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between

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOLS**

and

**BIRCH RUN EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION, MEA/NEA**

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this sixteenth day of July, 2007, by and between the Birch Run Area Schools (hereinafter called the "Employer") and the Birch Run Educational Support Personnel Association, MEA/NEA (hereinafter called the "Association").

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

Section A. Scope.

Pursuant to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Act 379 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1965, as amended, the Employer recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other conditions of employment for the term of this Agreement, of the following described employees of the Employer:

All full-time and regularly scheduled part-time Bus Drivers, Bus Mechanics, Custodial Maintenance, Secretary/Clerical personnel and Paraprofessional Aides, excluding Confidential Secretaries, (Superintendent and Personnel) Administrators, Supervisors and all other employees.

Section B. Definitions

1. The term "employee" when used hereafter in this Agreement shall refer only to members of the bargaining unit.
2. For hourly employees, the term "full-time employee" shall mean an employee who is regularly scheduled to work at least thirty-five (35) hours a week, or at least 1,820 hours per year, on a permanent basis.
3. For hourly employees, the term "regular part-time employee" shall mean an employee who is regularly scheduled to work less than thirty-five (35) hours a week or less than 1,820 hours per year.
4. The term "substitute" shall mean a non-bargaining unit member, who worked in the place of an absent employee during the absent employee's regularly scheduled hours and assignment, except, bargaining unit members may substitute for each other without having to leave the bargaining unit.
5. For Bus Drivers, full time shall mean having an A.M. and P.M. daily assignment of not less than two (2) runs. Miles driven on shuttle runs are excluded.

ARTICLE II - ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

The rights granted herein to the Association shall not be granted or extended to any competing labor organization.

Section A. Facilities and Equipment Use

1. The Association and its representatives shall have the right to use Employer buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings, provided that when special custodial service is required, the Employer may make reasonable charge therefore. Such request must be made to the Custodial Maintenance Supervisor at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
2. The Employer recognizes the need for the Association's members, as defined in this Agreement, to use equipment belonging to the Employer when it pertains solely to business being conducted by and for the Birch Run Educational Support Personnel. Access to the following equipment will be made available, providing it is not in use and a twenty-four (24) hour written notification to the Custodial Maintenance Supervisor is provided: Typewriters, computers, duplicating equipment, calculating machines, and audio-visual equipment. The Association shall pay for the cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use.
3. Duly authorized representatives of the Association and its respective affiliates shall be permitted to transact official Association business on Employer property at all reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal operations. Association representatives will notify the appropriate Administrator of their presence upon such arrival at a district facility before any transactions occur.
4. Bargaining members area assigned for posting notices of official Association business. The Association may use the interoffice delivery service of the Employer, without U.S. postage, providing such usage is in compliance with official Association business. Any official union posting shall have an authorized signature, and a copy of the posting will be given to the Superintendent.

Section B. Requests for Information

The Employer agrees to furnish to the Association, in response to timely requests, all information in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 1977. Costs of duplicating, mailing and labor to honor such requests will be borne by the Association. Information provided to the association for the negotiation process shall be at no cost.

Section C. Unit Work

It is understood that the members of the bargaining unit set forth in the foregoing recognition clause have the responsibility for performing duties normally associated with those positions. In most instances, these duties shall be assigned only to a person who is or will become a member of the bargaining unit represented by the Association, except a substitute may perform the duties of an absent employee.

ARTICLE III - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section A. Rights

1. Pursuant to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act, as amended, MCLA 423.201 et seq; MSA 17.455(1) et seq., (PERA), the Employer hereby agreed that every bargaining unit member shall have the right to freely organize, join and support the Association and to engage in lawful concerted activities for the purposes of collective bargaining or negotiations. As a duly elected body, exercising governmental power under color of law of the State of Michigan, the Employer undertakes and agrees that it will not directly, or indirectly, discourage or deprive or coerce any bargaining unit member in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by PERA other laws of Michigan, or the United States of America; that it will not discriminate against any bargaining unit member with respect to hours, wages or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his/her membership in the Association; his/her participation in any activities of the Association or collective negotiations with the employer, his/her institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement, or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment. No bargaining unit member shall be prevented from wearing insignia, pins, or other identification of membership in the association at any time by the Employer.
2. Nothing contained within this Agreement shall be construed to deny or restrict to any bargaining unit member rights he/she may have under the Michigan General School Laws or other applicable State or Federal laws or regulations. The rights granted to bargaining unit members hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.
3. The bargaining unit members shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship and no religious or political activities of any bargaining unit member or lack thereof shall be grounds for any discipline or discrimination with respect to the employment of such bargaining unit member. The private and personal life of any bargaining unit member is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Employer, except when such personal life activity clearly restricts the employee's performance of his/her work duties.
4. The Employer agrees that it will in no way discriminate against or between bargaining unit members covered by this Agreement because of their race, creed, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, physical characteristics or handicap, or place of residence.

