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between

Marion Board of Education

and

Marion Schools Education Association

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ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

- A. The term "Board" when used hereinafter shall include its officers and agents. The Board recognizes the Marion Schools Education Association as the sole and exclusive negotiation representative for all certified teaching personnel, whether under contract or on leave, excluding administrative and executive personnel (Superintendent, High School Principal, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director, Elementary Principal, and Student Services Coordinator).
- B. The term "Association" when used hereinafter shall refer to the Marion Schools Education Association and its agents. The term "teacher" when used hereinafter shall refer to certified teaching employees represented by the Association in the negotiating unit above defined, excluding adult education classes, on leave, per diem teachers and Federal subsidized summer school program.
- C. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any teachers' organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement as defined in Section II of Act 379 Public Acts of 1965 as amended. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict or deny any teacher of the Association, Board or School District any rights they may have under any law or constitutional provision of the State of Michigan or the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

BOARD RIGHTS

- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the District, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and the United States, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan and the Constitution and laws of the United States
- B. It is agreed that the Board retains the right to establish and enforce programs, means and methods of instruction, textbooks and materials used for instruction, and the transfer, promotion, or demotion, discipline or dismissal of all personnel including hours of instruction, duties, and responsibilities, and the hiring and placement of personnel as provided by law.

ARTICLE III

TEACHER RIGHTS

- A. Pursuant to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act, the Board hereby agrees that teachers shall have the right to organize, join and support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective professional negotiations and other lawful activities. The Board agrees to grant to any teacher enjoyment of any rights conferred by Act 379; that it will not discriminate against teachers with respect to hours, salary, terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association, his/her participation in any lawful activities of the Association including collective professional negotiations with the Board, or his/her institution of any grievance, with respect to any terms or conditions of employment under the specific terms of this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher, rights he/she may have under the Michigan General School Laws or other applicable laws or regulations.
- B. The Association may use school buildings for meetings in accordance with Board policies provided that when special custodial service is required, the Board may make a reasonable charge. Supplies in connection with such equipment use will be furnished or paid for by the Association. Request for meetings must be in writing and be approved in advance by the building principal.
- C. The Board shall make available in each school adequate restroom facilities exclusively for staff use, and at least one (1) appropriately furnished room which shall be reserved for use as a faculty workroom if this room is not adjoined to the restroom facilities, the Board shall make a reasonable attempt to install a wash basin in it. The primary use of the room is for instructional staff both during school hours and non-school hours.
- D. The Board shall provide members of the bargaining unit with ready access to a telephone in a private area.
- E. Duly authorized representative of the Association shall have the right to transact official Association business on school property with the permission of the Principal of the building provided this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operation.
- F. No Association positions on matters relating to supervisor-teacher or Board-Association relationship shall be discussed in the presence of students.
- G. No teacher shall be reprimanded, disciplined, discharged, reduced in compensation, or deprived of any professional and/or contractual advantage without just cause. Teachers shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship and the exercising of such rights shall not be grounds for discipline or prejudice with respect to professional employment of such teacher. For probationary teachers only, discharge will not be subject to grievance or arbitration.
- H. A teacher's personnel file shall constitute his/her full and complete record of employment, and nothing is to be added to his/her file without prompt notification to the teacher at the time of the inclusion of any disciplinary or adverse material. The

teacher shall have the right of review of this file, including such items as letters of recommendation or confidential university or college placement credentials. A representative of the Association may, at the teacher's request, accompany the teacher in his/her review.

- I. The Board will promptly notify the teacher with respect to whom a Freedom of Information Act (PA 442 of 1976) demand is made and will follow up with written confirmation by mailing a copy of the FOIA request to the teacher's address of record. In addition, the Board will promptly notify the school's legal counsel of the nature of the demand and the content of the file in question. Information will be released (or not) in accordance with the advice of the school's legal counsel.
- J. Building principals or administrative personnel may wish to maintain a log into which various infractions or violations may be recorded in order to establish, if need be, the time, date and nature of the observed incident. The teacher shall be informed at the time such items are recorded. Such a recording in itself does not constitute part of the personnel file nor is it in itself considered a reprimand.

Should the administrator decide that the teacher has failed to correct the observed problem by not demonstrating a positive response, the administrator may base the official reprimand on the log records. However, the administrator must:

- 1. Inform the teacher of the infraction;
- 2. Give the teacher a copy of the reprimand;
- 3. Allow the teacher to respond if he/she so desires; and
- 4. File the complaint together with the teacher's response, if any, in the employee's personnel file.

- K. The Board specifically recognizes the right of the Association, on behalf of its teachers to appropriately invoke the assistance of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission or a mediator from that agency. No teacher shall be enjoined from exhibiting identification of membership in the Association either on or off the school premises. Identification shall be limited to pins and emblems on school premises or when a teacher is involved in school related activities.
- L. The Board will consult with the Association President on new tax programs, construction programs or major revisions of instructional educational policies which are under consideration and the Association shall be given the opportunity to advise the Board with respect to said matters prior to their adoption and/or general publication. Decisions of the Board shall be final.
- M. One copy of the minutes and agenda of the board of Education meetings and one copy of the expenditure report will be given to the President of the Marion Schools Education Association at the same time the packets are distributed to the Board of Education members.

ARTICLE IV

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Employment of teachers by the Board shall be in conformance with the certification requirements of the Michigan Department of Education, and any requirement mandated by State or Federal law or regulation. Once hired, it is the responsibility of the teacher to be properly certified, and meet all qualifications of his/her position. The State law (e.g. the Revised School Code, Michigan Department of Education rules, etc.) governing certification shall be controlling. It is the responsibility of the teacher to provide the Board with an original of his/her certificate properly executed including all valid endorsements. Determinations of certification and qualifications shall be based upon the documentation on file with the Board at the time a decision is made.

ARTICLE V

MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

This Agreement shall not be interpreted or applied to deprive teachers of professional advantages heretofore enjoyed, unless Just Cause exists to do so.

ARTICLE VI

VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

- A. When a vacancy occurs in a bargaining unit position, it shall first be filled by recall of a teacher laid off from this school District as provided in Article VII Lay-off and Recall.
- B. If there is no teacher on lay-off from the District certified for the vacancy, the Superintendent shall promptly post a notice in the teachers' workrooms, in the principals' offices and Superintendent's office for not less than ten (10) days before the position is filled. For purposes of this agreement, the term "qualified" shall mean that the teacher must meet any requirement mandated by State or Federal law or regulation to perform the assigned duties.
- C. A teacher may apply for any position for which he/she is qualified. The Administration shall give due weight to professional background including seniority and attainments of all applicants, area of specialization, and any other relevant factors.
- D. Notice of vacancies during the summer months shall be mailed to any teacher who has indicated an interest in a change of position in writing with the Superintendent, and to the Association President, and to the Association Secretary by June 1 or within three (3) business days of the date notice of the vacancy is received by the Administration, whichever is the later time period. A request for transfer to such vacancy shall be made in writing to the Superintendent.
- E. The Administration shall inform employee applicants, if any, when the position has been filled.

- F. In making involuntary transfers, the Board recognizes it is desirable to consider the interests and aspirations of its teachers. Involuntary transfers of assignments (including change of grade, class, or subject) may be made in emergency situations or for valid administrative reasons. Such transfers shall not be for disciplinary, arbitrary, or capricious reasons. There will be an opportunity for the Administration and the Association to meet and confer before final decisions regarding transfers are made.

Changes for any school year must be completed by July 1, except as necessitated by later vacancies, a major change in enrollment, financial status of the District, or when the situation is declared to be an emergency by both the Board and the Association.

ARTICLE VII

LAY-OFF AND RECALL NECESSARY REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL

- A. The Board, realizing that education, curriculum, and the staff to a large degree depend upon the financial resources available to the Board as provided by the public and State of Michigan, and in accordance with this realization, understands that in some instances it may be economically necessary to reduce the educational programs, curriculum, and staff when funds are not available.

