninety-six (96) days or more shall be placed in their proper place on the seniority list and shall be placed per the administrative guidelines.
7. Unless the educator is under contract to another educational institution, failure to accept an available position for which the educator is qualified and certified, or failure to notify the Office of Human Resources of intent, shall be considered a voluntary quit. The Office of Human Resources must receive notice of acceptance of assignment within ten (10) days of notice of tentative assignment. The Board shall not act to terminate employment for a period of five (5) days after notice to the Association President.
8. Nothing in this contract regarding return from leave procedures shall be deemed to supersede the tenure rights of any educators affected by such return from leave.

ARTICLE IX

SENIORITY

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1. a. A seniority list shall be prepared by the Board and verified by the Association. Seniority is defined as length of active service within the bargaining unit, subject to restrictions included in this Agreement. Employees hired through the last Friday of September shall have September 1 as their date of hire for seniority purposes. Employees hired after the last Friday of September and prior to the beginning of staffing for the next school year shall be placed on the seniority list in order of hire.
- b. When two (2) or more employees have the same years of service, they will be ranked in order of their respective dates of hire. Except as provided in Article IX A 1 a, date of hire, is defined as the first day of work as an employee covered under this agreement. When two (2) or more employees have the same years of service and the same date of hire, the individuals so affected will participate in a drawing to determine placement on the seniority list. The Association and educators so affected will be notified in writing of the date, place and time of the drawing. The drawing shall be conducted openly and at a time and place that will reasonably allow affected educators and Association representatives to be in attendance. The drawing shall establish the employee's seniority for the duration of employment. The drawing shall take place prior to December 1 each year.
2. a. The seniority list (including seniority date, years of seniority, type of certification, majors, minors, current assignments, and leave status) shall be published and posted conspicuously in all buildings of the district by January 15 of each school year. Revisions and updates of the seniority list shall be published and posted prior to the date assignments are made for the following school year, but no later than the last day of school. A copy of the seniority list and subsequent revisions and updates shall be forwarded to the Association.

- b. Individual employees are responsible to notify the Office of Human Resources of any changes or anticipated changes in certification, in endorsements and in majors and minors. Such notice must be given prior to March 15TH. The educator will provide appropriate documentation as soon as it is available.
3. An educator transferred to a supervisory or executive position who later returns to educator status, shall be given credit for service obtained before leaving the unit but shall not accrue seniority for time out of the bargaining unit. They shall be placed on the seniority list accordingly at the time of return to educator duties.
4. All seniority is lost when employment is severed by resignation, retirement, or discharge for cause or transfer to a non-bargaining unit position other than in 3 above; however, seniority is retained if severance of employment is due to layoff. In cases of layoff, educators so affected retain all seniority accumulated as of the effective date of layoff.
5. Educators shall not accrue seniority during unpaid leaves unless allowed for elsewhere in this Agreement or as provided by law.
6. Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) a year seniority credit shall be given if an educator works at least one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the total workdays. One (1) year seniority shall be given if the educator works three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the total workdays.
7. Seniority earned during any one school year may not exceed the equivalent of one full year.
8. The fact that an educator is placed on layoff shall not result in loss of seniority for previous years of service, but seniority shall not accrue during said layoff. Upon return to the district the educator will receive full credit on the salary schedule for certified educator service prior to and during the layoff.

ARTICLE X

STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND EDUCATOR PROTECTION

- A. Educators' authority and effectiveness in the classroom are strengthened by administrative backing and support. The Board recognizes its responsibility to give all reasonable support and assistance to educators with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline in the classroom. Whenever it appears that a particular pupil requires the attention of special counselors, social workers, law enforcement personnel, physicians, or other professional persons, the principal will take reasonable steps to assist the educator with respect to such a pupil. However, the principal will take immediate steps to refer the student to the appropriate agency upon written notification by the educator.
- B. An educator may use such reasonable physical force as is necessary to protect him/herself from attack, or to prevent injury to others, or as allowed by law.

An educator has the right to request a debriefing meeting and/or restorative meeting following a student referral.

- C. Snap suspension: An educator may exclude a pupil from the classroom when the grossness of the offense, the persistence of the misbehavior, or the disruptive effect of the violation makes the continued presence of the student in the classroom intolerable. That pupil may be excluded from that class or activity for that day. In such cases the educator will furnish the principal, as promptly as their educator obligation will allow, full particulars of the incident and follow all procedures as required by law.
- D. With the exception of snap suspensions, suspension of students from school may be imposed only by a principal, or an educator's designated representative. School authorities will endeavor to achieve correction of student behavior through counseling and interviews with the child and their parents, when warranted. Transfer of the student to another educator or other measures may be tried prior to suspension. When an educator has one or more pupils in class who constitute serious behavioral problems, appropriate action shall be taken by the building principal.
- E. When the administration has knowledge of a student with a recent pattern of threatening, violent and/or dangerous behavior, the administrator shall notify all affected staff members.
- F. Any case of assault upon an educator shall be promptly reported to the building principal. Before the incident is put in writing, the educator shall have the right to consult with the Association President. The Board will provide legal counsel to advise the educator of their rights and obligations with respect to such assault, and shall render all reasonable assistance to the educator in connection with the handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities. This does not include providing legal counsel for litigation.
- G. Time lost by an educator in connection with any incident mentioned in this Article shall not be charged against the educator, provided the educator is not found to be liable or negligent by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- H. The Board will fairly reimburse an educator assaulted while on duty for the school district for any losses, damage, or destruction of clothing or personal property of the educator.

The Board will reimburse an educator, who while on duty, suffers loss, damage or destruction of personal effects in their immediate possession, excluding instructional materials, due to acts against them resulting from discharge of their duties and provided such loss shall not be the result of the educator's negligence or misconduct, and provided it shall be promptly reported in writing and substantiated to the administrator in charge. Personal effects as used in this paragraph means effects normally carried on one's person, such as a watch, ring, glasses, etc.

- I. The Board shall not recognize any complaint against any educator by a parent or guardian unless the following procedures are followed:
 - 1. The complaining party shall first attempt to resolve the problem with the educator involved, or as an alternative, will confer with the building principal. At the request of either or both the complainants and educator involved, the principal shall attempt to arrange a conference between all parties concerned in order to resolve the problem. If, however, either the complainant or the educator objects to a conference of all parties, the

principal shall discuss the matter with the parties involved separately. In any event, the educator shall be notified of the problem as soon as possible.

2. Should the problem be placed on the agenda of the Board of Education, the educator involved shall be furnished a written statement containing the details of the complaint. This written statement shall be provided by the building principal(s) at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting with the Board to which meeting the parties are invited to attend. The Association shall be notified of this meeting and shall have the right to be represented.
 3. No action under this Section shall be taken upon any complaint directed toward an educator nor shall any notice thereof be included in said educator's personnel file, unless the matter is promptly reported in writing to the educator concerned. If any question of professional ethics is involved, the Association shall be notified.
- J. Educators shall be expected to exercise reasonable care with respect to the safety of pupils and property, but shall not be individually liable, except in the case of negligence, for any damage or loss to person or property.
- K. The Board shall provide appropriate in-service for all educators in the importance and procedures of universal precautions for use with all students (Communicable Diseases/Medically Fragile Students).

ARTICLE XI

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

- A. Educators shall comply with rules, regulations, and directions adopted by the Board, or its representatives, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement. Issues arising between the Board and the Association including matters of wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment shall not be discussed with students (e.g., grievances, bargaining issues, and disciplinary investigations).
- B. Alleged breaches of professional behavior shall be promptly reported to the offending educator. The Association will use its best efforts to assist the educator in correcting the situation.
- C. Educators should dress in a professional manner in order to present a positive role model for students.
- D. All information forming the basis for disciplinary action will be made in writing to the educator and the Association President within ten (10) days of such disciplinary action. All copies will be noted on the original. Discipline shall be done in person or by certified letter. Discipline procedures can be found in the administrative guidelines.
- E. An educator shall be entitled, upon request, to have a representative of the Association present at any disciplinary meeting or at any investigatory meeting which may lead to discipline. This includes evaluation conferences.

- F. Each educator shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of the educator's own personnel file(s) as provided by law (PA 397 of 1978).
- G. No lie detector test shall be required by the Board in any investigation of any educator covered by this Agreement.
- H. Supervision by an educator of a student educator shall be voluntary. Payment received from colleges or universities for the training of student educators shall be credited to the department at the secondary level or at the elementary level to the classroom in which the training took place. This amount may be used for the purchase of educator aids, supplies, or activities that enhance instruction.
- I. Educators going out on elective (non-emergency) extended sick leave may be requested to provide five (5) working days of lesson plans and a general outline/pacing guide to aide in the transition during their absence.

ARTICLE XII

EDUCATOR EVALUATION

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any educator from doing a self-evaluation. Such evaluations shall be placed in the educator's personnel file only at the request of the educator. Any discussion of self-evaluations shall be voluntary. The evaluation process and forms may be found on the district and association websites.
- B. Educator evaluation procedures can be found in the administrative guidelines.