Section B. Just Cause

No bargaining unit member shall be disciplined without just cause. The term "discipline" as used in this Agreement includes warnings, reprimands, suspensions with or without pay, reductions in rank, compensation, or discharge of a non-probationary bargaining unit member. Any such discipline, including adverse evaluation or bargaining unit member performance shall be subject to the grievance procedure hereinafter set forth including arbitration. The specific grounds for disciplinary action will be presented in writing to the bargaining unit member and the Association no later than at the time discipline is imposed.

Section C. Representation

A bargaining unit member shall be entitled to have present a representative of the Association during any meeting which will or may lead to disciplinary action by the Employer. When a request for such representation is made, no action shall be taken with respect to the bargaining unit member until such representative of the Association is present. Should disciplinary action be likely to occur at a given meeting, the bargaining unit member shall be advised immediately of said possibility and be advised by the Employer of the right to representation under this provision of the Agreement.

Section D. Personnel File

1. A bargaining unit member will have the right to review the contents of all records of the Employer pertaining to said bargaining unit member originating after initial employment and to have a representative of the Association accompany him/her in such review. Other examination of a bargaining unit member's file shall be limited to authorized administrative personnel, except that a non-bargaining unit member Association representative may review such files when necessary for contract administration purposes or to provide the bargaining unit member representation in other administrative or legal proceedings.
2. No material, including but not limited to, student, parental or school personnel complaints originating after initial employment will be placed in a bargaining unit member's personnel file unless the bargaining unit member has had an opportunity to review the material. Complaints against the bargaining unit member shall be put in writing with names of the complainants; administrative action taken, and remedy clearly stated. The bargaining unit member may submit a written notation or reply regarding any material, including complaints, and the same shall be attached to the file copy of the material in question. When material is to be placed in a bargaining unit member's file, the affected bargaining unit member shall review and may sign said material, such signature shall be understood to indicate awareness of the material but in no instance shall said signature be interpreted to mean agreement with the content of the material. All recommendations, written or oral, shall be based solely on the contents of the bargaining unit member's personnel file.

Section E. Assault

Any case of assault upon a bargaining unit member while engaged in their work duties shall be promptly reported to the Employer. The Employer may promptly render all reasonable assistance to the bargaining unit member, when possible to prevent injury. The Employer will provide the bargaining unit member with access to its legal counsel to advise the bargaining unit member of his/her rights and obligations with respect to such assault as well as in connection with the handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities. The Employer will reimburse any bargaining unit member up to \$500.00 during the course of one (1) calendar year for damages to or destruction or loss of the bargaining unit member's vehicle, clothing and/or other items necessary to be brought into the work place, provided such damage, destruction or loss occurred on school premises and was not occasioned by the negligence of the bargaining unit member and was not covered by insurance.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Employer, on its own and electors of the School District's behalf, retains and reserves without limitation all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:

1. To the executive management and administrative control of the school system, its equipment, its operations, and to direct the working forces and affairs of the Board.
2. To continue its rights, policies, and practices of assignment and direction of its personnel, determine the number of personnel and scheduling of all the foregoing, and the right to establish, modify, or change any work or school hours or days.
3. To direct the employees, including the right to hire, promote, suspend and discharge employees, transfer employees, assign work or duties to employees, determine the size of the work force and to lay off employees.
4. To determine the services, supplies and equipment necessary to continue its operations and to determine all methods and means of carrying out its services.
5. The matters contained in this Agreement and/or the exercise of any such rights of the Board are not subject to further negotiations between the parties during the term of this Agreement.

The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities by the Employer, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific provisions of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific provisions thereof are in conformance with the laws and Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States.

ARTICLE V - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section A. Definition

A claim or complaint by a bargaining unit member or group of bargaining unit members of the Association, that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of any provision of this Agreement affecting bargaining unit members' working conditions may be processed as a grievance as hereinafter provided.

Section B. Hearing Levels

Informal Level: When a cause for complaint occurs, the affected bargaining unit member(s) shall request a meeting with his/her immediate supervisor in an effort to resolve the complaint. The Association may be notified and a representative thereof present with the bargaining unit member at such meeting. If the bargaining unit member is not satisfied with the result(s) of the meeting, he/she may formalize the complaint in writing as provided hereunder. All written grievances must contain the specific contract provisions allegedly violated, the date of the violation, the remedy requested and the grievant's signature.

Formal Level 1: If a complaint is not resolved in a conference between the affected bargaining unit member(s) and his/her immediate supervisor, the complaint may be formalized as a grievance. A formalized grievance shall be submitted, in writing, within ten (10) days of the meeting between the supervisor and the affected bargaining unit member(s). A copy of the grievance shall be sent to the Association and the immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor shall, within five (5) days of the receipt of the grievance, render a written decision. A copy of this decision shall be forwarded to the grievant(s) and the Association.