It is hereby specifically recognized that it is within the sole discretion of the Board to reduce the educational programs and curriculum when economic necessity dictates. The Board will provide the Association with a budget summary, and the Association will have fifteen (15) calendar days to provide the Board with recommendations for reducing teaching staff and/or other measures which would help meet the financial crisis. The Board agrees to fully consider the Association's proposals before making its decisions.

- B. In order to promote an orderly reduction in personnel in the event the educational programmed curriculum is curtailed, seniority shall be defined as continuous years of service in the Bargaining Unit dating from the first date of work. Periods of time spent on leaves of absence, not to exceed one calendar year, shall not constitute a break in service, and seniority shall be deemed to accrue during such periods. Additional leaves may be granted by the Board on a case-by-case basis, but will not accrue seniority. Credit for experience in outside school Districts, for purposes of determining seniority, shall not apply.
- C. Certification is as approved by the Department of Education of the State of Michigan.
- D. The teacher(s) in the specific position(s) being reduced or eliminated shall be the teacher(s) notified in writing of lay-off.
- E. A teacher notified of lay-off (full or partial) shall have the right to replace another member of the Bargaining Unit if the teacher of greater seniority is qualified for the position occupied by the less-senior teacher.

- F. Teachers subject to lay-off shall be notified in writing sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal school year. In the event of an adverse change in economic conditions, lay-offs may take place during the school year. In the event of a mid-year lay-off, notice shall be provided sixty (60) calendar days prior to the effective date of the lay-off. However, in the event of a mid-year lay-off caused by a financial emergency, notice shall be provided forty-five (45) days prior to the effective date of the lay-off.
- G. In the event a lay-off becomes necessary, the Board and Association will meet to discuss implementing the above named procedure. Teachers shall be recalled in inverse order of lay-off for openings for which they are qualified.
- H. A teacher, who at the time of recall has taken another position, shall terminate recall rights if notice of intent to return has not been given in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of the recall notice by certified mail.
- I. Reduction of a position by the Board from full to part time shall be considered a partial lay-off and remaining in the reduced position shall not affect the teacher's right of recall to a full time position.
- J. The current seniority list, mutually agreed upon by the Board and Association, follows this Article. It contains the names of all members of the bargaining unit who are actively employed, on leave, or on lay-off and his/her date of hire. This list is part of the Agreement. A teacher granted a leave of absence by the Board or laid off shall accrue seniority with the leave or lay-off, but not to exceed two (2) years per leave or lay-off.

SENIORITY LISTING OF TEACHERS
August, 2006

EMPLOYEE	YEAR OF HIRE	DATE OF HIRE	DEGREE/STEP	YEARS
Bonnie Fox	75-76	8-22-75	MA	32
Kristine VanAgtmael	79-80	6-07-79	MA	28
Timothy Michell	84-85	5-09-84	MA	23
Michelle Reed	85-86	8-19-85	MA	28/22
Marcella Bennett	85-86	1-02-86	BA+20	22
Sandra Pluger	86-87	5-14-86	BA+20	22
Mark Johnson	86-87	6-09-86	MA	21
Tammy Ladd	86-87	7-10-86	BA+20	21
Elizabeth Fisher	86-87	8-25-86	BA+20	21
Barbie Edwards	87-88	3-07-88	BA+20	29/20
Michelle Henderson	89-90	8-09-89	BA+20	18
Nancy Vongphasouk	90-91	8-22-90	BA+20	17
Dixie Landers	91-92	8-01-91	MA	16
Anne Kohl	92-93	8-18-92	BA+20	15
Deborah LaLone	94-95	12-19-94	MA	13
Mary Bell	95-96	7-19-95	MA	12
Stephen Henderson	95-96	9-08-95	MA	12
Michelle Grimm	96-97	6-17-96	BA+20	14/11
Heather Deighton	96-97	6-20-96	BA+20	12
Suzette Robinson	97-98	8-8-97	BA	10
Patricia Apfel	98-99	6-11-98	BA+20	23/9
Anthony Baldwin	98-99	8-11-98	BA+20	9
Danyel Prielipp	98-99	8-14-98	BA+20	9
Jill Quist	98-99	8-14-98	BA+20	10/9
Melissa Horstman	99-00	6-10-99	BA	8
Vicki Schutte	99-00	6-28-99	BA+20	8
Linnea Stifler	99-00	7-13-99	MA	8
Karen Flemming	00-01	4-7-00	BA+20	15/10
Candy Lakin	00-01	7-7-00	MA	7
Peggy Swiger	01-02	6-22-01	MA	10
Nancy Cairnduff	01-02	8-3-01	MA	6
Jason Keeler	02-03	6-14-02	MA	12/5
Sara Gray	03-04	7-14-03	BA	5/4
Kurt Gillespie	03-04	7-15-03	BA+20	11/4
Kira Carpenter	04-05	6-23-04	MA	4/3
Adam Cole	04-05	8-09-04	BA	3
Kristi Schwartz	05-06	7-15-05	MA	5/2
Pam Bontekoe	05-06	8-30-05	MA	4/2
Amy Bontekoe	05-06	1-17-06	BA+20	2
Stacie Suttan	06-07	8-28-06	BA	1
Jayne Najbaroski	06-07	9-25-06	BA	1

*Recorded in contract book after other person of same date

ARTICLE VIII

CONTINUITY OF OPERATION

- A. Both parties recognize the desirability of continuous and uninterrupted operation of the instructional program during the normal school year and the avoidance of disputes which threaten to interfere with such operation. The Association agrees that its officers, representatives, and members shall not strike during the life of the contract, nor will it aid or support any strike by any other employees of the District.

The Board and/or Association retain the right to ask for court injunctions.

- B. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Board to keep schools open in the event of severe inclement weather or when otherwise prevented by health hazard or Act of God. When a school is closed due to the above conditions, the teachers assigned to the closed school building shall not be required to report for duty.
- C. Anytime school is interrupted for reasons other than weather, and days must be added to the calendar to operate the required number of days in session and minimum number of hours required by the state law, the time that these days/hours are to be made up shall be by mutual agreement of the Board and the Association.

ARTICLE IX

TEACHER PROTECTION AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- A. Each teacher bears the primary responsibility for maintaining proper control and discipline in the classroom. Teachers also share with the Administration the responsibility for maintaining proper control and discipline in the building, on the school grounds, or at school related activities in which the teacher is involved. No student should be allowed to be disrespectful, disobedient, belligerent, or detrimental to a class or activity. The Board recognizes its responsibility to give all reasonable support and assistance to teachers with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline in all situations where they are performing the function normally expected of a teacher. Teachers have the alternative of using any number of acceptable disciplinary practices. When a teacher believes it is necessary, a student may be referred to the office with a misconduct report by the end of the day which states the offense.
- B. Any case of employment-related assault upon a teacher shall be reported immediately to the Board through the Superintendent by the teacher. If the teacher requires legal counsel, the Board shall:
1. Provide legal counsel to advise the teacher of his/her rights and obligations in connection with handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities and indemnify the teacher if the teacher was engaged in a school activity and acting within the scope of the teacher's authority.

2. Reimburse a teacher who, without fault on his/her part, suffers loss, damage, or destruction of clothing or personal property while in the performance of his/her regular duties, assigned extra curricular duties and as a result of the performance of those duties. Time lost by a teacher in connection with any incident mentioned in this Article, not covered under Worker's compensation, shall in no way be charged against the teacher, if the teacher was engaged in a school activity and acting within the scope of the teacher's authority.
- C. Any request by a parent for a conference with a teacher shall be called promptly to the attention of the teacher by the person receiving the request and, if possible, reasons for the conference identified.
- D. The Board recognizes that public airing of complaints about teachers has the potential to harm the teacher's reputation, and fundamental fairness dictates that teachers have an opportunity to respond to citizen, parent, or student complaints that are brought before the Board. The Michigan Open Meetings Act allows the Board to meet in closed session to hear complaints brought against a public employee if the named person requests a closed hearing. Accordingly, if public complaints are made about a particular teacher, the Board will:
1. Notify the complainant that the teacher has the right to request that the complaint be heard in closed session; and
 2. Offer to schedule a closed session for airing of the complaint.