ARTICLE XIII

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. The parties seek to educate young people in the democratic tradition to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and to instill appreciation of the values of individual personality consistent with the general welfare of the school district and the community.
- B. Freedom of individual conscience, association and expression will be encouraged and fairness in procedures will be observed, both to safeguard the legitimate interests of the schools and to exhibit, by appropriate examples, the basic objectives of a democratic society.

ARTICLE XIV

MENTOR EDUCATORS

- A. The parties agree that mentoring is a valuable process providing professional development and educational growth for all parties involved.

- B. A mentor educator shall be defined as a master educator as identified in Section 1526 of the School Code and shall perform the duties of a master educator as specified in the code.
- C. Each educator for the first three (3) years in the classroom shall be assigned a mentor educator by the administration. The mentor educator shall be available to provide professional support, instruction and guidance. The purpose of the mentor assignment is to provide a peer who can offer assistance, resources and information in a non-threatening collegial fashion.
- D. Mentor educators shall be assigned according to these standards:
 - 1. Mentoring shall be voluntary.
 - 2. The Administration shall provide the Association with a list of educators in need of mentoring.
 - 3. Preference will be given to tenured bargaining unit educators.
 - 4. The final decision shall be the responsibility of the building administrator.
- E. The mentor/mentee relationship is confidential in nature.
- F. Meetings between mentors and mentees regarding the mentee's professional development and educational growth shall count toward the fifteen (15) day professional development requirement provided that meetings are at least fifteen (15) minutes.
- G. Mentee educators may be released from regular duties for the purpose of observing other classrooms. Release time will be granted at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.

ARTICLE XV

SPECIAL STUDENT PROGRAMS

- A. Students having special physical, mental, and emotional needs who are defined as disabled through an Individualized Educational Planning Team may require special education experience. It shall be the educator's responsibility to discuss with the principal any student assigned to their classroom who in the educator's professional judgment is suspected of having a disability as defined by applicable State and Federal law.

The procedure for referring students for special education services shall be provided to educators and a copy sent to the Association.

- B. Should there be a need, one position per year shall be available for entry and the gaining of service time necessary to complete the requirements for special education educator consultant certification with the following stipulations:

1. The Administration has the flexibility to change staffing assignments of special education educator consultants so as to make available an assignment for which the entering basic classroom educator can qualify.
2. The effects of the assignment changes will be to remove the least senior special education educator consultant from their position and put in position a more senior special education certified educator.
3. At the end of the training period any person displaced and having seniority to hold a special education educator consultant position shall be returned to their original position leaving the trained special education educator consultant unassigned with all assignment rights under Article IX of this Agreement.

At such time that working conditions change due to inclusion, the Board and the Association agree to bargain the effects of these changes.

ARTICLE XVI

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCILS

In each building there shall be a Faculty Advisory Council (F.A.C.) which shall function as part of the site-based decision-making team, working on resolving building level concerns on both contractual and non-contractual issues. The building staff shall establish this Council by September 15 of each year. The first meeting shall be held by September 30 and as often as necessary thereafter, but at least once per month unless there are no agenda items per co-chairs' agreement.

Membership in this Council shall consist of the following:

1. The building principal who shall be one of the co-chair persons.
2. The Head Association Representative who shall be one of the co-chair persons.
3. F.A.C. meetings are open to all CAEA members and building administrators.

The co-chair persons will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

1. Developing agendas with input from the staff, including any denied items on the agenda.
2. Chairing meetings.
3. Publishing jointly written minutes for all F.A.C. Meetings, to building CAEA members, building Administration, CAEA President and the Assistant Superintendents.
4. Conducting elections and tabulating votes involving F.A.C. Matters.
5. Calling general staff meetings about F.A.C. Concerns when necessary.

The F.A.C. Will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

1. Implementing Article V J 9.
2. Attempting to resolve concerns brought to the Council at the building level.
3. Transmitting unresolved building concerns to the Problem-Solving Committee.
4. Making suggestions and recommendations concerning district-wide in-service.
5. Recommending the method for allocating the educators' conference fund. The F.A.C. co-chairperson can request the educator conference fund allocation and it shall be supplied to them within a reasonable timeframe.
6. Reviewing and recommending changes in building handbooks.
7. A vending machine, or machines, for beverages may be installed in the faculty lounge in each building by the F.A.C. Management and service of said machine shall be the responsibility of the F.A.C. The F.A.C. shall keep profits, assume any losses and decide how the money shall be spent. The F.A.C. co-chairperson can request the vending machine balance and it shall be supplied to them within a reasonable timeframe.

ARTICLE XVII

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. Both parties recognize the importance of professional development and encourage employees to seek opportunities to participate in professional development activities, both Board provided and otherwise.
- B. With no additional compensation all new employees are required to participate in three (3) days of professional development activities provided by the district prior to the beginning of their first school year. This professional development shall be at the direction of the employer and shall be at no cost to the employee. These three (3) days shall count toward the fifteen (15) day state professional development requirement.
- C. All non-tenured educators are required by law to participate in fifteen (15) days of professional development during the first three years of employment. State required district-wide professional development days cannot count toward the fifteen (15) days.
- D. The employer agrees to provide a fund for the express use of educators for professional development which relates to their assignments. The Assistant Superintendent of Instruction will recommend the total amount of the fund. The allocation for each building shall be based upon the number of educators assigned to that building on a full-time or prorated basis. The allocation for each educator shall be the same for purposes of establishing the fund. The building principal shall administer the fund.

- E. The parties shall create a joint association and district steering committee to provide oversight, guidance and assistance in how professional development is provided and connected to the district's mission.

The committee shall consist of four representatives selected by the Education Association and four representatives selected by the board. The Education Association president and Superintendent, or their designee shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

The Board and Education Association shall each select one person from their representatives to serve as committee co-chairs. The committee shall participate in joint training regarding results-based professional development.

Committee parameters:

The committee will assist in aligning the district's professional development plan with the district's mission, school improvement plans, and MICIP goals. The committee will use the National Staff Development Council's Standards for Staff Development, as outlined by the Michigan Department of Education, as guides.

ARTICLE XVIII

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

- A. Both the Association and the Board of Education recognize that one of the primary objectives of the parties to this contract is to insure, protect, continue, and improve the high quality of education in the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools. This requires good relations and cooperation between the Board, the Administration, the Association and the staff to attain efficient and uninterrupted operation of the facilities and functions of the school system. The grievance procedure hereafter established is to provide a peaceful and orderly method for the resolution of disputes.
- B. The parties hereby agree to process all disputes subject to the grievance procedure in the manner set forth herein, and agree that no demonstrations or any action tending to disrupt the normal operation of the school system be initiated, participated in, or condoned by either party in connection with such grievance disputes.
- C. If a strike by another employee group in the district causes loss of days, the parties shall negotiate the dates to reschedule such days. Educators shall not be entitled to additional compensation for rescheduled days when they were not required to report for work. However, educators shall receive an additional day's pay for each rescheduled day on which they were originally required to report for work.
- D. Whenever it is known that school is not to be in session because of weather and/or other emergency situation, educators shall not be required to report to work. If an emergency closing of school or change in law requires additional days to meet total state requirements, the calendar shall be adjusted. The adjustment shall be by mutual agreement of the parties. Should the parties not be able to reach agreement, the additional days needed shall be added at the end of the school year. Educators shall not be entitled to additional compensation for rescheduled days. However, educators will receive compensation should a day be required to be rescheduled more than once.

ARTICLE XIX

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definitions

1. The “grievant” is the person, persons, or the Association instituting the action.
 2. A “grievance” is a claim that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of any provision of this Agreement, or any existing rule, order, or regulation of the Board.
 3. The term “educator” includes any individual or group who is covered by this contract.
 4. A “party of interest” is the bargaining unit member, or members, who might be required to take action, or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the problem.
 5. The term “days” in this Article shall mean days when school is in session, as set forth in the Schedule G calendars excluding forgiven days (e.g., snow days).
- B. The primary purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest level possible, equitable solutions to the problems of the parties. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any educator with a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the Administration or proceeding independently as described in Section E of these procedures.
- C. Structure
1. There shall be one, or more, Association Representatives (building representatives) for each school building to be selected in a manner determined by the Association.
 2. The Association shall establish a Grievance Committee. All meetings and decisions concerning any grievance shall be arranged through this Committee. If any Association Representative, or any member of the Grievance Committee is party to any grievance, the educator shall disqualify themselves and a substitute shall be named by the Association.
 3. The building principal shall be the administrative representative when the particular grievance arises in that building.
 4. The Superintendent or their delegate shall be the administrative representative when the grievance arises in more than one (1) school building.
 5. The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits may be extended or reduced by written mutual consent.

6. A system will be used to number grievances which will include building code, number of grievance (sequence) filed in the respective building, and the school year filed.

The following building code will be used.

High School	CAHS
Middle School	CAMS
Rankin	RK
Randels	RD
Dye	DY
Dillon	DL
The Learning Community	TLC

Example: The first grievance filed at the high school in the 2010 – 2011 school year would be numbered: CAHS-01-(10-11).