Formal Level 2: If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level 1 or if no disposition has been made within five (5) days of receipt of the grievance, the grievance shall within five (5) days be transmitted to the governing body of the Board or its designee. Within seven (7) days after the grievance has been so submitted, the governing body or its designee shall meet with the Association on the grievance. The Board's governing body or its designee, within ten (10) days after the conclusion of the meeting, shall render a written decision thereon with copies to the Association and the grievant(s).

Formal Level 3: If the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level 2, the Association may, within twenty-five (25) days of receipt of the Board's disposition, submit the grievance to arbitration before an impartial arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree as to the arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be selected by the American Arbitration Association in accord with its rules which shall likewise govern the arbitration proceeding. Neither the Board nor the Association shall be permitted to assert in such arbitration proceeding any ground or to rely on any evidence not previously disclosed to the other party. Both parties agree to be bound by the award of the arbitrator, and that judgment thereon may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Association and Board.

Section C. Powers of the Arbitrator

It shall be the function of the Arbitrator, except as the arbitrator's powers are limited below, after due investigation, to make a decision in cases of alleged violation of the specific articles and sections of this Agreement.

1. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
2. The arbitrator shall have no power to establish salary scales or change any salary.
3. The arbitrator shall have no power to rule on any of the following:
 - a. The termination of services of, or failure to re-employ, any probationary employee;
 - b. Any matter involving employee evaluation;
 - c. Any complaint for which there is another remedial procedure or forum established by law or regulation having the force of law.

Section D. Miscellaneous Conditions

1. The term "days" when used in this Article shall mean days the Employer's office is open for business and the bargaining unit is scheduled to work. Time limits may be extended by mutual written agreement.
2. Notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement, any claim or grievance arising thereunder may be processed through the grievance procedure until resolution.
3. Grievances filed as Association grievances may, with mutual consent, be initiated at Formal level #2 of the grievance procedure.

4. For the purpose of assisting a bargaining unit member or the Association in the prosecution or defense of any contractual, administrative, or legal proceeding, including but not limited to grievances, the Board shall permit an Association representative access to and the right to inspect and acquire copies of personnel files and any other files or records of the Board which pertain to an affected bargaining unit member or any issue in the proceedings in question. Confidential letters of reference secured from sources outside the school system shall be excluded from inspection.
5. A bargaining unit member who must be involved in the grievance procedure during the workday shall be excused with pay for that purpose.
6. Grievances shall be begun at either the informal level, if a non-Association grievance, or formal level 2 if an Association grievance (under D-3 Miscellaneous Conditions above) not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance.
7. A grievance not begun or appealed, following a denial or no response, within the time limits specified will not be processed.

The grievance form is attached as APPENDIX B.

ARTICLE VI - AGENCY SHOP

Section A.

In accordance with the terms of this Article, each bargaining unit member within thirty (30) days of employment shall, as a condition of employment, join the Association or pay a service fee to the Association.

Section B. Association Members

Membership in the Association is not compulsory. Employees have the right to join, maintain, or terminate their membership in the Association as they see fit. Neither party shall exert or put pressure on or discriminate against an employee.

Section C. Service Fee Payers

Bargaining unit members not joining the Association shall pay a service fee to the Association as determined in accordance with the MEA Policy and Procedures Regarding Objections to Political-Ideological Expenditures. The remedies set forth in this Policy shall be exclusive, and unless and until the procedures set forth therein have been availed of and exhausted, all other administrative and judicial procedures shall be barred.

Section D. Non-Payment of Dues or Service Fees

If a bargaining unit member does not pay the appropriate amount of dues or service fee to the Association, upon written notification by the Association, the Employer shall deduct that amount from the bargaining unit member's wages in the same manner as set forth elsewhere in this Article and remit same to the Association pursuant to MCLA 408.477.

Should such involuntary payroll deduction become legally disallowed, the Employer shall, at the written request of the Association, terminate the employment of such bargaining unit member within thirty (30) days of receiving the notification by the Association, unless the bargaining unit member follows each step of the procedures set forth for service fee payers in Appendix C of this Agreement. The parties agree that the failure of any bargaining unit member to comply with the provisions of this Article is just cause for discharge from employment.

Section E. Payroll Deduction

Upon written authorization by a bargaining unit member or pursuant to Section D, the employer will deduct the appropriate amount of the dues or service fees from the bargaining unit member's wages. The deductions will be made in equal amounts from the paychecks of the bargaining unit member beginning with the first pay following receipt of the written authorization from the bargaining unit member or the Association and continuing through the last pay period in June of each year. Monies so deducted will be transmitted to the Association, or its designee, no later than twenty (20) days following each deduction. Bus Drivers dues are to be deducted every pay period.

Section F. Save Harmless Clause

As a condition of the effectiveness of this Article, the Association agrees to indemnify and save the Board, each individual school board member and all administrators, harmless against any and all claims, demands, costs, suits or other forms of liability and all court or administrative agency costs that may arise out of or by reason of, action taken by the Board for the purpose of complying with this Article.

Section G. Inoperative Agreement

If at any time during the duration of this Agreement, the Association authorizes, causes or engages in or sanctions any strike, or work stoppage of any kind, against this Board as the Employer, then this Article shall become null and void and inoperative during said strike or work stoppage.