Board members shall not publicly discuss the merits of any such complaint without first affording the teacher an opportunity to reply to the complaint. Should a hearing take place which requires testimony, the teacher shall have the right to be present, be represented, or accompanied by a representative of his/her choice. The teacher may request hearings on any such issue of personnel/complaint matters to be held in closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ARTICLE X

EVALUATION

- A. The performance of all teachers shall be evaluated in writing. At the beginning of the school year each teacher shall be presented with a copy of the evaluation instrument. Evaluations shall be by personal observation in the classroom or school setting, conducted by the teacher's building principal, or in extenuating circumstances, the Superintendent.
- B. All monitoring or observation of the work of a teacher shall be conducted in person and with the full knowledge of the teacher. In no event shall an observation for the purpose of evaluation be for less than thirty (30) minutes or the full length of any class period which meets for less than thirty (30) minutes. Certain performance deficiencies observable on a day-to-day basis (e.g. punctuality, relationships with parents and staff, attendance at required meetings,

and submission of required documents, etc.) may be included in the evaluation instead of being addressed by disciplinary action.

- C. First year teachers shall have an informal observation by the building principal prior to the first evaluation.
- D. The Employer will provide one (1) formal appropriate evaluation process for non tenure and tenure teachers being evaluated during the school year. Tenured teachers shall be evaluated a minimum of once every three (3) years. This process will include an evaluation orientation meeting to be scheduled on or before the first school day in November. A minimum of two (2) formal observations preceded by a pre-conference will be included. Post conferences will be scheduled within ten (10) school days after each formal observation. A discussion of the observation, as well as goal setting, will take place during the pre and post conference as well as during the orientation meeting. This process does not preclude requirements of the Michigan Tenure Law. In the absence of an evaluation in any given year or one not completed on or before the designated date, the work performance of the teacher shall be deemed to be satisfactory for that given year.
- E. Each teacher being evaluated will declare on their evaluation form whether they want their evaluation discussed by the Board in open or closed session. Each teacher will receive notification at least ten (10) days before their evaluation is presented to the Board.
- F. The criteria for evaluation of a teacher's performance shall be limited to the:
 - 1. Knowledge of and ability to communicate the subject matter.
 - 2. Techniques of instruction and adherence to the curriculum guide.
 - 3. Classroom management.
 - 4. Relationships with pupils, parents and professional colleagues. When involved in school activities, teachers shall conduct themselves in a professional and mature manner which will present a good example to the students.
 - 5. Compliance with the established rules, regulations and policies of the school District which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. The rules and regulations of the Board are to be provided to each staff member and the Association is to be provided with two (2) copies.
- G. All evaluations shall be in writing and a copy given to the teacher within ten (10) school days after the observation(s). The evaluator shall hold a conference with the teacher and the teacher is to sign the evaluation showing he/she has seen the instrument. Such signature shall not be a sign of either approval or disapproval of the evaluation. If the teacher disagrees with the evaluation, he/she may submit a written response which shall be attached to the file copy of the evaluation in question. If an administrator believes a teacher is doing unsatisfactory work, the reasons therefore shall be set forth in specific terms, as shall identification of the specific ways

in which the teacher is to improve and of the reasonable assistance to be given by the administrator.

- H. When any teacher is supervised by more than one administrator, each administrator shall evaluate the teacher with the procedure described above. Should a teacher feel an observation selected by an administrator does not provide a fair assessment of his/her performance for whatever reason, he/she may select the period of time within one (1) week if possible, for an additional observation. The administrator shall take this second observation into consideration when writing the final evaluation.
- I. The Board and Association recognizes that the ability of pupils to progress and mature academically is a combined result of school, home, economic and social environment, and that the teacher alone cannot be held accountable for all aspects of the academic achievement of the pupil in the classroom.
- J. No later than March 31st of each year, or at such other time as is required by law, the final written evaluation report, including the appropriate recommendations, will be furnished by the administrator to the Superintendent for each teacher who has been evaluated. A copy shall be furnished to the teacher. The report shall not contain any information not previously provided to and discussed with the teacher.
- K. Recommendations for non-tenured teachers shall be continued probation, tenure, or dismissal. Recommendations for tenured teachers shall be continued employment or dismissal. In the event the administrator or Superintendent recommends that a non-tenured teacher be dismissed, the teacher shall have the right to request a closed hearing with the Board and an Association representative for the purpose of presenting the teacher's position. In the event an administrator or Superintendent recommends a tenured teacher be dismissed, demoted, or other involuntary change in the employment status, the tenured teacher shall have all the rights as found in The Teacher Tenure Act and the change will be so processed in accordance with those rights and remedies prescribed therein.

ARTICLE XI

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. A grievance shall be defined as an alleged violation of any specific term of this Agreement, or misinterpretation or misapplication of any provision of the Agreement, or the unfair application of any policy or regulation of the Board directly related to teaching terms and conditions. This is not to be interpreted to mean the Board cannot change policy as long as such policy does not violate the terms of this contract.
- B. The following matters shall not be the basis of any grievance filed under the procedure outlined in this Article:
 - 1. The termination of services of or failure to re-employ any non-tenure teacher based on adverse evaluation.

2. The termination of services or failure to re-employ any teacher to a position on the extra curricular schedule.
- C. It is expressly understood that the grievance procedure shall not apply to those areas in which the Teacher Tenure Act prescribes a procedure or authorizes a remedy.
- D. The Board agrees that the Association may designate a member from each building and/or an alternate to act as its representative. The Board hereby designates the Principal of each building to act as its representative at Level One as herein described and the Superintendent to act at Level Two as hereinafter described.
- E. The term "days" as used in this Article shall mean:
1. School days during the scheduled school year.
 2. Weekdays excluding holidays during the rest of the year.
- F. Written grievances shall:
1. Be signed by the grievant or grievants.
 2. Be specific.
 3. Contain a synopsis of the facts giving rise to the alleged violation.
 4. Cite the section or subsections of this contract alleged to have been violated.
 5. Contain the date of the alleged violation.
 6. Specify the relief requested.
- G. The failure of an aggrieved person or persons to proceed to the next level within the time limits set forth shall be deemed to be in acceptance of the decision previously rendered and shall bar any further appeal concerning the particular grievance.

LEVEL ONE

If a teacher, group of teachers, or the Association believes there is a basis for a grievance within five (5) school days in which the Principal is in attendance of the alleged occurrence, he/she shall first discuss the alleged grievance with his/her building principal accompanied by his/her Association Representative and identify the discussion as involving a grievance. If no resolution is obtained within five (5) school days of the discussion, the grievant shall reduce the grievance to writing and submit it to the building principal. If no resolution is obtained within five (5) school days of the grievance being submitted in writing, the alleged grievance must proceed to Level Two or the grievance will be considered as waived.

LEVEL TWO

A copy of the written grievance shall be filed with the Superintendent or his/her designated agent as specified in LEVEL ONE. Within five (5) school days of the receipt of the grievance, the Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall arrange a meeting with the grievant and the designated Association Representative to discuss the grievance. Within five (5) school days of the discussion the Superintendent or his/her designated agent shall render his/her decision in writing, transmitting a copy

of the same to the grievant, the Association President, the building Principal in which the grievance arose and place a copy of same in a permanent file in his/her office.

LEVEL THREE

If no acceptable resolution is obtained in the disposition of the grievance or if no disposition has been made within the required five (5) school days, the written grievance must be transmitted in five (5) school days to the Board of Education Secretary or the grievance will be considered as waived. Providing the grievance is received by the Board of Education Secretary at least five (5) school days in advance, the Board, not later than its next regular meeting, shall hold a hearing on the grievance with the teacher, and the Association Representative. Disposition of the grievance in writing shall be made within fifteen (15) school days of such appropriate action. Copies of such disposition shall be furnished to the grievant and the Association Representative.