Procedure

Any educator who believes they have a grievance shall meet with their immediate supervisor within twenty-five (25) days of the incident to discuss the alleged violation (discussion at F.A.C. does not meet this requirement). The educator is entitled to take an Association Representative to the meeting. If this meeting does not result in a resolution by both parties, the following formal grievance procedure shall be followed:

LEVEL ONE – IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

If the grievance is not resolved by this discussion the grievance shall be put in writing on the appropriate form. It shall be signed by the grievant or the Association and delivered to their immediate supervisor within the same twenty-five (25) days after the alleged incident was known or should have been known to the aggrieved party. The written grievance must contain the claimed violation and pertinent contract/policy citations.

The immediate supervisor shall convene a meeting with the grievant and/or the Association within seven (7) days of receipt of the grievance. The supervisor shall render a written decision within seven (7) days of the meeting.

LEVEL TWO – SUPERINTENDENT/OR DESIGNEE

If the grievance is not resolved by the above steps, within seven (7) days, the Grievance Committee may file an appeal with the Superintendent or Designee. A hearing shall be scheduled within seven (7) days, and occur within fifteen (15) days, in the attempt to resolve the matter. Both the Association and the employer shall have the right to request the presence of any necessary parties with knowledge of the aggrieved incident. The employer representative shall render a written disposition of the grievance within seven (7) days of the hearing.

LEVEL THREE – ARBITRATION

- a. If the disposition of the grievance from Level Two is not satisfactory, the Association may, within twenty-five (25) days of when the Level Two answer was due, submit the grievance to arbitration. The arbitrator shall be selected according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association unless the parties agree to mutually select an arbitrator.
- b. The arbitrator shall have power only to rule on matters clearly specified in this agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any language contained in this agreement.
- c. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties, provided that the decision was made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- d. Should the arbitrator decide that they have no power to decide the dispute above, they shall, as soon as practical, so notify the employer and the Association.
- e. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by both parties. Additional expenses incurred by either party shall be paid by the party incurring the expense.
- f. The Board and the Association shall not be permitted to assert in such arbitration proceeding any ground or to rely on any evidence not previously disclosed to the other party.
- g. Prior to requesting arbitration, the Association, in its sole discretion, may make a presentation to the Board of Education concerning the grievance. Such presentation may or may not include the grievant(s) addressing the Board. The presentation shall be scheduled in advance by written notice to the Board recording secretary. Normally such presentation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board shall hear the presentation but shall not render a disposition.

Rights of Representation

A party of interest may be present at all meetings and hearings at any level of the grievance procedure when requested by the Association. When an educator is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all grievance meetings beginning with Level One. The employer must notify the Association of these meetings.

Miscellaneous

1. If, in the judgment of the Association Representative of the Grievance Committee, the grievance affects a group of educators, the Grievance Committee may process the grievance at the appropriate level.
2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by or against any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

3. All documents, communications, and records dealing with the grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.
4. Forms for filing and processing grievances are found in the appendices to this Agreement.
5. Access shall be made available to all parties, places, and records, for all information necessary to the determination and processing of the grievance.
6. Grievances arising from the filling of positions outside of Schedule A shall not be processed beyond Level Two of the grievance procedure. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final and binding on both parties.

Any grievance not appealed from a decision at any level of this procedure within the timelines shall be considered settled. No further appeal shall be made unless by mutual agreement where extenuating circumstances merit such consideration. A grievance may be withdrawn at any level.

ARTICLE XX

PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

- A. The salaries of educators, covered by this Agreement, are set forth in Schedule A which is part of this Agreement. Educators hired after ratification of the 2004-2007 Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be paid on the 26/27 pay option.
- B. Salaries for extra duties in addition to normal educators load are spelled out in Schedule B, C, D, E, and F which are a part of this Agreement.
- C. Educators who are eligible and elect to receive health benefits will be provided MESSA Choices II \$1,000/\$2,000 deductible with a Savor RX prescription plan with mandatory mail-in or ABC Plan 1 with the deductible set per IRS guidelines which includes employee option of health savings account (HSA).

The district will pay no more than 80% of the ABC Plan 1 medical premium. Those electing ABC Plan 1 the employee contribution shall be 20% of the medical portion. Therefore, those electing MESSA Choices II will be responsible for any and all costs above the 80% of the ABC Plan 1 medical premium.

There shall be no cost to those electing PAK B.

Medicare premiums will be paid on behalf of the employee, spouse and/or eligible dependent. Internal and external coordination of benefits shall be included except for health insurance. Employees may elect health insurance provided by the Board but may not be covered by two health plans.

PAK A/C shall include:

- a. Health insurance as described above.
- b. LTD at 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %, modified 180 workday fill, \$5,000 maximum per month, two-year alcohol/drug, mental/nervous same as any other illness, and offset freeze.
- c. Delta Dental Plan 80/80/80 with orthodontic rider at \$1,500 maximum or Delta Dental Plan 50/50/50 with orthodontic rider at \$1,000 maximum as determined by the level of coordination of benefits required
- d. Adult orthodontics
- e. Negotiated life insurance of \$35,000 with accidental death and disability and waiver of premium riders
- f. VSP II - MESSA Preferred Vision (eff. 1/1/24)

PAK B shall include or agreed to equivalent:

- a. LTD at 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % modified 180 workday fill, \$5,000 maximum per month, two-year alcohol/drug, mental/nervous same as any other illness, and offset freeze
- b. Delta Dental Plan 80/80/80 with orthodontic rider at \$1,500 maximum or Delta Dental Plan 50/50/50 with orthodontic rider at \$1,500 on benefits required
- c. Adult orthodontics
- d. Negotiated life insurance of \$50,000 with accidental death and disability and waiver of premium riders
- e. VSP III - MESSA Preferred Vision (eff. 1/1/24)
- f. Dependent life insurance at \$2,000 for spouse and \$1,000 for each dependent
- g. All PAK B employees shall receive a monthly payment of \$150.00 in lieu of health benefits. Part-time Educators, who do not qualify for PAK A/C, are not eligible for cash in lieu of benefits.

The coverage provided in this Article, Section B and C, shall be effective for the full calendar year beginning with the enrollment period in May. The Board will notify the educator of the enrollment periods.

The family of an educator who dies while in the employment of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools and who has health insurance will receive health insurance benefits for six (6) months at no cost to the family.

When an educator's spouse's insurance protection becomes unavailable, the Board will provide coverage for said educator as soon as the carrier allows.

An educator who has been initially hired for a part-time position or whose position is reduced (voluntarily or involuntarily) from a full-time position to a part time position shall receive fringe benefits according to the following schedule:

0.2 F.T.E. – No Fringe Benefits

0.4-0.6 F.T.E. PAK B

0.7-1.0 F.T.E. – PAK A/C

Both parties agree to develop contract language ensuring that the district will be in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, specifically, by offering a “bronze” plan that provides “minimum coverage” pursuant to 26 USC § 36(B)(c)(2)(C)(ii).

- D. If an educator agrees to substitute, the educator will be compensated at the substitute rate as set forth in Schedule E. In the event of a lack of substitute coverage to ensure that students are properly supervised in a safe learning environment, we will use the following transparent process that will be communicated to staff. The administrator/designee will first ask for volunteers to cover classes, and after those resources are exhausted, an administrator will give notice to available educators and certified staff available during the time period. Notifications will be given to cover classes by rotating through the available staff. This process will be used to distribute the responsibilities of student coverage during a sub shortage so that the burden of coverage is shared among staff. Educators shall be compensated at the substitute rate during the pay period for which the coverage falls.
- E. Educators hired after January 1, 2001, shall be allowed four (4) years of educator credit for their first four years of outside professional service in approved public or private K-12 institutions. At the employer’s sole discretion, for hard to fill specialty positions, on a case-by-case basis, additional credit may be given for prior service beyond four (4) years. The limitations for longevity purposes described in “Supplement to Schedule A” shall apply. No recovery provision is provided for in this Agreement.
- F. Any educator who dies while in the employ of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools will leave an estate entitlement in the amount of their earned and unpaid salary plus payment of 100% of their accrued sick leave at their existing daily rate.
- G. An educator engaged during the school day in negotiations on behalf of the Association with any representative of the Board, or participating in any grievance negotiations, including arbitration, and staffing shall be released from regular duties without loss of salary, at no cost to the Association, providing permission has been granted from the Superintendent or the educators representative.
- H. Subject area coordinators, Instructional Specialists, Department Chairs, and Media Specialists may request from the Superintendent additional weeks with compensation if the situation warrants extra work. Compensation will be at the regular contractual rate.
- I. Vocational Coordinators will work at the request of the administration five (5) days per ten (10) students of co-op assignment in addition to the regular educator workdays of the calendar. These days are not to exceed fifteen (15) working days. Two thirds of the time will be worked

prior to the starting date of school, and one third will be worked between the ending date of school and June 30. Compensation will be at their regular contracted rate.

- J. Whenever salary is to be deducted from any educator because of absence from work that is not covered under any leave policy stated in this Agreement, the salary shall be deducted according to the following formula: the educator’s contractual salary shall be divided by the number of contractual days. Whenever a fraction of a workday is missed, salary deductions shall be determined by figuring the portion of the workday missed.
- K. For those educators leaving the district, a payment of sixty dollars (\$60) times two-thirds the number of accumulated sick days to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days will be made to the educator at the time of termination. One-third of the accumulated sick days will be donated to the sick bank per Article VI G 9.