ARTICLE VII - SENIORITY

Section A. Definitions

Seniority shall be defined as the length of service within the district as a member of the bargaining unit first, within a given classification second and within a specific level last. Accumulation of seniority shall begin from the bargaining unit member's first working day as described above. A paid holiday shall be counted as the first working day in applicable situations. In the event that more than one individual bargaining unit member has the same starting date of work, position on the seniority list shall be determined by drawing lots. Classifications under this Agreement: Are listed in Appendix A.

Classification Seniority: Seniority accrued in one classification is not transferable to another classification. In the event an employee in the bargaining unit transfers from one classification to another, his/her accrued seniority shall be frozen in the classification from which he/she is transferred and may be used to avoid layoff only. Seniority in the new assignment shall begin as of the first day worked.

Seniority accrued in one level is not transferable to another level. In the event an employee in the bargaining unit transfers from one level to another, his/her accrued seniority shall be frozen in the level from which he/she is transferred and may be used to avoid layoff only. Seniority in the new assignment shall begin as of the first day worked.

Fringe Benefit Seniority: District seniority shall be used to determine eligibility for holidays and vacations.

Dual Seniority: An employee who concurrently holds positions in more than one classification shall hold dual seniority. Seniority shall be reflected in each classification in which the employee works.

Section B. Probationary Period

All new employees shall be probationary employees until they have completed ninety (90) consecutive calendar days of service, exclusive of any unpaid leaves or layoffs, provided, however, that the employee must work at least sixty (60) days during the probationary period. During the probationary period, the employee shall be represented by the Association for all purposes except, the termination of a probationary employee shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. Probationary bargaining unit members shall have no seniority until the completion of the probationary period at which time their seniority shall revert to their first day of work.

Section C. Seniority List

The Employer will maintain an up-to-date seniority list showing the district wide, classification and level seniority of each employee. A copy of the seniority list will be posted on the appropriate bulletin boards on July 1st of each year. The names of all employees who have completed their probationary periods shall be listed on the seniority list, starting with the senior employee's name at the top of this list. A copy of the seniority list and subsequent revisions shall be furnished to the Association.

Section D. Termination of Seniority

Seniority shall be lost by a bargaining unit member for the following reasons:

1. The Employee resigns in writing.
2. The Employee is discharged for just cause.
3. The Employee is absent without notifying the Employer in excess of three (3) consecutive work days.
4. The Employee fails to return from leave for three (3) consecutive work days after the expiration of said leave.
5. The Employee is laid off for a period of time exceeding his/her seniority.
6. The Employee accepts a non-bargaining position with the Employer.
7. The Employee retires.
8. The Employee fails to return to work within five (5) consecutive work days of the date the Employer sends notification of recall from layoff through certified mail.

Seniority shall be retained for up to three (3) years for the following reason:

1. If an employee is faced with the choice of layoff or accepting a non-bargaining unit position.

ARTICLE VIII - JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Section A. Job Description and Classifications

For each classification the job descriptions will include at a minimum:

- (a) Job Title and Description
- (b) Minimum requirements
- (c) A statement of required tasks and responsibilities

Section B. Procedures

1. The job description shall be distributed to all new bargaining unit members when hired by the District. Copies of said descriptions shall be maintained in a file provided by the Employer at the district's personnel office facility and shall be made available for review by any bargaining unit member upon request, with copies provided upon request.
2. The Employer shall meet and confer with the Association upon request to discuss changes in existing job descriptions. There shall be no changes in existing job descriptions without notice to and consultation with the Association.
3. Any evaluation of bargaining unit members' work performance shall be based mainly upon said job description.

Section C.

Without prior notice to the Association, the Employer shall take no action to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as amended, 20 USC 6301 et seq., that has an adverse impact on any bargaining unit member.

Qualifications of Title I Paraprofessionals:

- A. Paraprofessionals hired on or before January 8, 2002 and required by the NO Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 USC 6301 et seq., to meet the requirements of 20 USC 6319 (c) by January 8, 2006 shall:
 1. Obtain a secondary school diploma or it's recognized equivalent by January 8, 2006: and
 2. Be allowed to elect which of the three options below he/she will elect in order to satisfy requirements of 20 USC 6319 (c):
 - a. Completion of at least 2 years of study at an institution of higher education: or
 - b. Obtain 60 hours of higher education as defined in NCLB: or
 - c. As defined by the Michigan State Department of Education, meet rigorous standard of quality and demonstrate, through a formal State academic assessment-
 - (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist instruction, reading, writing, and mathematics; or
 - (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instruction, reading readiness, as appropriate or
 3. If a paraprofessional has been determined by the Michigan Department of Education as meeting the requirements of 20 USC 6319 (c), then he/she shall be considered by this school district as meeting the requirement of 20 USC 6319 (c).