LEVEL FOUR

Individual teachers shall not have the right to process a grievance at Level Four.

1. If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, or if no disposition has been made within the period above provided, it may, within five (5) school days after the decision of the Board, refer the matter for arbitration to the American Arbitration Association, in writing, and request the appointment of an arbitrator to hear the grievance. An arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
2. Neither party may raise a new defense or grounds at Level Four not previously raised or disclosed at other written levels. Each party or their representative may conduct a telephone conference fifteen (15) days before the hearing in an attempt to settle the grievance.
3. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties. Subject to the right of the Board or the Association to judicial review, any lawful decision of the arbitrator shall be forthwith placed into effect.
4. The arbitrator shall not:
 - a. Add to, subtract from, disregard, alter or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
 - b. Establish salary scales or to change any salary.
 - c. Change any practice, policy or rule of the Board, which is not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
 - d. Decide any question which, under this Agreement, is within the sole responsibility of the Board to decide.

- e. Interpret State or federal law, except where there is clear court precedent upon which to rely.
5. If either party disputes the arbitrability of any grievance under the terms of this Agreement, the arbitrator shall first determine the issue of arbitrability before proceeding on to hear the merits of the case. In the event that the arbitrator finds he/she has no power to rule, it shall be referred back to the parties without decision or recommendation on its merits.
6. More than one grievance may not be considered by the arbitrator at the same time except upon expressed written mutual consent
7. The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties except each party shall assume its own cost for representation including any expense of witnesses.
8. Should a teacher fail to process a grievance within the time limits specified, the grievance will be concluded. Should a teacher fail to appeal a decision of the arbitrator within the limits specified or leave the employ of the Board (except a claim involving a remedy directly benefiting the grievant regardless of his/her employment), all further proceedings on a previously instituted grievance shall be barred.
9. All preparation, filing, presentation or consideration of grievances shall be held at times other than when a teacher or a participating Association Representative are to be at their assigned duty stations.
10. Where no wage loss has been caused by the action of the Board, the Board shall be under no obligation to make monetary adjustments and the arbitrator shall have no power to order one.
11. Arbitration awards or grievance settlements will not be made retroactive beyond the date of the occurrence or non-occurrence of the event upon which the grievance is based.

Grievances involving the content of a teacher's evaluation shall not be arbitrable.

ARTICLE XII

AGENCY SHOP

- A. Each Bargaining Unit member shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of duties or the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is later, join the Association or pay a service fee to the Association in an amount established by the Association. The Bargaining Unit member may authorize payroll deduction for such fee. In the event the Bargaining Unit member shall not pay such service fee directly to the Association or authorize payment through payroll deduction, the Board shall, pursuant to MCLA 408.477, MSA 17.277(7) and at the request of the Association, deduct the service fee from the Bargaining Unit member's wages and remit same to the Association under the procedure below.

Payroll deductions made pursuant to this provision shall be made in equal amounts, as nearly as may be, from the paychecks of each Bargaining Unit member. Monies so deducted shall be remitted to the Association, or its designee, no later than twenty (20) days following deduction.

- B. The procedure in all cases of nonpayment of the service fee shall be as follows:
1. The Association shall notify the Bargaining Unit member of noncompliance by certified mail, return receipt requested. Said notice shall detail the noncompliance and shall provide ten (10) days for compliance, and shall further advise the recipient that a request for wage deduction may be filed with the Board in the event compliance is not effected.
 2. If the Bargaining Unit member fails to remit the service fee or authorize deduction for same, the Association may request the Board to make such deduction pursuant to paragraph (A) above.
 3. The Board, upon receipt of request for involuntary deduction, shall provide the Bargaining Unit member with an opportunity for a due process hearing limited to the question of whether or not the teacher has remitted the service fee to the Association or authorized payroll deduction for same.

SAVE HARMLESS

- A. The Association agrees to assume the legal defense of any suit or action brought against the Board regarding this Article of the collective Agreement. The Association further agrees to indemnify the Board as the result of said suit or action subject, however, to the following conditions:
1. The damages have not resulted from the negligence, misfeasance or malfeasance of the Board or its agents.
 2. The Association, after consultation with the Board, has the right to decide whether or not to appeal the decision of any court or tribunal regarding the validity of the section or the damages which may be assessed against the Board by any court or tribunal.
 3. The Association has the right to choose the legal counsel to defend any said suit or action.
 4. The Association shall have the right to compromise or settle any claim made against the Board under this section.
- B. Teachers who are not members of the Association during the 1977-78 school year will not be required to pay representation benefit fees, dues, or assessments to the Association. Teachers falling within this category cannot be terminated from employment.

ARTICLE XIII

TEACHING DAY

- A. Teachers shall work a total of seven (7) hours and thirty (30) minutes per normal school day* including a thirty-(30) minute duty free lunch period. This time shall not begin earlier than 8:00 a.m. or end later than 3:30 p.m. The Board will consult with the Association prior to changing the normal school day.

*Exceptions to the normal school day shall be parent-teacher conference days and in service days.

- B. Total student class sessions shall not be longer than seven (7) hours per day. Times when classes begin and end shall be Board administered. Each teacher in the high school building shall have one (1) conference period within a typical student's seven (7) period class schedule for conferences with students, parents and administrators and/or classroom preparation and a maximum of six (6) teaching periods, except for the librarian.
- C. Teachers shall report fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the instructional day. Elementary teachers shall be free from classroom duties (unless mutually agreed upon between the teacher and the administration) during the fifteen (15) minutes before the instructional day begins; morning and/or afternoon recesses for a total of thirty (30) minutes; and the four (4) periods used for physical education and music. Should additional specialists be hired and/or assigned to the elementary classrooms, the classroom teacher shall be free from duty for that time for which the specialist is responsible for that teacher's classroom and/or students.
- D. To meet minimum State requirements for student instruction time and in order for the District to receive full State financial aid, elementary teachers may be asked to volunteer to supervise playground activities of students during recess. Such duty will be done on a rotating basis, least senior to most senior. The Association shall furnish the building administrator with a list of unit members that are willing to supervise playground activities. The teachers shall schedule recess duty. Compensation for recess duty will be five dollars (\$5.00) per fifteen (15) minute recess. This will be paid after vouchered and verified.
- E. In the event that the physical education or music instructors are absent or either of these programs are temporarily or permanently cancelled, at least two (2) thirty (30) minute blocks of preparation time shall be maintained per week.
- F. All duty free time shall be used for classroom preparation, conferences with students, parents, and administrators and shall not be used for Association business.
- G. Each teacher shall receive a thirty (30) minute duty free lunch period to be scheduled by his/her principal.
- H. Teachers shall be informed of a telephone number or numbers to call before 6:45 a.m. to report if unavailable for work. No teacher shall be subject to mandatory temporary reassignment because of the absence of personnel.

- I. Any teacher who voluntarily gives of his/her conference time to substitute for an absent teacher will be reimbursed at the rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per period.
- J. One (1) teacher meeting may be called by the principal during each marking period. These meetings may extend beyond the normal teaching day for forty-five (45) minutes and teachers shall be notified at least one (1) week in advance. One (1) other teacher meeting may be called each marking period at the discretion of the Principal as circumstances dictate. Other meetings may be called with the approval of the Association Representative.
- K. The Board will hire a playground supervisor for all recess duty.
- L. The librarian and counselors are each required to work an additional two (2) weeks during the summer. This time period shall be scheduled by the principal during the two (2) weeks just after the close of the school year and/or the two (2) weeks just before the opening of school in the fall.
- M. In the event that the days or hours in the school schedule must be changed in order to meet State-mandated teaching days/hours that cannot be met within the confines of this Agreement, the Association shall meet with the Board and make adjustments in the teaching day and/or calendar to meet State specification. If mandated hours meet or exceed eleven hundred (1100) hours per school year, then the Association and the Board shall meet to negotiate a wage adjustment to reflect the additional hours.