Example:	Number of Accrued Days	Donation to Sick Bank	Number of Days paid at \$60
	90	30	60 x \$60 = \$3,600.00
	150	50	100 x \$60 = \$6,000.00
	180	60	120 x \$60 = \$7,200.00

Educators retiring with at least ten (10) years of service to the district shall receive a terminal leave payment equal to one percent (1%) of the current base (BA, Step 1) times each year of service to the district beyond five (5) years. This payment for years of service shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

- L. Compensation at the negotiated rate may be granted at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for curriculum work occurring outside the normal work hours.
- M. Educators using their automobiles for school approved activities or functions will be reimbursed at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate but not less than twenty-five (25) cents per mile. The request for payment forms will be available from the building principal or the administration building.
- N. An annual payment of seventy-five dollars (\$75) times the number of unused sick days in excess of one hundred eighty (180) will be paid to each educator at the end of each school year.
- O. An employee who provides notice on or before February 15 of intent to retire at the end of the school year shall receive a one-thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) payment upon retirement.

ARTICLE XXI

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar(s) shall be as set forth in Schedule F. There shall be no change in the school calendar(s) except by written mutual agreement between the Board and the Association. If an

emergency or change in law requires additional days to meet total State requirements, the calendar(s) shall be adjusted, as outlined in Article XVIII D.

ARTICLE XXII

NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES

- A. At least sixty (60) days prior to the end of this Agreement, negotiations will be undertaken for the purpose of negotiating a successor Agreement.
- B. During the course of negotiations when agreements are reached on separate Articles of the proposed contract, the agreed upon Articles shall be written, and signed or initialed by representatives of each team. Each team shall receive and maintain a copy of the agreed upon Article.
- C. Special conferences on important matters concerning the administration of the contract shall be arranged between the Association President and a designated representative of the employer upon the request of either party. Such meetings shall be between not fewer than two (2) representatives of each party. Arrangements for such special conferences shall be made in advance by mutual agreement.
- D. The parties are encouraged to meet once a month during the school year, excluding December. These meetings shall be used for communications and solving mutual problems. The Negotiations Chair and the Office of Human Resources shall develop a written agenda.
- E. The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement represent the full and complete understandings and commitments between the parties. This Agreement may be added to, deleted from or modified only through the voluntary mutual consent of the parties in a written Letter of Agreement.
- F. All Letters of Agreement between the Association and Board Representatives shall be in writing, signed by two (2) representatives of each party, and shall become part of and subject to the provisions of this Agreement. If a Letter of Agreement is not incorporated into the successor agreement, it will terminate with the expiration of the current Master Agreement.
- G. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be contrary to law, then such provision will be deemed valid only to the extent permitted by law; but all other provisions of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. The parties will meet not later than ten (10) days after such holding for the purpose of renegotiating the provision(s) affected.
- H. This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the Board which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms. All individual educators' contracts shall be expressly subject to and consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Any individual contracts executed between the Board and the individual educator shall be in the form provided in the Appendices.
- I. The employer shall provide copies of this agreement to all educators.

- J. The policies of the Board, as they relate to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, or other conditions of employment, shall, as of the date of this contract, be considered a part of this contract and they shall not be added to, subtracted from, or changed in any way without the mutual agreement of both parties.
- K. The District and the CAEA agree to reopen the contract to negotiate for the 2025/2026 school year. The only provisions subject to reopening shall be Article XX C and Article VI.

ARTICLE XXIII

JOB SHARING

Shared time positions will be compensated as follows:

- 1. Educator salary will be prorated to reflect the fraction of the position shared. The experience and educational step for the educator will be the same as they would be entitled to if employed on a full-time basis. This step will determine the base salary from which the salary fraction will be computed.
- 2. Seniority will accrue to a person in a shared time position on the following basis:
 - a. If both educators are on staff and have enough seniority to hold positions, and their sharing prevents the layoff of another person or brings back a person from layoff, both will be credited with full seniority for the year.
 - b. Under conditions other than D 2 a of this Article seniority will be prorated.
- 3. Sick and personal time will be prorated according to the fraction of the position for which the person is employed.
- 4. Fringe benefits will be prorated on an individual basis. Prorating shall be based on a fraction of a six (6) hour day. The cost for the fringe benefit package shall not exceed the prorated cost of full family benefits for a full-time employee.

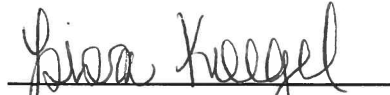
Job sharing procedures can be found in the administrative guidelines.

ARTICLE XXIV


DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of August 8, 2023, and shall continue in effect through the 30th day of June 2027. It may be reopened upon mutual consent of the parties.

Carman-Ainsworth Board of Education

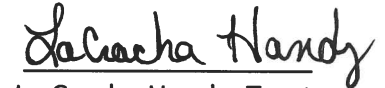

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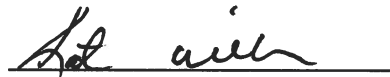

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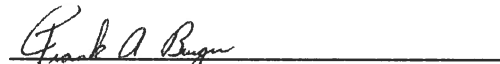

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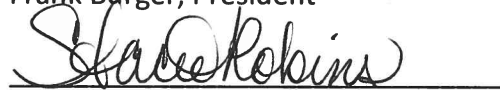

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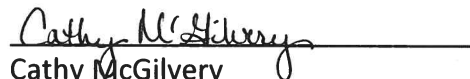

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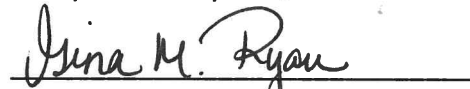

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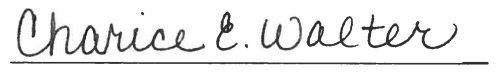

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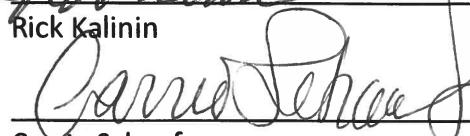

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Bruce Jordan, MEA UniServ Director


Carrie Schaaf

Date Signed: August 8, 2023

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SCHEDULE A 2023-2024

Base = \$42,619

Vertical Index = 5.15%

Horizontal Index = 5.15%

Step	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	\$40,532	\$42,619	\$44,814	\$47,122	\$49,549
	\$41,576	\$43,717	\$45,968	\$48,336	\$50,825
2	\$42,619	\$44,814	\$47,122	\$49,549	\$52,101
	\$43,717	\$45,968	\$48,336	\$50,825	\$53,443
3	\$44,814	\$47,122	\$49,549	\$52,101	\$54,784
	\$45,968	\$48,336	\$50,825	\$53,443	\$56,195
4	\$47,122	\$49,549	\$52,101	\$54,784	\$57,605
	\$48,336	\$50,825	\$53,443	\$56,195	\$59,089
5	\$49,549	\$52,101	\$54,784	\$57,605	\$60,572
	\$50,825	\$53,443	\$56,195	\$59,089	\$62,132
6	\$52,101	\$54,784	\$57,605	\$60,572	\$63,691
	\$53,443	\$56,195	\$59,089	\$62,132	\$65,331
7	\$54,784	\$57,605	\$60,572	\$63,691	\$66,971
	\$56,195	\$59,089	\$62,132	\$65,331	\$68,696
8	\$57,605	\$60,572	\$63,691	\$66,971	\$70,420
	\$59,089	\$62,132	\$65,331	\$68,696	\$72,234
9	\$60,572	\$63,691	\$66,971	\$70,420	\$74,047
	\$62,132	\$65,331	\$68,696	\$72,234	\$75,954
10	\$63,691	\$66,971	\$70,420	\$74,047	\$77,860
	\$65,331	\$68,696	\$72,234	\$75,954	\$79,865
11	\$66,971	\$70,420	\$74,047	\$77,860	\$81,870
	\$68,696	\$72,234	\$75,954	\$79,866	\$83,979
11.5	\$68,696	\$72,234	\$75,954	\$79,866	\$83,979

SCHEDULE A 2024-2025

Base = \$43,045

Vertical Index = 5.15%

Horizontal Index = 5.15%

Step	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1 (2)	\$43,045	\$45,262	\$47,593	\$50,044	\$52,621
	\$44,154	\$46,428	\$48,819	\$51,333	\$53,976
2 (3)	\$45,262	\$47,593	\$50,044	\$52,621	\$55,331
	\$46,428	\$48,819	\$51,333	\$53,976	\$56,756
3 (4)	\$47,593	\$50,044	\$52,621	\$55,331	\$58,181
	\$48,819	\$51,333	\$53,976	\$56,756	\$59,679
4 (5)	\$50,044	\$52,621	\$55,331	\$58,181	\$61,177
	\$51,333	\$53,976	\$56,756	\$59,679	\$62,753
5 (6)	\$52,621	\$55,331	\$58,181	\$61,177	\$64,328
	\$53,976	\$56,756	\$59,679	\$62,753	\$65,985
6 (7)	\$55,331	\$58,181	\$61,177	\$64,328	\$67,641
	\$56,756	\$59,679	\$62,753	\$65,985	\$69,383
7 (8)	\$58,181	\$61,177	\$64,328	\$67,641	\$71,125
	\$59,679	\$62,753	\$65,985	\$69,383	\$72,957
8 (9)	\$61,177	\$64,328	\$67,641	\$71,125	\$74,788
	\$62,753	\$65,985	\$69,383	\$72,957	\$76,714
9 (10)	\$64,328	\$67,641	\$71,125	\$74,788	\$78,640
	\$65,985	\$69,383	\$72,957	\$76,714	\$80,665
10 (11)	\$67,641	\$71,125	\$74,788	\$78,640	\$82,690
	\$69,383	\$72,957	\$76,714	\$80,665	\$84,820
11 (12)	\$71,125	\$74,788	\$78,640	\$82,690	\$86,949

The numbers in parentheses indicate a one-time renumbering of the salary schedule from 23-24 to 24-25.