- B. The Employer shall reimburse expenses incurred after January 8, 2002 for each employee required to meet the requirements of 20 USC 6319 (c), for the cost of the initial testing. In the event the bargaining unit member fails the test, the bargaining unit member will be responsible for the payment of additional testing.
- C. An employee subject to the requirements of 20 USC 639 (c) who is unable to meet the requirements by the deadline established by law shall be laid off subject to Article XII.

ARTICLE IX - SUBCONTRACTING

Section A. Bargaining Unit Duties

The duties of any bargaining unit member or the responsibilities of any position in the bargaining unit shall not be increased, or transferred to persons not covered by this Agreement without the prior written agreement of the Association except in cases of emergencies as defined in "B" below.

Section B. Supervisors

The Employer agrees that supervisors or non-unit personnel shall not be used at any time to displace bargaining unit members regularly employed in the bargaining unit, except in emergencies when bargaining unit members are not available and a large volume of work must be completed in a short period of time. For purposes of this provision, an emergency shall be defined as an unforeseen circumstance or a combination of circumstances which call for immediate action in a situation which is not expected to recur.

Section C. Provisions

The Employer will not sub-contract work unless the skills needed to perform the work as reasonably specified are unavailable within the bargaining unit and cannot be obtained in a reasonable time.

Section D. Summer Youth Program

The use of young adults (students) involved in Summer Youth Programs is at the discretion of the Board providing the Association authorizes each specific program when required. The use of any such program will not result in the layoff, displacement, reduction of hours or any other benefit of regular employees. Regular employees shall not be required to supervise Summer Youth Program workers and shall not be held responsible for the quality or quantity of their work.

ARTICLE X - VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

Section A. Definition of Vacancy

A vacancy shall be defined as a newly created position or a present position that is not filled, provided such position to be filled is not the result of an employee being on an approved leave of absence for forty-five (45) working days or less.

Section B. Posting

All vacancies shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each building of the school district for a period of five (5) work days. Each position shall contain the following information:

- (a) Type of work;
- (b) Location of work;
- (c) Starting date;
- (d) Rate of pay;
- (e) Hours to be worked;
- (f) Classification;
- (g) Minimum requirements.

Copies of postings will be sent to the local Association president prior to posting. Interested employees may apply in writing to the Superintendent or his designee within the five (5) day posting period. The Employer shall notify school year employees of vacancies occurring during the school summer vacation period by sending a copy of the posting to each such employee by first class U.S. mail. Employees shall be responsible for keeping the Employer informed of their current mailing address.

Section C. Filling Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled with the bargaining unit applicant who best meets or exceeds the qualifications as set forth in the position job description and determined by standard written and/or "hands-on" testing. In the event that several applicants have comparable acceptable test results, the employee with the highest seniority within the bargaining unit will be awarded the position, provided they can successfully complete the trial period. The trial period shall be a minimum of Ten (10) days worked up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) days worked.

Bargaining unit members who are laid off shall have the right to submit an application during the posting period.

All applicants will be tested for determination of qualifications.

In the event that no bargaining unit applicant adequately meets the testing standard, the vacancy can be filled by an outside applicant.

Section D. Notification

Within ten (10) work days after the expiration of the posting period, the Employer shall make known its decision as to which applicant has been selected to fill a posted position. Each applicant shall be so notified in writing with a copy provided to the Association.

Section E. Trial Period

In the event of a transfer or promotion to a different classification, the trial period shall be up to twenty-five (25) days worked. The trial period is not a training period, but is for the purpose of giving the employee an opportunity to show his/her ability to perform the new job. During the trial period the Employer shall have the right to retransfer the employee, after ten (10) days worked if he/she does not have the ability to perform the job. The employee shall have the right to revert to his/her former position within twenty-five (25) working days. The Employer will give the promoted or transferred employee reasonable assistance in performing up to Employer standards on the new job.

Section F. Temporary Transfers

The Employer shall have the right to transfer employees irrespective of their seniority status from one job, to another to substitute for employees who are absent from work due to illness, accident, vacations, or leaves of absence for the period of such absence and to fill temporary jobs or temporary vacancies. A transfer shall be determined as an individual who changes a position for five (5) or more consecutive work days. Any employee so transferred who substitutes in place of the absent worker, shall be paid the regular rate for that position or the employee's regular rate, whichever is greater. It is also understood that employees may be transferred temporarily to other levels within the classification due to seasonal jobs or a need for extra manpower to complete an assignment.

When employees are transferred under this section due to an employee being granted a leave of absence, the position being filled shall be classified "Temporary" for a maximum of forty-five (45) work days, except bus driver temporary vacancies shall be under Section H 2(g) of this Article.

Section G. Job Shadowing

A BRESP member who wishes to acquaint themselves with the job duties and responsibilities of another position in the bargaining unit shall be allowed to "job shadow" on their own time if it does not interfere with the work duties of the mentor employee. Slight deviations in scheduling may be allowed on an individual basis but are not required. Approval of the mentor's supervisor must be obtained.