ARTICLE XIV

CLASS SIZE

- A. The parties recognize that optimum school facilities for both student and teacher are desirable to assist in 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 teacher is to teach and that a proper school environment can assist in insuring that primary function. The following class size maximums will be exceeded only when necessary because of financial or physical limitations of the District:

<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Kindergarten	26
Grades 1-3	29
Grades 4-6	30
Split Grades	24
 <u>Middle and Senior High</u>	
English, Social Studies Mathematics, Sciences, Languages, Health Education, Life Skills, Business, Music Appreciation	30

Keyboarding/Computers	30*
Art	30*
Industrial Arts	30*
Drama (performance based)	25

*If equipment or limitation on room size is an issue in these classes, class size will be lowered to fit the equipment and/or room.

If the District establishes classes not listed in this article, they will meet with the Association to determine class size maximum.

Students with special needs will be equitably distributed among the various classes. Relief from overload limits may be obtained by the Board providing at least twenty (20) minutes per day aide time per student over the limits, or by agreement of administrator and overload teacher by incentive pay of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per paycheck per student. *Make new para graph*

- B. At the secondary level, students will be equitably distributed among the various sections of a subject or class.
- C. Physical Education, Chorus, General Music, Band and other traditionally larger classes are exempt from the above.
- D. Extra students over the contractual size limits would be allowed when a teacher agrees to the change in consultation with an Association representative and an administrator.
- E. A teacher has the right to refuse, providing such refusal is reasonable. Such limits will be determined three (3) weeks after the start of school.
- F. Split Level Classes – In the event that a split level class must be instituted, teacher assignment shall be made on the following basis:
 - 1. Volunteers will be solicited first.
 - 2. Consultation with the Association to explore available alternatives.
 - 3. Assignment may be made on a non-voluntary basis.

Notification of Assignments: Tentative teaching assignment shall be made by the last day of each school year for the following year. The teacher will be notified as soon as possible if any changes in the tentative schedule are made after notification.

ARTICLE XV

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teachers with one (1) or more year's previous teaching experience are to be placed on one (1) step less than where they would be on the salary schedule for a probationary period, and then the Board will place them on schedule commensurate with their prior experience when they are granted tenure.

ARTICLE XVI

FRINGE BENEFITS

The Board shall provide MESSA-PAK protection for a full twelve-(12) month period without cost to each teacher and their full family. All teachers shall enroll in either MESSA-PAK Plan A or MESSA-PAK Plan B.

Plan A - For employees electing MESSA health insurance

Health:	Choices II with \$5.00 prescription (Includes \$5,000 AD&D basic term Life)
Negotiated Long Term Disability:	70% \$2,500 Monthly Maximum Benefit 90 Calendar Days Modified Fill Pre-Existing Condition Waiver - Yes Freeze on Offsets - Yes Alcoholism/Drug Addiction - same as any other illness Mental/Nervous Condition - same as any other illness Cost of Living Benefit Two Year Own Occupation
Negotiated Life:	\$45,000 with AD&D
Vision (Plan year is July to July)	VSP-3
Delta Dental (Plan Year is July to July)	75/50/with sealants, <i>Beginning in 07-08: 75/75S/75/75 Ortho (\$2000)</i> \$1000 Maximum for Class I & II, III <i>Beginning in 07-08: \$1500 Maximum for Class I & II, III</i>

Plan B - For employees not electing health insurance

Negotiated Life:	\$45,000 with AD&D
Negotiated Long Term Disability:	70% (Same as above)
Vision (Plan year is July to July)	VSP-3 Plus

Delta Dental

75/50/with sealants

Beginning in 07-08: 75/75S/75/75 Ortho (\$2000)

(Plan Year is July to July)

\$1000 Maximum for Class I & II, III

Beginning in 07-08: \$1500 Maximum for Class I & II, III

Teachers electing Plan B shall apply the amount of the Super Care 1 (2003 revision) single subscriber premium toward MESSA fixed options as determined by those electing Plan B. Any remaining amount may be applied to purchase MESSA options and/or MEA Financial Services annuities.

The Board of Education supplies each individual with Workers' Compensation insurance for on the job medical incidents. The Board (through Administrators) may require that the staff member seek medical treatment or examination in order to make certain that the individual has done everything possible to prevent medical situations from becoming a greater problem than if proper treatment had not been obtained.

The Board will reimburse a teacher for any special training programs deemed necessary by the Administration. The Superintendent must approve such class work prior to the teacher's enrollment in the program.

ARTICLE XVII

LEAVES

- A. Each member is granted a total of ten (10) school days leave per year to be used for familial or personal illness, disability, emergency illness of a spouse, offspring, parent (either side), or siblings (either side). Additional emergency days or day for different but similar emergency situations may be granted by the Principal. Unused personal sick leave may accumulate to one hundred thirty-two (132) school days. These days may include ten (10) unused sick days plus two (2) unused personal days for a total of twelve (12) days per year. For any one (1) illness and/or disability that extends beyond ten (10) school days, the teacher shall provide the Principal with a written statement from his/her doctor of inability to work.
- B. Each member is granted up to three (3) days per incident for the death of a spouse, offspring, parent (either side), or siblings (either side). These days will be deducted automatically from the sick bank.
- C. Teachers who teach less than a full year shall have that year's ten (10) days prorated at one (1) day per month of employment or five (5) days per semester.
- D. If a teacher leaves the system during the school year and has used more sick days leave than their employment entitles them to, they shall have an adjustment made in the form of a deduction for the unearned sick leave days which were paid.
- E. At the beginning of the school year, each teacher shall be credited with two (2) days to be used for the teacher's personal business. A personal business day may be used for any business purpose which cannot be done outside of the school day. Personal business day does not

include days used for vacations, travel to or from vacations, jury duty, or any day in which a person receives any type of compensation during that day. A teacher planning to use a personal business leave day or days shall notify his/her building principal at least three (3) days in advance.

- F. A medical leave may be granted on the request of the teacher. (A doctor's written report may be required stating that the teacher is unable to perform his/her duties.) The teacher may return to the system in a qualified position at the start of any one of the next four (4) semesters upon ninety (90) calendar day's written notice. Disability associated with pregnancy or the termination of pregnancy shall be treated as any other disability.
- G. Teachers on Board-granted leaves will not accrue sick leave or receive any increments or any other fringe benefits during that leave unless designated by FMLA. If absence due to injury or illness which is covered under the Michigan Worker's Compensation Act occurs the Board agrees to pay the difference between the Michigan Worker's allowance and the teacher's salary for the period equal to the teacher's accumulated unused sick leave allowance.
- H. Two (2) days may be granted by the Principal upon application of the teacher at least five (5) school days in advance to attend an education conference. (Maximum of two (2) teachers at one time).
- I. The Association shall have six (6) days available to be used by the teachers who are officers or agents of the Association. The Association will notify the respective administrators forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such leave. No more than one (1) teacher shall be absent from one building on the same day for Association business reasons. The cost of substitutes shall be billed to the Association by the Board of Education. Officers or agents of the Association shall be defined to be the president, the chief negotiator, the building representative, a delegate to the Representative Assembly, the secretary, the treasurer or others on approval by the administration.
- J. Unpaid Leaves
 - 1. Military Leave: A military leave of absence shall be granted to any Bargaining Unit member who is inducted or enlists for military duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or enlists, volunteers, is called up or otherwise makes himself/herself available for active duty in the National Guard or Reserve. The duration of the leave shall be for the duration of the induction, enlistment, call-up or other period of active duty service. The Employer shall continue any and all contractual benefits for the Bargaining Unit member's family during any period of active duty.
 - 2. General Leave: A leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year may be granted to a tenure teacher with a minimum of four (4) consecutive years teaching experience in the Marion Public Schools for the purpose of, by way of illustration and not limitation, participation in an exchange program, foreign or military teaching program, the Peace Corps, Teacher Corps or Job Corps as a full-time participant, cultural travel or work program related to the teacher's professional responsibilities or engaging in a full-time program at an accredited college or university.

3. Request for leave: A request for a leave of absence shall be in writing, sent to the Superintendent and include the purpose for the leave along with the anticipated beginning and ending dates of the leave. Unpaid leaves under this article, section “b”, will not include benefits other than those provided through COBRA.