SCHEDULE A 2025-2026

Base = \$43,906

Vertical Index = 5.15%

Horizontal Index = 5.15%

Step	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	\$43,906	\$46,167	\$48,545	\$51,045	\$53,674
	\$45,036	\$47,356	\$49,795	\$52,359	\$55,056
2	\$46,167	\$48,545	\$51,045	\$53,674	\$56,438
	\$47,356	\$49,795	\$52,359	\$55,056	\$57,891
3	\$48,545	\$51,045	\$53,674	\$56,438	\$59,345
	\$49,795	\$52,359	\$55,056	\$57,891	\$60,873
4	\$51,045	\$53,674	\$56,438	\$59,345	\$62,401
	\$52,359	\$55,056	\$57,891	\$60,873	\$64,008
5	\$53,674	\$56,438	\$59,345	\$62,401	\$65,615
	\$55,056	\$57,891	\$60,873	\$64,008	\$67,304
6	\$56,438	\$59,345	\$62,401	\$65,615	\$68,994
	\$57,891	\$60,873	\$64,008	\$67,304	\$70,770
7	\$59,345	\$62,401	\$65,615	\$68,994	\$72,547
	\$60,873	\$64,008	\$67,304	\$70,770	\$74,415
8	\$62,401	\$65,615	\$68,994	\$72,547	\$76,283
	\$64,008	\$67,304	\$70,770	\$74,415	\$78,247
9	\$65,615	\$68,994	\$72,547	\$76,283	\$80,212
	\$67,304	\$70,770	\$74,415	\$78,247	\$82,277
10	\$68,994	\$72,547	\$76,283	\$80,212	\$84,343
	\$70,770	\$74,415	\$78,247	\$82,277	\$86,515
11	\$72,547	\$76,283	\$80,212	\$84,343	\$88,687

SCHEDULE A 2026-2027

Base = \$44,784

Vertical Index = 5.15%

Horizontal Index = 5.15%

Step	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	\$44,784	\$47,090	\$49,515	\$52,065	\$54,746
	\$45,937	\$48,303	\$50,790	\$53,406	\$56,156
2	\$47,090	\$49,515	\$52,065	\$54,746	\$57,565
	\$48,303	\$50,790	\$53,406	\$56,156	\$59,048
3	\$49,515	\$52,065	\$54,746	\$57,565	\$60,530
	\$50,790	\$53,406	\$56,156	\$59,048	\$62,089
4	\$52,065	\$54,746	\$57,565	\$60,530	\$63,647
	\$53,406	\$56,156	\$59,048	\$62,089	\$65,286
5	\$54,746	\$57,565	\$60,530	\$63,647	\$66,925
	\$56,156	\$59,048	\$62,089	\$65,286	\$68,649
6	\$57,565	\$60,530	\$63,647	\$66,925	\$70,372
	\$59,048	\$62,089	\$65,286	\$68,649	\$72,184
7	\$60,530	\$63,647	\$66,925	\$70,372	\$73,996
	\$62,089	\$65,286	\$68,649	\$72,184	\$75,902
8	\$63,647	\$66,925	\$70,372	\$73,996	\$77,807
	\$65,286	\$68,649	\$72,184	\$75,902	\$79,811
9	\$66,925	\$70,372	\$73,996	\$77,807	\$81,814
	\$68,649	\$72,184	\$75,902	\$79,811	\$83,921
10	\$70,372	\$73,996	\$77,807	\$81,814	\$86,027
	\$72,184	\$75,902	\$79,811	\$83,921	\$88,242
11	\$73,996	\$77,807	\$81,814	\$86,027	\$90,457

SUPPLEMENT TO 2023-2027 SALARY SCHEDULES

Schedule A for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 shall be computed on a beginning bachelor's degree salary of \$42,619, \$43,045, \$43,906, \$44,784 respectively. All other salaries for each school year shall be determined by applying a 5.15% vertical index and a 5.15% horizontal index.

- A. Nurses will be compensated according to Schedule A.
- B. Educators accumulating enough credit hours for movement to a higher step on the salary schedule shall receive an adjustment at the start of the following semester after showing proof of credits earned. Either graduate or undergraduate credits will be accepted at the BA plus 15 and BA plus 30 level. Only credits earned after the baccalaureate degree will be accepted for advance placement on the salary schedule. Credit beyond the BA + 30 or Master's level must be graduate level courses. Courses to be credited toward salary advancement must be directly related to the educator's current assignment or must aid in qualifying the educator for another assignment that currently exists in the district that requires educator certification or State Department of Education approval; or be part of a graduate degree program that directly relates to the educator's current assignment or aids in qualifying for another assignment that currently exists in the District and requires educator certification or State Department of Education approval; or be approved by the Office of Human Resources.
- C. Movement on vertical steps on the salary schedule shall occur only at the beginning of each school year.
- D. Movement on steps (experience) on the salary schedule shall be limited to one step only. For the 23-24 school year educators on the salary grid that have been frozen and are still stepping shall be given a one-time adjustment and moved to the step commensurate with their years of service with the district.
- E. An educator shall receive an annual longevity payment of:
 - beginning with the 10th year \$1,400
 - beginning with the 20th year \$1,950
 - beginning with the 25th year \$2,600

Full credit for years of experience in Carman-Ainsworth shall be counted, plus four (4) years of educator experience elsewhere for members hired prior to December 31, 2012. Members hired after December 31, 2012, will only be credited for years of service in Carman-Ainsworth for the purposes of longevity payment.
- F. A payment of \$50 will be paid to all educators who attend open house. Open house time will not exceed 1 ½ hours.

SUPPLEMENTAL AND EXTRA DUTY PAY SCHEDULES

- A. Supplementary and extra assignments shall be performed by educators who are members of the Carman-Ainsworth Education Association providing the applicant meets the qualifications posted for the position.
 - a. These positions will be posted when vacant.
 - b. Educators shall not be unassigned from such positions unless they have had an opportunity to improve following evaluation. This paragraph shall not prohibit the employer from disciplining educators when appropriate.
 - c. If an educator who is a bargaining unit member has interest in filling a position currently held by a non-bargaining unit person, it is the educator’s responsibility to notify the Office of Human Resources, in writing, for future consideration. Said position shall be posted in a timely fashion prior to the start of the next season.

- B. Assignments enumerated in Schedules B, C, D, E, and F shall not be obligatory but shall be with the consent of the educator except as noted on Schedules C and D. Educators with an obligatory schedule assignment wishing a change within their assignment for the following school year must notify in writing their immediate supervisor by March 15th. Such requests shall be granted provided it does not cause a layoff or forced unassignment of another educator.

The compensation for Schedules B, C, and D will be computed as a percentage of the base salary column listed below equal to the years of experience in the activity up to a maximum of five years.

Step	
1	\$40,000
2	\$42,060
3	\$44,266
4	\$46,504
5	\$48,899

Compensation for any position not covered by the Master Agreement will be agreed to mutually by the Association and the Board as programs and/or positions are developed.