Job shadowing is an "observation only" experience. Employees are not allowed to perform any work related activities and will be required to sign a release form agreeing to the above condition.

Section H. Bus Driver Vacancies

1. All drivers are subject to assignment and transfer to such bus routes and transportation responsibilities as they are determined by the Birch Run Area School District.
2. In the selection of employees to fill all driving vacancies that occur or are expected to occur by reasons of an increase in the work force, replacement of personnel, vacancy, or newly created positions, the following procedure shall apply:
 - a. Notice of the vacant driving positions shall be put up for bid by the Board within five (5) work days from the time such driving vacancy first occurred, or the Board becomes aware of such pending vacancy. Notice of such vacant driving position shall be reported to the BRESPA president within five (5) work days.
 - b. The bid form is to contain that information as specified in Section B of this article and shall be given to each employee. A bid form shall also be posted on the employees' bulletin board. Drivers will return their signed bids to the Superintendent or his designee within five (5) work days from the date of the posting. The employee is to retain a copy of their bid form for their personal record.
 - c. The Board shall fill the vacancy within five (5) work days from the end of the five (5) work day posting period provided a bid is made. The vacancy created as a result of filling the original driving vacancy during that semester may be filled by the Board without posting. Any employee having bid on a driving vacancy who does not withdraw his/her name within the five (5) work day posting period must accept the position if awarded him/her in accordance with this Section.
 - d. All regular driving vacancies that occur during the summer months shall be put up for bid for seven (7) calendar days immediately preceding the first Tuesday following August 1st. Employees may call the Director of Transportation's office and will be informed of driving vacancies, prior to the driver's meeting on that Tuesday, per this Agreement. These driving assignments will be awarded by the end of that meeting. Filling of these vacancies shall be as set forth in Section C of this Article.
 - f. Regular drivers may sign up for substitute noon time runs when they are not in conflict with their regular bus driving assignments.
 - g. Temporary Driving Openings: When a regular driver will be absent from work for forty-five (45) work days or more, a temporary driving opening will result. Other drivers may bid the individual temporary runs that do not interfere with their regular assignment.

The Administration will post individual temporary openings within five (5) work days of determining that a driver will be absent from work for forty-five (45) work days or more. The union will be notified and regular drivers must bid for the temporary opening within the five (5) work day posting period.

Seniority will be utilized in awarding the temporary position. Termination of the temporary opening will occur when the regular driver returns to duty or it is determined that the temporary opening will become a new, regular opening.

Section I.

In the event that a party to this agreement believes that a bargaining unit member is substantially performing the duties of a higher classification, a Level Review Committee shall be convened and render a decision within twenty-five (25) calendar days. The committee shall consist of:

1. The personnel coordinator for the district.
2. The business manager or assistant superintendent for the district.
3. The Birch Run ESP president or designee.
4. The most senior level employee in that classification who is not being reviewed.

The committee shall make a recommendation to the Superintendent. Upon receiving the recommendation from the committee, the superintendent will have ten (10) calendar days to make a decision. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

REQUEST FOR CLASSIFICATION/LEVEL REVIEW

Date: _____

Name: _____

Current classification level:

Proposed classification level: _____

Rationale based on classification criteria definitions (on separate sheet):

Supervisor Response: _____

ARTICLE XI - WORK YEAR, WORK WEEK, WORK DAY

Section A. Work Year

The normal work year for all full year bargaining unit member employees shall be twelve (12) months, July 1, through June 30. Less than full year bargaining unit member employees, will have a work year that corresponds to the availability of their work but having a total number of work days at least equal to that of the academic school year calendar. Some employees may start their work year a few weeks prior to the beginning of the school year and extend a few weeks after the end of that school year. Should a position be created that is less than the academic school year in duration, representatives of the BRESPA and Board will meet and resolve the new situation. In the event the school year for student attendance is extended beyond 181 days, employees whose work year is determined by the student attendance year will be paid for all days in excess of 181.

Bargaining unit members shall receive at least one half (1/2) day of paid inservice/professional development training per school year.

Section B. Work Week

The normal work week for all bargaining unit members is Monday through Friday.

Section C. Work Day

1. In most instances, the normal work day for first shift custodians/maintenance/mechanics is 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including an unpaid lunch period of at least thirty (30) minutes duration.
2. In most instances, the normal work day for second shift custodians is 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. including an unpaid lunch period of at least thirty (30) minutes duration.
3. The minimum call-in time pay for work performed by custodial/maintenance/mechanics and secretarial employees in emergency situations shall be one (1) hour.
4. All bargaining unit members, except bus drivers, will be entitled to two (2) fifteen (15) minute relief times except that bargaining unit members working less than the normal work day, but more than three (3) hours, may receive one (1) fifteen (15) minute relief time. Bargaining unit members working overtime will be entitled to an additional fifteen (15) minute relief time for every two (2) hours worked. The relief time shall be scheduled by the supervisor.