Application for unpaid leaves of absence is subject to the following conditions:

- a. An application for such leave shall be, if possible, submitted to the Director of Personnel or designated representative, a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days before the leave begins.
 - b. An applicant must provide related information regarding the leave that is requested by the District.
 - c. Before approval is given, a certified and qualified replacement must be available for the period of time of the requested leave.
 - d. Except in unusual circumstances, unpaid leaves of absence are expected to start at the beginning of the school year.
 - e. The approval of the application shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent.
 - f. The teacher shall notify the District by March 1st of his/her intent to return. Failure to do so will constitute a resignation from his/her position.
4. Return from Leave: In the application, the teacher may request that he/she be returned to the same position held before the leave. In such cases, the teacher will be notified of their return to the same position when the leave is granted.

If the position is not available (such as an elimination of the position), the teacher will be given a position for which he/she is certified and qualified.

Upon return, the teacher shall be placed at the next consecutive step on the salary schedule and shall retain all accumulated sick leave. They will not accumulate seniority in the District on unpaid leave.

ARTICLE XVIII

SICK BANK POLICY

- A. The faculty shall deposit a number of sick leave days to the Marion Teachers' Sick Bank which the Board will match to a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) days per year. The maximum contribution of the Board shall not exceed five hundred forty (540) days with no more than one hundred eighty (180) days deposited during any one year. The faculty may deposit any number of days beyond the one hundred eighty (180) days per year.

- B. Drawing against the Sick Bank shall be permitted only for days that the teacher is expected to be in session.
- C. No individual may draw more than ninety (90) days from the Sick Bank for any one incident, nor more than one hundred eighty (180) total maximum over the period of time with the Marion Public Schools.
- D. By May 30 of each school year, the Association shall deliver to the Administration a roster of Sick Bank contributions.
- E. A tenured or non-tenured teacher may draw on the bank for sick leave anytime his/her absence exceeds five (5) consecutive school days and his/her sick leave is exhausted. The exception being when the teacher can present a doctor's statement to the effect that an intermittent absence is for the same cause and will count for the five-day limit.
- F. The Sick Leave Bank Committee will control the Sick Leave Bank and retroactive withdrawals. The Committee shall consist of three (3) Bargaining Unit members to be elected by the Association; two (2) School Board Members and the Superintendent. Granting of Sick Leave Bank withdrawal and retroactive pay shall be secret ballot with each member of the committee having one (1) and only one (1) vote. Simple majority of the vote will rule. The committees shall maintain the confidentiality of medical information received and its decision shall not be grievable.
- G. A yearly report of total Sick Bank days used, the number of days used by individuals, and the number of total days remaining in the Sick Bank shall be given to the Association by September 30. After a teacher has accumulated ninety (90) sick days, and if he/she does not use any of his/her sick or personal days during the school year in which accumulated, he/she may elect to be paid for those unused days at the conclusion of that school year in lieu of a contribution to the sick bank or personal accumulation. The Board will pay for such unused days equal to current substitute pay.

ARTICLE XIX

SICK DAY RETIREMENT BENEFIT

- A. A retiring teacher will inform the Superintendent's office in writing of the teacher's impending retirement on or before March 15 either the year of, two (2) years, or three (3) years before the teacher's impending retirement in order to preserve sick/personal day retirement benefit. The Board will pay an amount equal to the current substitute rate per day for sick/personal days accumulated up to one hundred thirty-two (132) days. If notice of retirement is given on or before March 15 the year of the teacher's retirement, the agreed sum shall be paid in one (1) lump sum on or before June 30th of the year of retirement. If notice of retirement is given on or before March 15 of either two (2) or three (3) years before the effective date of the teacher's retirement, the agreed sum shall be paid at the direction of the Employee. However, if lump sum payment is requested, payment shall be made on or before June 30th of the year directed by the Employee.

- B. The Board makes no representations with respect to tax consequence and/or requirement consequence of these payments. (In the event a teacher that has given notice of intent to retire must "Draw Down" his/her accumulated sick/personal days as the result of legitimate illness, the Board will still match up to one-half (1/2) of the high number of days accumulated).

ARTICLE XX

SHARED ASSIGNMENTS

- A. With the approval of the Employer and the Association, two (2) Bargaining Unit members may, at their option, agree to share an assignment/position that otherwise would be performed/occupied by a single Bargaining Unit member.
- B. Each Bargaining Unit member participating in a shared assignment shall be granted a full year of seniority for the school year in which a shared assignment is in effect.
- C. Bargaining Unit members desiring to implement a shared assignment shall notify their building administrator and Association representative of their proposal thereof sixty (60) days prior to the end of the school year preceding the year for which a shared assignment is requested. The building administrator shall approve or disapprove the request prior to June 15 of the year for which the request is tendered. In the event the building administrator approves the request, the building administrator, the requesting Bargaining Unit members, and Association representative shall forthwith present their proposal in writing and signed by each to the Superintendent. The proposal shall include the Association's and the Bargaining Unit members' agreement with respect to the following matters:
1. Proration of salary and manner of payment;
 2. Proration of leaves;
 3. Proration of fringe benefits;
 4. Manner of covering parent-teacher conferences;
 5. Seniority ("bumping") rights with respect to termination of the shared assignment.
- D. In the event the Superintendent approves the plan as presented, signed contracts shall be entered setting forth the terms of the proposal. If the Superintendent and/or Association propose any alterations or modifications, the Bargaining Unit members shall have the right to accept or reject the contract as altered or modified. Any such final contract shall be in conformity with the Master Agreement.

ARTICLE XXI

TEACHERS' SALARIES

- A. Salaries of the teachers covered by this Agreement for the 2003-2009 school years are set forth in Schedule A which is incorporated into this Agreement. A lump sum, one time, signing bonus of 1.5% of current salary schedule for 2003-04/2004-05 to be awarded within thirty (30) days of contract ratification.
- B. Paydays shall be every other Friday.
- C. Teachers shall have their salary prorated over twenty-six (26) pay periods. The salary schedule is based on the agreed number of days of service. All deductions for Associations dues will be in as equal amounts as possible beginning with the first pay period in October and ending with the final pay period in June.
- D. Teachers who desire the balance of their pay in a lump sum at the end of the school year shall notify the Superintendent in writing by May 15. Lump sum payments will be paid to those so indicating the last pay period in June.
- E. Teachers who enter or leave the school system during the school year shall have their pay prorated as follows: their salary divided by the number of agreed service days in the calendar times their actual number of days of service. Teachers employed after the end of the first semester of the school year shall be raised to the next step on the salary schedule with the first pay of the succeeding school year. For those leaving the system the balance of their salary shall be paid within three (3) weeks of leaving. The balance of authorized dues or fees shall be deducted from the final payment and turned over to the Treasurer of the Association. A newly hired teacher shall complete an authorization form for deduction of dues or fees and present it to the Superintendent's office.
- F. Teachers absent and not covered by sick leave shall have their pay reduced per diem of the annual rate (as based on the agreed days of service in the calendar) for each day of absence.
- G. A tax sheltered annuity program shall be offered to interested teachers.
- H. Schedule B pay for coaching shall be paid one-third (1/3), one-third (1/3), one-third (1/3) at times approximately one-third (1/3), two-thirds (2/3), and end of the coaching season for that sport. Other Schedule B pay shall be made as nearly as possible to the completion of the service for which it is designated.