SCHEDULE B

ATHLETICS

<u>Boys Coaches</u>	<u>Percent of Base Salary</u>
Head Varsity Football	14%
Assistant Football	8%
Football-Heavyweight	6%

Football-Heavyweight Asst.	5%
Football-Lightweight	6%
Football-Lightweight Asst.	5%
Head Varsity Basketball	14%
Assistant Basketball	8%
Basketball-8 th Grade	6%
Basketball-7 th Grade	6%
Head Varsity Swimming	12%
Assistant Swimming	7%
Head Varsity Wrestling	12%
Assistant Wrestling	7%
Wrestling 7 th /8 th	6%
Wrestling 7 th /8 th Asst.	5%
Head Varsity Baseball	11%
Assistant Baseball	7%
Baseball 8 th	6%
Baseball 7 th	6%
Hockey-Varsity	14%
Hockey Assistant	8%
Head Varsity Track	11%
Assistant Track	6%
Track 7 th /8 th	6%
Track 7 th /8 th Assistant	5%
Head Varsity Golf	7%
Assistant Golf	4%
Varsity Cross Country	9%
Head Varsity Tennis	7%
Assistant Tennis	4%
Head Varsity Soccer	11%
Assistant Soccer	9%
Head Varsity Bowling	8%

Girls Coaches

Percent of Base Salary

Head Varsity Basketball	14%
Assistant Basketball	8%
8 th Grade Basketball	6%
7 th Grade Basketball	6%

Head Varsity Softball	11%
Assistant Softball	7%
8 th Grade Softball	6%
7 th Grade Softball	6%
Head Varsity Track	11%
Assistant Track	6%
7 th /8 th Grade Track	6%
7 th /8 th Grade Track Asst.	5%
Head Varsity Golf	7%
Assistant Golf	4%
Head Varsity Swimming	12%
Assistant Swimming	7%
Head Varsity Tennis	7%
Assistant Tennis	4%
Head Varsity Volleyball	12%
Assistant Volleyball	7%
8 th Grade Volleyball	6%
7 th Grade Volleyball	6%
Varsity Cross Country	9%
Head Varsity Bowling	8%
Head Varsity Soccer	11%
Assistant Soccer	7%
<u>COED</u>	
High School Ski Head	11%
High School Ski Assistant	6%
7 th /8 th Grade Swimming	6%
7 th /8 th Grade Swimming Asst.	5%
Junior High/Middle School Cross Country	6%
<u>INTRAMURAL</u>	
Coach/Coord. Boys Soccer 7-9 th	5%
Coach/Coord. Girls Soccer 7-9 th	5%
Coach/Coord. Boys Tennis 7-9 th	5%
Coach/Coord. Girls Tennis 7-9 th	5%

Athletic Trainer	
Fall	10%
Winter	10%
Spring	8%

Athletic Coordinator Junior High/Middle School 15%

Cheerleaders

Head Varsity Cheer	10% for two seasons
Junior Varsity Cheer	6% for two seasons
Freshman Cheer	6% for two seasons
Junior High/ Middle School Cheer	5% for two seasons
Assistant Junior High Cheer	5% for two seasons

Positions not filled prior to this contract will be filled on the basis of need as determined by the Administration.

Credit will be allowed on Schedule B for previous experience in the specific sport obtained within or outside the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools.

Current (2007-2008) varsity assistant coaches will be grandfathered and remain at the same percentage of salary until employee is no longer in that position.

SCHEDULE C

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

<u>Position</u>	<u>Percent of Base Salary</u>
HIGH SCHOOL	
Musical Production Director (one per year)	5% per production
Musical Production Assistant Directors (three directors per year)	2.5% per production per person
Drama Production Director (two productions per yr.)	5% per production
JUNIOR HIGH/ MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Musical Production Director	5% per production
Assistant Musical Production Directors	2.5% per production per person
Drama Production Director	5% per production
<u>High School Instrumental</u>	11%
Assistant High School Instrumental	7%
Marching Band/Pep Band	7%

<u>High School Vocal</u>	9%
Choraliers	5%
* <u>Junior High/Middle School Instrumental</u>	6%
* <u>Junior High/Middle School Vocal</u>	6%
Elementary Instrumental	5%
Elementary Vocal	5%
Elementary/Middle/High School Art Show	1% per building

Underlined positions indicate obligatory assignments as outlined in Article IX B 15.

*Minimum number – 3 extracurricular events. One payment will be paid per three performing groups.

One year of credit will be allowed on Schedule C for previous experience in the specific activity obtained within or outside the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools.

SCHEDULE D

ADVISORS AND SPONSORS

<u>Class Sponsors</u>	<u>Percent of Base Salary</u>
Senior Class (2)	4% each
Junior Class (2)	5% each
Sophomore Class (2)	3% each
Freshman Class (2)	3% each
Senior High Student Council (2)	4.5% each
Junior High/Middle School Student Council (2)	4.5%
Elementary Student Council	3%
Debate Coach	4%
Forensics	4%
Quiz Bowl Advisor	4%
National Honor Society Advisor (2)	3%
High School Robotics	4%
Link Crew (2)	3%
High School Yearbook Advisor	5%
Junior High/Middle School Yearbook Advisor	4%
High School Newspaper Advisor	5%
Junior High/Middle School Newspaper Advisor	4%

Underlined positions are obligatory as outlined in Article IX B 15.

Sponsor of Clubs and Organizations	3%
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(Guidelines and Application Form Approved by the Board and the Association)
 (The Application and Guidelines are contained within Schedule J.)

The number of Clubs and Organizations per Elementary building is a maximum of four (4) Middle School is a maximum of six (6) and High School is a maximum of six (6). Recommendations for Clubs and Organizations will be made by the Building F.A.C.

SCHEDULE E

HOURLY PAY POSITIONS

Bargaining unit members who work at regularly scheduled events shall be paid:

Bargaining unit members working four (4) or more events, may in addition to the above use their personal days attached to a vacation or holiday period and/or with appropriate administrator approval have the use of a school computer during vacation or holiday periods.

Hours worked shall be totaled at the end of the school year and credit given for use during the school year and/or the following school year. Official documentation shall be kept in the Office of the Athletic Coordinator with actual credit given by the Department of Human Resources.

All positions listed below shall be increased at the same percent per year as Schedule A.

	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27
1. Non-scheduled and/or non-voluntary assignments (including Athletic Coordinator/Director, scorers/timers)	\$15.51	\$15.67	\$15.98	\$16.30
2. Organized recreational activities (teen club, summer rec. & Saturday rec.)	\$18.27	\$18.45	\$18.82	\$19.20
3. Swimming pool supervisor (educator shall be paid one (1) hour time for cancellation)	\$22.79	\$23.02	\$23.48	\$23.95
4. *Adult education & summer school	\$29.75	\$30.05	\$30.65	\$31.26
5. Curriculum and staff development	\$29.75	\$30.05	\$30.65	\$31.26
6. Substitute time	\$40.00	\$40.40	\$41.21	\$42.03

*Plus one quarter (¼) hour of planning time for each hour of classroom instruction to be paid at the same hourly rate.

SCHEDULE F - CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024

Teachers (Full Day)	Mon. – Thur.	August 21-August 24, 2023
Students Report (Full Day)	Monday	August 28, 2023
Labor Day Recess (No School)	Fri. – Mon.	September 1 – September 4, 2023
Late Start Wednesdays Begin	Wednesday	September 20, 2023
End of First Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	October 6, 2023
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	October 6, 2023
October Recess (No School)	Monday	October 16, 2023
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	October 23, 2023
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	November 3, 2023
End of 1 st Marking Period Elementary	Friday	November 3, 2023
Elementary Conferences (Students half days)	Thur. – Fri.	November 16-November 17, 2023
Elementary Teachers Half Day	Friday	November 17, 2023
End of 2 nd Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	November 17, 2023
Fall Recess (No School)	Wed. – Sun.	November 22 – November 26, 2023
Winter Recess (No School)	Wed. – Tue.	December 20, 2023 - January 2, 2024
Martin Luther King Day (No School)	Monday	January 15, 2024
High School Exams (Student half days)	Wed. – Fri.	January 17 – January 19, 2024
End of 2 nd Marking Period / 1 st Semester Elem.	Friday	January 19, 2024
End of 3 rd Marking Period/First Semester for M.S & H.S. M.S. & H.S. Teachers Half Day	Friday	January 19, 2024
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 19, 2024
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 19, 2024
February Recess (No School)	Monday	February 19, 2024
Elementary Conferences (Student half days)	Thur. – Fri.	February 29 – March 1, 2024
Elementary Teacher Half Day	Friday	March 1, 2024
End of 4 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	March 1, 2024
Middle School Record Day (Students/Teachers Half Day)	Friday	March 1, 2024
Last Late Start Wednesday	Wednesday	March 20, 2024
End of Third Marking Period – Elementary	Friday	March 22, 2024
Spring Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	March 23, 2024 – March 31, 2024
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Wednesday	April 3, 2024
End of 5 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	April 19, 2024
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	May 20, 2024
May Recess (No School)	Friday	May 24, 2024
Memorial Day (No School)	Monday	May 27, 2024
Middle & High School Exams (Students 1/2 day)	Wed. – Fri.	June 5 – June 7, 2024
Elementary Records Days (Students 1/2 day)	Thur. – Fri.	June 6 – June 7, 2024
Total Student days – 180	Total Educator Days - 184	

Elementary Schools

2 School half days - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences

2 School half days - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences

4 School half days - - Elementary Records

2 Evening half days - - Elementary Records

Middle School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card

3 Half days - - End of the school year Exams

3 Half days (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal)

High School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card distribution

6 Half Days - - End of Semester Exams (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal during 1st semester final exams)

SCHEDULE F - CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - CALENDAR FOR 2024-2025