5.
 - a. Secretarial/clerical bargaining unit member employees shall be entitled to a thirty (30) minute duty-free unpaid lunch hour. A secretary may, with mutual agreement with his/her immediate supervisor, arrange to work in an on-call basis during the scheduled lunch hour and in exchange end the paid work day thirty (30) minutes early.
 - b. In the event that building secretaries or paraprofessionals work overtime during evening parent-teacher conferences, they shall receive the same 1/2 day off that the teachers receive as compensation time, instead of overtime pay.
 - c. Paraprofessional Classroom Assistants Level III, are to work on days when students are in session. They are to work one half day on days such as Parent-Teacher conferences if they are requested by the building principal to work. If there is no work available for them to complete they are not to work. Furthermore, if the Classroom Assistant III elects not to work after consulting with their building principal, the Classroom Assistant III will not be paid for the afternoon. In either case, the Classroom Assistant III is to check with his/her building principal (Level IV paraprofessional classroom assistants as appropriate).
6. Paraprofessional aides shall receive an unpaid thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch.

Paraprofessionals hired prior to June 30, 1994, shall be grandfathered in to receive a thirty (30) minute on-call lunch at the employee's current wage rate.

Paraprofessional, classroom assistants' workday shall begin and end the same as the student day.
7. The district will not create two or more part time positions in the same classification if the work can be done by a full time employee.

Section D. Overtime (Custodial/Maintenance/Mechanic)

1. For the custodial/maintenance/mechanic department, overtime shall be divided among bargaining unit members within each classification.
 - a. Overtime shall first be offered to the bargaining unit member who is qualified to do the activity having the greatest classification seniority and is eligible on the overtime chart. If all bargaining unit members within the affected classification refuse the overtime, the least senioered bargaining unit member in the classification, who is qualified to perform the work, may then be required by the employer to perform the overtime work.

- b. Overtime will be covered by the use of an "overtime chart" and will be offered to each bargaining unit member in rotation based on seniority in the affected classification. Overtime that is refused by a bargaining unit member will be charged on the overtime chart for the purpose of balancing the overtime. The overtime chart shall be maintained by the employer and posted in each building every pay day.
- 2. Overtime that is unused by a bargaining unit member who has suffered injury on the job and is covered under worker's compensation will not be charged against him/her on the overtime chart for up to six (6) months. Upon his/her return, every effort shall be made to adjust this loss by giving him/her first assignment on the overtime.
- 3. Time and One-Half and Double Time:
 - a. Time and one-half shall be paid for all hours worked over forty (40) hours in one week, eight (8) hours in one twenty-four hour period or for all hours worked on Saturday.
 - b. Double time shall be paid for all hours worked on Sundays and Holidays as designated in this Agreement.

Section E. Overtime (Secretaries) and Paraprofessionals

- 1. For the secretarial and paraprofessional classifications overtime shall be offered on a specific job position basis.
- 2.
 - a. Time-and-one-half (see 3 a. and b. above)
 - b. Double time (see 3 a. and b. above)

Section F. Bus Drivers

- 1. Double time shall be paid for all work performed on Sundays and holidays as designated in this Agreement.
- 2. Time and a half shall be paid for all paid time over 40 hours per week.
- 3.
 - a. Each driver shall bid one basic route prior to the beginning of school each year. Basic route definition: the picking up and taking home of students one (1) time each day. This does not include special, kindergarten, vocational education and/or other special student runs. Routes shall be posted five (5) days prior to bidding.

Any route awarded in addition to the one basic route shall be bid on the basis of seniority and qualifications for assignment.

- b. All driving assignments shall be made by the administration in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- c. In the event a regular secondary, elementary or kindergarten route is eliminated or modified so that the pay bracket changes, the driver on the route eliminated/modified shall have the right to exercise their seniority to bump a less senior driver on a regular secondary, elementary or kindergarten route respectively. Laid off drivers shall be recalled in the order of their seniority. The Board shall make every effort to maintain drivers in their specific geographical area.
- d. Shuttle Driver Selection: All shuttle runs shall be posted for bid. The posting and bid period shall be for five (5) work days. Shuttle runs shall be awarded on a seniority basis.

If an insufficient number of drivers bid for the positions available, those bidding will be awarded positions first with the remaining positions being filled in reverse order of seniority.

Section G. Substitutes

Bargaining unit members shall have first choice to substituting for other bargaining unit members as long as the time of work does not conflict with their regular job. Substitute employees will be paid the substitute rate of pay as determined by the employer. If the employer requests an employee to substitute in another classification during the time of their regular shift the employee will be paid the higher rate of pay of their regular rate or the contractual rate of the position for which the employee substitutes. If work assignments are to be shifted to accomplish such tasks and overtime is required, only those bargaining unit members in their classification as per Sections D, E, and F, will be offered the assignment(s). It is understood that the Employer is not required to change work assignments to create overtime opportunities for employees.

Section H. End of Shift

Members of the classification custodians and maintenance shall be granted not more than ten (10) minutes at the end of the work shift to be used to put away equipment and supplies and for the purpose of personal cleanup.