SCHEDULE A

TEACHERS' SALARIES

**2003-2004
(Same as 2002-2003)**

STEP	BA	BA+20	MA
1	\$29980	\$30581	\$33590
2	\$31862	\$32566	\$35393
3	\$33743	\$34551	\$37194
4	\$35626	\$36536	\$38997
5	\$37508	\$38522	\$40798
6	\$39389	\$40507	\$42602
7	\$41271	\$42494	\$44403
8	\$43153	\$44478	\$46206
9	\$45034	\$46463	\$48007
10	\$46918	\$48448	\$49808
11	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
12	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
13	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
14	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
15	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
16	\$49733	\$51355	\$52796
25	\$51317	\$52939	\$54382

**2004-2005
(Same as 2002-2003)**

STEP	BA	BA+20	MA
1	\$29980	\$30581	\$33590
2	\$31862	\$32566	\$35393
3	\$33743	\$34551	\$37194
4	\$35626	\$36536	\$38997
5	\$37508	\$38522	\$40798
6	\$39389	\$40507	\$42602
7	\$41271	\$42494	\$44403
8	\$43153	\$44478	\$46206
9	\$45034	\$46463	\$48007
10	\$46918	\$48448	\$49808
11	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
12	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
13	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
14	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
15	\$48795	\$50386	\$51800
16	\$49733	\$51355	\$52796
25	\$51317	\$52939	\$54382

SCHEDULE A

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Sept 2, 2005 - Feb 17, 2006 Pays

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	30,430	31,040	34,094
2	32,340	33,054	35,924
3	34,249	35,069	37,752
4	36,160	37,084	39,582
5	38,071	39,100	41,410
6	39,980	41,115	43,241
7	41,890	43,131	45,069
8	43,800	45,145	46,899
9	45,710	47,160	48,727
10	47,622	49,175	50,555
11	49,527	51,142	52,577
12	49,527	51,142	52,577
13	49,527	51,142	52,577
14	49,527	51,142	52,577
15	49,527	51,142	52,577
16	50,479	52,125	53,588
20	51,993	53,689	55,196
25	53,553	55,300	56,851

Mar 3, 2006 - August 18, 2006 Pays

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	30,886	31,505	34,605
2	32,825	33,550	36,463
3	34,763	35,595	38,318
4	36,703	37,640	40,176
5	38,642	39,686	42,031
6	40,580	41,731	43,890
7	42,518	43,778	45,745
8	44,457	45,822	47,603
9	46,395	47,867	49,458
10	48,336	49,912	51,313
11	50,270	51,909	53,366
12	50,270	51,909	53,366
13	50,270	51,909	53,366
14	50,270	51,909	53,366
15	50,270	51,909	53,366
16	51,236	52,907	54,392
20	52,773	54,495	56,024
25	54,357	56,130	57,704

Sept 1, 2006 - Feb 16, 2007 Pays

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	31,195	31,820	34,951
2	33,153	33,886	36,827
3	35,111	35,951	38,701
4	37,070	38,017	40,577
5	39,028	40,083	42,451
6	40,985	42,149	44,329
7	42,944	44,216	46,203
8	44,902	46,281	48,079
9	46,859	48,346	49,953
10	48,819	50,411	51,827
11	50,773	52,428	53,899
12	50,773	52,428	53,899
13	50,773	52,428	53,899
14	50,773	52,428	53,899
15	50,773	52,428	53,899
16	51,749	53,436	54,936
20	53,301	55,040	56,584
25	54,900	56,691	58,281

March 2, 2007 - Aug 17, 2007 Pays

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	31,507	32,139	35,301
2	33,485	34,225	37,196
3	35,462	36,311	39,088
4	37,441	38,397	40,983
5	39,418	40,484	42,876
6	41,395	42,570	44,772
7	43,373	44,658	46,665
8	45,351	46,743	48,559
9	47,328	48,829	50,452
10	49,308	50,916	52,345
11	51,280	52,952	54,438
12	51,280	52,952	54,438
13	51,280	52,952	54,438
14	51,280	52,952	54,438
15	51,280	52,952	54,438
16	52,266	53,971	55,485
20	53,834	55,590	57,150
25	55,449	57,258	58,864

Marion EA Contract August 20, 2003 – August 21, 2009

2007-2008

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	\$32,137	\$32,782	\$36,007
2	\$34,155	\$34,910	\$37,940
3	\$36,171	\$37,037	\$39,870
4	\$38,190	\$39,165	\$41,803
5	\$40,206	\$41,294	\$43,734
6	\$42,223	\$43,421	\$45,667
7	\$44,240	\$45,551	\$47,598
8	\$46,258	\$47,678	\$49,530
9	\$48,275	\$49,806	\$51,461
10	\$50,294	\$51,934	\$53,392
11	\$52,306	\$54,011	\$55,527
12	\$52,306	\$54,011	\$55,527
13	\$52,306	\$54,011	\$55,527
14	\$52,306	\$54,011	\$55,527
15	\$52,306	\$54,011	\$55,527
16	\$53,311	\$55,050	\$56,595
20	\$54,911	\$56,702	\$58,293
25	\$56,558	\$58,403	\$60,041

2008-2009

Step	BA	BA + 20	MA
1	\$32,780	\$33,437	\$36,727
2	\$34,838	\$35,608	\$38,699
3	\$36,895	\$37,778	\$40,667
4	\$38,954	\$39,948	\$42,639
5	\$41,010	\$42,120	\$44,608
6	\$43,067	\$44,290	\$46,581
7	\$45,125	\$46,462	\$48,550
8	\$47,183	\$48,631	\$50,521
9	\$49,240	\$50,802	\$52,490
10	\$51,300	\$52,973	\$54,460
11	\$53,352	\$55,091	\$56,637
12	\$53,352	\$55,091	\$56,637
13	\$53,352	\$55,091	\$56,637
14	\$53,352	\$55,091	\$56,637
15	\$53,352	\$55,091	\$56,637
16	\$54,378	\$56,151	\$57,727
20	\$56,009	\$57,836	\$59,459
25	\$57,689	\$59,571	\$61,242

SCHEDULE B

Varsity Football	11%
Assistant Varsity Football	8%
J. V. Football	8%
Assistant J.V. Football	6%
Varsity Basketball	11%
J.V. Basketball	8%
9th Grade Basketball	6%
7th or 8th Grade Basketball	5%
Varsity Volleyball	9%
J.V. Volleyball	7%
Girls Varsity Track	9%
Boys Varsity Track	9%
Girl's Assistant Track	4%
Boy's Assistant Track	4%
Girl's JH Track	4%
Boy's JH Track	4%
Cross Country	9%
Varsity Softball	9%
JV Softball	7%
Varsity Baseball	9%
JV Baseball	7%
Fall Varsity Cheerleading	6%
Winter Varsity Cheerleading	6%
Fall JV Cheerleading	4%
Winter JV Cheerleading	4%
Jr. High Cheerleading	2%
Athletic Director	11%

Percentages are in reference to steps on the BA salary schedule. The steps referred to shall correspond to the number of years the person has coached that sport in an interscholastic setting. Coaches without teaching certification will be paid a sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) less than the experience step of the BA schedule as described above. If the coaching positions are not filled in any one sport and the employed coaches perform the duties of the vacant positions, the allotted percent based on the base pay shall be divided equally among those performing the duties.

The following percentage is based on the full schedule (BA, BA+20, and MA) and the person's total credited teaching experience. Those without a teaching certificate shall be paid a sum one thousand dollars (\$1000) less than the experience step of the BA level.

Instrumental Music	12%	1% additional for community performances
Vocal Music	6%	3% additional for community performances
(includes two or more elementary school programs)		
High & Middle School Yearbook	9%	upon completion & publication of the yearbook
Academic Competitive Team Coach	2%	
Communication Coordinator	3%	PA 25, District Newsletter
	6%	Website
Gifted and Talented Director	2%	
Plays outside class time	3%	
Safety Patrol Supervisor	2%	
Driver Education	\$17	per hour
Librarian	3%	
Counselor	5%	
Class Advisor (one advisor per class)		
Seniors	3%	
Juniors	3%	
Sophomores	2%	
Freshman	2%	
Eighth	1.50%	
Seventh	1.50%	
NCA Coordinator/School Improvement Chair		
High School	5%	
Elementary	5%	
NCA Steering Committee/		
School Improvement	1%	per person
SADD Advisor	2%	
National Honor Society Advisor	1.50%	
HS Student Council Advisor	3%	
Jr. High Student Council Advisor	1%	
MEAP Coordinator	4%	
After School Study Club	\$20	hr.
Audio-Visual Tech	\$20	hr. upon approval by administration
Special Education Coordinator	3%	
*Grant Writing	10%	

*The grant is to be divided among all writers involved with grant with a cap of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per grant. Grants must be approved in advance by the District. If the grant is not received, the writers will be paid twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour for writing the grant.