Teachers (Full Day)	Mon. – Thur.	August 19-August 22, 2024
Students Report (Full Day)	Monday	August 26, 2024
Labor Day Recess (No School)	Fri. – Mon.	August 30 – September 2, 2024
Late Start Wednesdays Begin	Wednesday	September 25, 2024
End of First Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	October 4, 2024
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	October 4, 2024
October Recess (No School)	Monday	October 14, 2024
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	October 21, 2024
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	November 1, 2024
End of 1 st Marking Period Elementary	Friday	November 1, 2024
Elementary Conferences (Students half days)	Thur. – Fri.	November 14-November 15, 2024
Elementary Teachers Half Day	Friday	November 15, 2024
End of 2 nd Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	November 15, 2024
Fall Recess (No School)	Wed. – Sun.	November 27 – December 1, 2024
Winter Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	December 21, 2024 - January 5, 2025
High School Exams (Student half days)	Wed. – Fri.	January 15 – January 17, 2025
End of 2 nd Marking Period / 1 st Semester Elem.	Friday	January 17, 2025
End of 3 rd Marking Period/First Semester for M.S. & H.S. M.S. & H.S. Teachers Half Day	Friday	January 17, 2025
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 17, 2025
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 17, 2025
Martin Luther King Day (No School)	Monday	January 20, 2025
February Recess (No School)	Monday	February 17, 2025
Elementary Conferences (Student half days)	Thur. – Fri.	March 6 – March 7, 2025
Elementary Teacher Half Day	Friday	March 7, 2025
End of 4 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	March 7, 2025
Middle School Record Day (Students/Teachers Half Day)	Friday	March 7, 2025
Last Late Start Wednesday	Wednesday	March 26, 2025
End of Third Marking Period – Elementary	Friday	March 28, 2025
Spring Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	March 29, 2025 – April 6, 2025
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	April 9, 2025
End of 5 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Thursday	April 17, 2025
April Recess	Fri. – Sun.	April 18 – April 20, 2025
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	May 19, 2025
Memorial Day (No School)	Monday	May 26, 2025
Middle & High School Exams (Students 1/2 day)	Wed. – Fri.	June 4 – June 6, 2025
Elementary Records Days (Students 1/2 day)	Thur. – Fri.	June 5 – June 6, 2025
Total Student days – 180	Total Educator Days - 184	

Elementary Schools

2 School half days - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences

2 School half days - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences

4 School half days - - Elementary Records

2 Evening half days - - Elementary Records

Middle School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card

3 Half days - - End of the school year Exams

3 Half days (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal)

High School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card distribution

6 Half Days - - End of Semester Exams (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal during 1st semester final exams)

SCHEDULE F - CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - CALENDAR FOR 2025-2026

Teachers (Full Day)*	Mon. – Fri.	August 18-August 22, 2025
Students Report (Full Day)	Monday	August 25, 2025
Labor Day Recess (No School)	Fri. – Mon.	August 29 – September 1, 2025
Late Start Wednesdays Begin	Wednesday	September 24, 2025
End of First Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	October 3, 2025
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	October 3, 2025
October Recess (No School)	Monday	October 13, 2025
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	October 20, 2025
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	November 7, 2025
End of 1 st Marking Period Elementary	Friday	November 7, 2025
Elementary Conferences (Students half days)	Thur. – Fri.	November 20-November 21, 2025
Elementary Teachers Half Day	Friday	November 21, 2025
End of 2nd Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	November 21, 2025
Fall Recess (No School)	Wed. – Sun.	November 26 – November 30, 2025
Winter Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	December 20, 2025 - January 4, 2026
High School Exams (Student half days)	Wed. – Fri.	January 14 – January 16, 2026
End of 2 nd Marking Period / 1 st Semester Elem.	Friday	January 16, 2026
End of 3 rd Marking Period/First Semester for M.S & H.S. M.S. & H.S. Teachers Half Day	Friday	January 16, 2026
Elementary Records Day (Students half day) Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 16, 2026
Martin Luther King Day (No School)	Monday	January 19, 2026
February Recess (No School)	Monday	February 16, 2026
Elementary Conferences (Student half days)	Thur. – Fri.	March 5 – March 6, 2026
Elementary Teacher Half Day	Friday	March 6, 2026
End of 4 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	March 6, 2026
Middle School Record Day (Students/Teachers Half Day)	Friday	March 6, 2026
Last Late Start Wednesday	Wednesday	March 25, 2026
End of Third Marking Period – Elementary	Friday	March 27, 2026
Spring Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	March 28, 2026 – April 5, 2026
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Wednesday	April 8, 2026
End of 5 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	April 17, 2026
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	May 18, 2026
Memorial Day (No School)	Fri. – Mon.	May 22 – May 25, 2026
Middle & High School Exams (Students 1/2 day)	Wed. – Fri.	June 3 – June 5, 2026
Elementary Records Days (Students 1/2 day)	Thur. – Fri.	June 4 – June 5, 2026
Total Student days – 180	Total Educator days - 185	

***One full day will be designated as work in the educator’s classroom.**

Elementary Schools

2 School half days - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences

2 School half days - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences

4 School half days - - Elementary Records

2 Evening half days - - Elementary Records

Middle School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card

3 Half days - - End of the school year Exams

3 Half days (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal)

High School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card distribution

6 Half Days - - End of Semester Exams (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal during 1st semester final exams)

SCHEDULE F - CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - CALENDAR FOR 2026-2027

Teachers (Full Day)*	Mon. – Fri.	August 24-August 28, 2026
Students Report (Full Day)	Monday	August 31, 2026
Labor Day Recess (No School)	Fri. – Mon.	September 4 – September 7, 2026
Late Start Wednesdays Begin	Wednesday	September 23, 2026
End of First Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	October 2, 2026
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	October 2, 2026
October Recess (No School)	Monday	October 12, 2026
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	October 19, 2026
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	November 6, 2026
End of 1 st Marking Period Elementary	Friday	November 6, 2026
Elementary Conferences (Students half days)	Thur. – Fri.	November 19-November 20, 2026
Elementary Teachers Half Day	Friday	November 20, 2026
End of 2 nd Marking Period H.S. & M.S.	Friday	November 20, 2026
Fall Recess (No School)	Wed. – Sun.	November 25 – November 29, 2026
Winter Recess (No School)	Sat. – Sun.	December 19, 2026 - January 3, 2027
Martin Luther King Day (No School)	Monday	January 18, 2027
High School Exams (Student half days)	Wed. – Fri.	January 20 – January 22, 2027
End of 2 nd Marking Period / 1 st Semester Elem.	Friday	January 22, 2027
End of 3 rd Marking Period/First Semester for M.S & H.S. M.S. & H.S. Teachers Half Day	Friday	January 22, 2027
Elementary Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 22, 2027
Middle School Records Day (Students half day)	Friday	January 22, 2027
February Recess (No School)	Monday	February 15, 2027
Elementary Conferences (Student half days)	Thur. – Fri.	March 4 – March 5, 2027
Elementary Teacher Half Day	Friday	March 5, 2027
End of 4 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	March 5, 2027
Middle School Record Day (Students/Teachers Half Day)	Friday	March 5, 2027
Last Late Start Wednesday	Wednesday	March 24, 2027
End of Third Marking Period – Elementary	Thursday	March 25, 2027
Spring Recess (No School)	Fri. – Sun.	March 26, 2027 – April 4, 2027
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Wednesday	April 7, 2027
End of 5 th Marking Period for H.S. & M.S.	Friday	April 16, 2027
Students (Half Day)/Teachers (Full Day)	Monday	May 17, 2027
Memorial Day (No School)	Monday	May 31, 2027
Middle & High School Exams (Students 1/2 day)	Wed. – Fri.	June 9 – June 11, 2027
Elementary Records Days (Students 1/2 day)	Thur. – Fri.	June 10 – June 11, 2027
Total Student days – 180	Total Educator days - 185	

***One full day will be designated as work in the educator’s classroom.**

Elementary Schools

2 School half days - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Fall Parent/Educator Conferences

2 School half days - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences (Friday Educators dismissed one half day)

1 Evening half day - - Spring Parent/Educator Conferences

4 School half days - - Elementary Records

2 Evening half days - - Elementary Records

Middle School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card

3 Half days - - End of the school year Exams

3 Half days (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal)

High School

2 Evening half days - - Report Card distribution

6 Half Days - - End of Semester Exams (Educators dismissed one half day following student dismissal during 1st semester final exams)

**SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE F
PAY DATES 2023-2024**

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. September 1 | 10. January 5 | 19. May 10 |
| 2. September 15 | 11. January 19 | 20. May 24 |
| 3. September 29 | 12. February 2 | 21. June 7 |
| 4. October 13 | 13. February 16 | 22. June 21 |
| 5. October 27 | 14. March 1 | 23. July 5 |
| 6. November 10 | 15. March 15 | 24. July 19 |
| 7. November 24 | 16. March 29 | 25. August 2 |
| 8. December 8 | 17. April 12 | 26. August 16 |
| 9. December 22 | 18. April 26 | |

Prior to the end of each school year, the option for twenty-one (21) or twenty-six (26) pays will be made on the form provided for the following year. No changes may be made after August 15th.

Educators hired after ratification of the 2004-2007 collective bargaining agreement shall be paid on the 26/27 pay option.

SCHEDULES B, C, AND D PAY DATES

Schedule B

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments with one payment at the halfway point of the season and the second payment shall be held until all coaching/organization responsibilities have been completed and approved by the Athletic Director.

Schedule C

Music and Drama Production Directors will be paid on January 19, 2024, and May 24, 2024.