The Board will notify the Association President of any newly created or anticipated Schedule B positions. Negotiations on such positions shall commence five (5) days before the position is filled.

Prior to the beginning of each coaching season, the Board shall allow for each coach to elect whether their coaching pay shall be combined with their normal pay or paid as a separate check.

Schedule B positions shall be posted internally prior to posting for outside applicants. First consideration will be given to Bargaining Unit members.

SCHEDULE C

A Bargaining Unit member with at least ten (10) years of active service with Marion Public Schools and at least twenty (20) years of total active service shall be eligible to be placed on Schedule C. Active service does not include purchased service credit.

A Bargaining Unit member who resigns with an effective resignation date of three (3) school years or less will be placed on Schedule C at the time his/her resignation is accepted by the Board of Education. A Bargaining Unit member may apply for Schedule C for a maximum of three (3) years.

The eligible Bargaining Unit member must notify the superintendent by July 1 of the previous school year for Schedule C compensation to begin the next school year. The additional salary will be added to the Bargaining Unit member's annual base salary and spread out over twenty-six (26) pays. A Bargaining Unit member may not receive retroactive Schedule C payments.

Schedule C Payment Plan

Year One:	\$2,000
Year Two:	\$3,000
Year Three:	\$4,000

The eligible Bargaining Unit member will be entitled to any other provisions (such as sick day retirement benefits) as described in this contract. By June 1, the eligible Bargaining Unit member will meet with his/her supervisor to develop an individual mutually-agreed-upon plan to support District goals. This plan will include at least one (1) of the following activities: Mentoring; presenting or assisting in professional development activities; or participation in positive public relations.

Upon request from the participating Bargaining Unit member, the Board of Education may, at its discretion, consider the rescinding of Schedule C participation based upon catastrophic circumstances or circumstances beyond the participating Bargaining Unit member's control.

ARTICLE XXII

CALENDAR

The calendar shall be included in this agreement and will include a list of Bargaining Unit member workdays, student contact days, and teacher orientation/preparation day(s).

Bad weather days shall be made up in excess of those hours covered in the State School Aid Act & Revised School Code. Interruptions to the school calendar for reasons other than weather shall be made up if necessary to meet the required hours under the State School Aid Act & Revised School Code. These days are to be made up by mutual agreement of the Board and Association.

ARTICLE XXIII

IN-DISTRICT RESIDENCY/SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Teachers residing within the Marion School District or placing their children (via school of choice) in Marion Schools will receive a two percent (2%) increase in their teaching salary for the school year.

ARTICLE XXIV

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development Days shall be provided by the Board in compliance with 380-1527 of the School Code. Such days are to be scheduled and planned jointly by representatives of the Board and the Association, each elected by their appropriate methods. Such days are to be compensated at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day.

Curriculum Work

A need for certified staff members to work on curriculum development, school improvement plans, pilot programs or other non-instructional work occasionally arises. A Bargaining Unit member, who voluntarily agrees to perform this type of work beyond the school day and is approved by his/her supervisor, will be paid in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour. These funds will be paid if not paid via other outside funding sources.

Graduate Credit/Certification Reimbursement

The Board will pay up to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of tuition. These classes must be approved in advance by the Superintendent/designee and must apply to the teacher's present or projected future teaching/administrative assignment. Teachers must receive a minimum grade of "B" to receive reimbursement. All requests for reimbursement of tuition, with proof of successful passing of the class, shall be made in writing to the Superintendent and be submitted not later than June 15th. A three (3) semester hour limit per applicant, per year will exist.

The Board will pay up to two hundred dollars (\$200) per year for certification renewal or endorsements related to current or future teaching assignments. Teachers must provide proof of endorsement receipt and payment.

ARTICLE XXV

COMPUTER USE PROTECTION

Teachers will not be responsible for problems that arise out of accidental Internet use.

ARTICLE XXVI

NEGOTIATION PRACTICES AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

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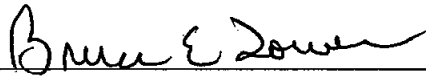
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No employee will be discriminated against so as to limit, segregate, or classify said person in any way that would deprive any individual of employment opportunities or adversely affect their employment status (firing, compensation, terms, conditions) because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or membership in or Association with the activities of the Association.

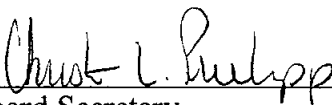
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The duration of this Agreement shall be from August 21, 2005 through August 20, 2009. This Agreement shall be extended only by mutual written and signed agreement of the parties. It is understood that in the 2006-2007 school year, Schedule B and up to three (3) language items from each side will be reopened.

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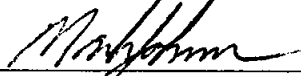


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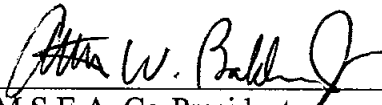
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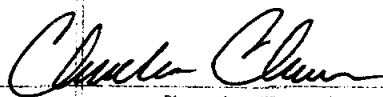
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**Letter of Agreement
 between the
 Marion Public Schools
 and the
 Marion Schools Education Association**

It is the agreement of the Marion Public Schools and the Marion Schools Education Association that any Bargaining Unit Member who works three (3) or more hours per day is entitled to the same insurance benefits as stated in the existing contract as a full-time Bargaining Unit Member. This Letter of Agreement will remain in effect only until the existing contract is re-opened. Any Bargaining Unit Member covered under this Letter of Agreement will forfeit all benefit rights described within, and any new negotiated language shall apply at the time it is agreed upon by both parties.


It is understood that this issue will be negotiated at the contract re-opener in addition to the three allowable articles. This Agreement shall not constitute a present or past practice nor a waiver of any rights whatsoever by either party.



For the Board

6/27/05

Date



For the Association

6/27/05

Date

Letter of Agreement

To: Charles Chase, Superintendent
From: Cyndi Austin, MEA Uniserv Director
Date: August 14, 2006
Re: Letter of Agreement regarding Evaluation Committee

It is agreed between the District and the Association that a committee comprised of negotiators from the Association and the District will review the evaluation process proposed by the district during the 2006 negotiations.

The committee will review the proposal, and if agreed upon, will set up guidelines and the necessary forms/procedures and implementation date for use of the new process.

This agreement shall not constitute a precedent or past practice, nor a waiver of any rights whatsoever by either party. This agreement will expire on December 22, 2006 and it may be extended by mutual agreement of both parties.



For the Association



For the District

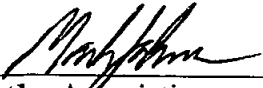
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Letter of Agreement

It is agreed between the District and the Association that the calendar for the 2007-2008 school-year and the 2008-2009 school year will be negotiated by the District and the association in the fall of 2006 (preceding February).

This agreement shall not constitute a precedent or past practice, nor a waiver of any rights whatsoever by either party.



For the Association

12/19/06

Date



For the District

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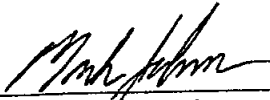
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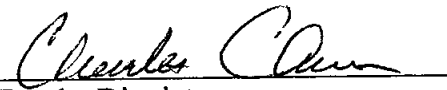
It is also agreed that an insurance committee will be established during the 2007-08 school-year to review and consider insurance carriers and other options.

This agreement shall not constitute a precedent or past practice, nor a waiver of any rights whatsoever by either party.



For the Association

12/19/06
Date



For the District

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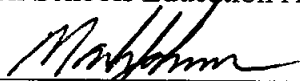


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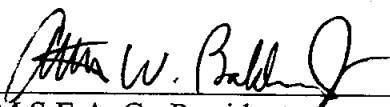
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