Others on Schedule C will be paid in four equal payments on the following dates:

October 27, 2023	January 19, 2024
March 29, 2024	May 24, 2024

Schedule D

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments and paid on the following dates:

January 19, 2024	May 24, 2024
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**SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE F
PAY DATES 2024-2025**

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. August 30 | 10. January 3 | 19. May 9 |
| 2. September 13 | 11. January 17 | 20. May 23 |
| 3. September 27 | 12. January 31 | 21. June 6 |
| 4. October 11 | 13. February 14 | 22. June 20 |
| 5. October 25 | 14. February 28 | 23. July 3 |
| 6. November 8 | 15. March 14 | 24. July 18 |
| 7. November 22 | 16. March 28 | 25. August 1 |
| 8. December 6 | 17. April 11 | 26. August 15 |
| 9. December 20 | 18. April 25 | |

Prior to the end of each school year, the option for twenty-one (21) or twenty-six (26) pays will be made on the form provided for the following year. No changes may be made after August 15th.

Educators hired after ratification of the 2004-2007 collective bargaining agreement shall be paid on the 26/27 pay option.

SCHEDULES B, C, AND D PAY DATES

Schedule B

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments with one payment at the halfway point of the season and the second payment shall be held until all coaching/organization responsibilities have been completed and approved by the Athletic Director.

Schedule C

Music and Drama Production Directors will be paid on January 31, 2025 and May 23, 2025.

Others on Schedule C will be paid in four equal payments on the following dates:

October 25, 2024	January 31, 2025
March 28, 2025	May 23, 2025

Schedule D

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments and paid on the following dates:

January 31, 2025	May 23, 2025
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**SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE F
PAY DATES 2025-2026**

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. August 29 | 10. January 2 | 19. May 8 |
| 2. September 12 | 11. January 16 | 20. May 22 |
| 3. September 26 | 12. January 30 | 21. June 5 |
| 4. October 10 | 13. February 13 | 22. June 18 |
| 5. October 24 | 14. February 27 | 23. July 3 |
| 6. November 7 | 15. March 13 | 24. July 17 |
| 7. November 21 | 16. March 27 | 25. July 31 |
| 8. December 5 | 17. April 10 | 26. August 14 |
| 9. December 19 | 18. April 24 | |

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SCHEDULES B, C, AND D PAY DATES

Schedule B

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments with one payment at the halfway point of the season and the second payment shall be held until all coaching/organization responsibilities have been completed and approved by the Athletic Director.

Schedule C

Music and Drama Production Directors will be paid on January 30, 2026, and May 22, 2026.

Others on Schedule C will be paid in four equal payments on the following dates:

October 24, 2025	January 30, 2026
March 27, 2026	May 22, 2026

Schedule D

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments and paid on the following dates:

January 30, 2026	May 22, 2026
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**SUPPLEMENT TO SCHEDULE F
PAY DATES 2026-2027**

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. August 28 | 10. December 31 | 19. May 7 |
| 2. September 11 | 11. January 15 | 20. May 21 |
| 3. September 25 | 12. January 29 | 21. June 4 |
| 4. October 9 | 13. February 12 | 22. June 18 |
| 5. October 23 | 14. February 26 | 23. July 2 |
| 6. November 6 | 15. March 12 | 24. July 16 |
| 7. November 20 | 16. March 26 | 25. July 30 |
| 8. December 4 | 17. April 9 | 26. August 13 |
| 9. December 18 | 18. April 23 | |

Prior to the end of each school year, the option for twenty-one (21) or twenty-six (26) pays will be made on the form provided for the following year. No changes may be made after August 15th.

Educators hired after ratification of the 2004-2007 collective bargaining agreement shall be paid on the 26/27 pay option.

SCHEDULES B, C, AND D PAY DATES

Schedule B

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments with one payment at the halfway point of the season and the second payment shall be held until all coaching/organization responsibilities have been completed and approved by the Athletic Director.

Schedule C

Music and Drama Production Directors will be paid on January 29, 2027, and May 21, 2027.

Others on Schedule C will be paid in four equal payments on the following dates:

October 23, 2026	January 29, 2027
March 26, 2027	May 21, 2027

Schedule D

Total amount will be divided into two (2) payments and paid on the following dates:

January 29, 2027	May 21, 2027
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SCHEDULE G

(Separate Probationary and Tenure Contract Forms)

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

(Probationary Educator) (Tenure Educator)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CARMAN-AINSWORTH, COUNTY OF GENESEE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, it is hereby agreed between the Board of Education of the School District of Carman-Ainsworth, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, hereinafter called the "Board", and hereinafter called the "Educator":

1. That this individual contract is made pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement between the Carman-Ainsworth Education Association and the Board, and to the extent that the provisions of this contract and said Collective Agreement may be inconsistent, the provisions of said Collective Agreement shall be controlling.

2. That said Educator is employed and hereby agrees to teach in said school district as an educator for the 20__ - 20__ school year which shall consist of no more than ____ contractual days.

3. That said Board shall pay said Educator the sum of _____ for said educator duties and in addition to the Board agrees to pay the following amounts for the within listed extra duties:

(List each duty and amount paid for same)

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Total Compensation \$ _____

and said compensation to be paid in installments as defined in the Collective Agreement between the Board and the Association.

4. The said Educator is hereby retained on a (probationary) (tenure) basis as defined in the Michigan Educator Tenure Act (Act No. 4 of the Public Acts of 1937, extra sessions, as amended).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board has caused this contract to be executed in duplicate by its Superintendent of Schools, and the Educator has executed this contract this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Board of Education of the School District of
Carman-Ainsworth, County of Genesee, State of
Michigan.

Educator

By _____
Superintendent

SCHEDULE H

CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS

Approved activities will be funded under Schedule D of the Master Agreement. Forms are to be completed and returned to building principals according to administrative directive.

GUIDELINE REQUIREMENTS

Following is a list of requirements to be met before filing for supplemental pay as set forth in Schedule D of the Master Agreement between the Association and the Board.

1. For each sponsorship requested, a minimum of 35 hours involved with the club or organization responsibilities is required. These responsibilities should be done outside of the students' scheduled school day.
2. The group should sponsor or be actively involved in an activity which is beneficial to the student, school or community.
3. A group is defined as a minimum of ten (10) actively involved students.
4. Each group should have a person to keep minutes of the meetings which should include at least the time scheduled and/or activity done.
5. If more than one (1) sponsor is approved, each sponsor will receive the full percentage.
6. Two (2) sponsors may be requested if the activity involves more than fifty (50) students and/or at least seventy (70) hours.

APPLICATION
FOR SPONSORS OF CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS
APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND THE ASSOCIATION
SCHEDULE D OF MASTER AGREEMENT

1. Name(s) _____

(If more than one sponsor is requested, fill in Part 6.)

2. Name of Club or Organization _____

3. School where the Club or Organization is based _____

4. Dates the Club or Organization will be active:

From _____ To _____

5. Please give a resume about the Club or Organization _____

3. If more than one sponsor is requested, please write a rationale for needing a second sponsor. (Be specific) _____

7. I (We) have read and met the list of requirements as stated on the reverse side of this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The request has been approved.

Date _____ Approved by _____

8. The request was not approved for the reasons stated below:

APPENDIX A
ASSOCIATION SECURITY AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

All educators shall either:

1. Sign and deliver to the Association within sixty (60) days of the commencement of employment a membership form authorizing payment of the dues and assessment of the Association (including the National and Michigan Education Associations) and such authorization shall continue in effect from year to year unless revoked in writing between June 1 and September 1 of a given year, or
2. Cause to be paid to the Association a service fee set by the Association (including the National and Michigan Education Associations) within sixty (60) days of the commencement of employment.
3. The Association assumes the obligation of transmitting either membership forms or service fee forms to the Board for purposes of payroll deduction.
4. If neither the service fee nor the membership dues and assessments are paid, the Board, upon receiving a signed statement from the Association indicating the educator has failed to comply with this condition, shall immediately notify said educator that the service fee will be deducted from the pays remaining for dues payroll deduction, unless otherwise agreed by the Association (see IV C).
5. The Association agrees to assume the legal defense of any suit or action brought against the Board because of Section A of this Article. The Association further agrees to indemnify the Board for any costs or damages which may be assessed against it as the result of said suit or action.
 - a. The Association, after consultation with the Board, has the right to decide whether to defend any said action or whether to appeal the decision of any court or other tribunal regarding the validity of this Section or the damages which may be assessed against the Board by any court or tribunal.
 - b. The Association has the right to choose the legal counsel to defend any said suit or action.
 - c. The Association shall have the right to compromise or settle any claim made against the Board under this Section.
 - d. The word, "Association," as used in Section A of this Article includes the Carman-Ainsworth Education Association and the Michigan Education Association and indicates that both are a party to and jointly responsible for items outlined in Section A of this Article.
 - e. Article IV, Section A, shall be effective only upon written acknowledgement by the Michigan Education Association that they are a party to and jointly responsible for items outlined in Article IV, Section A. Section A, Number 5, shall not be retroactive to any school year preceding 1971-72.
 - f. The deduction of membership dues shall be made from each paycheck for 20 pays beginning with the second pay, and the Board agrees to remit to the Association all monies so deducted, accompanied by a list of educators from whom the deductions have been made.

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