Section I. Act of God

- A. Custodians/Maintenance/Mechanics
Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Employer to keep offices/buildings open in the event of inclement weather, or when otherwise prevented by an act of God, or an event that causes the closing of schools. If and when this occurs, the Superintendent of schools will decide whether or not, and where employees of the bargaining unit will report to work. Custodians/maintenance/mechanics who are required to report shall be paid for eight hours work, provided they are able to work at least six hours of the work shift. For two hours worked beyond the six, the custodians/maintenance/mechanics shall receive three hours pay. If a custodian/maintenance/mechanic is called in to work and such call-in results in a shift change the custodian/maintenance/mechanic may refuse the six hours work/eight hours pay in exchange for use of a vacation day or sick day.

- B. When school is canceled because of adverse weather, Act of God, or other emergency conditions, secretaries, bus drivers and paraprofessionals need not report to work. Employees will be compensated for Act of God days as follows: Employees will be paid for the first four (4) days. Days canceled in excess of the four (4) days that are not required to be made up, the employee may use sick, personal or vacation days to be compensated.
- C. Secretaries, if asked to report on Act of God days, will be paid at time and one half.
- D. Fifty-two (52) week secretaries will not suffer any loss of wages for Act of God days which need to be rescheduled for other bargaining unit members.

ARTICLE XII - LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section A. Definition

Layoff shall be defined as a reduction in the work force beyond normal attrition. The Board of Education shall determine when a layoff is to take place.

Section B. Notice of Layoff

No employee shall be laid off unless the employee shall have been notified in writing of the layoff at least ten (10) work days prior to the effective date of the layoff.

Section C. Layoff Procedure

In the event of a reduction in work force, the Employer shall first layoff probationary bargaining unit members, then the least senior bargaining unit members in the level within the classification affected by the reduction. Members affected by the layoff may only bump other bargaining unit members in the same classification and in the same level or a lower level. In no case shall a new employee be employed by the Employer in the affected classification while there are laid off bargaining unit members in the classification who are qualified for a vacant or newly created position.

Bargaining unit members whose positions have been eliminated due to reduction in work force or who have been affected by a layoff/elimination of position shall have the right to assume a position, as per Article X for which they are qualified, and hold sufficient seniority, which is held by a less senior bargaining unit member in any classification in which they hold seniority. An employee must exercise his/her right to bump by written notice to the Superintendent or his designee within five (5) work days after receipt of a layoff notice.

Section D. Reduction in Work Hours

There shall be no reduction in the normal work hours provided for any bargaining unit member or position without the prior notification to the members and the Association. In the event of a reduction in the work hours, bargaining unit members with the greater seniority in the affected level within the classification may use same to maintain his/her normal work schedule by displacing bargaining unit members with less seniority in their classification/level on the work schedule. In no case shall a reduction of any bargaining unit member's work hours take effect until ten (10) working days after written notice to the affected bargaining unit member(s) is given by the Employer. An employee must exercise his/her seniority rights under this section by written notice to the superintendent or his designee within five (5) work days after receipt of a reduction in hours notice. There shall be no reduction of hours of either all employees, the employees in a classification or the employees in a level to avoid the layoff of a single employee or group of employees.

Section E. Benefits

For the first thirty (30) days of such layoff all fringe benefits will be continued by the Employer. Laid off bargaining unit members may continue their health, dental and life insurance benefits by paying the regular monthly per subscriber group rate premium for such benefits to the Employer.

Section F. Substitute Priority

A laid off employee may upon application, and at his/her option, be granted priority status on the substitute list in their classification according to his/her seniority, provided the laid off employee has the qualifications and ability to perform the work.

Employees used as substitutes under this section shall be paid the current contractual hourly rate he/she was receiving at the time of his/her layoff or the current substitute pay rate, whichever is greater.

Section G. Recall

When the work force is increased after a layoff, vacancies will be posted according to Article X (Vacancies and Transfers) with current and laid off bargaining unit members eligible to apply. All laid off employees will be notified of openings as they occur. Openings will be filled by bargaining unit members.

When the work force is increased after a layoff, employees will be recalled by classification seniority, with the most senior employee being recalled first, provided the employee has the qualifications and ability to perform the work. Employees shall not be required, however, to accept recall to a classification other than that from which they were laid off. An employee who accepts recall to a classification other than the classification held when laid off, shall have the right to fill the first vacancy in his/her former classification.

Section H. Notice of Recall

Notices of recall of employees on layoff shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last known address as shown on the Employer's records. The recall notice shall state the time and date on which the employee is to report back to work. It shall be the employee's responsibility to keep the Employer notified as to his/her current mailing address. An employee on layoff shall be given at least five (5) work days from date of mailing of notice to report to work. The Employer may fill the position on a temporary basis until the recalled employee can report for work, providing the employee reports within the five (5) work day period.

ARTICLE XIII - LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITH PAY

Section A. Sick Leave

Each regular full-time and part-time employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to one (1) earned sick leave day per month worked with unlimited accumulation. (Groundskeeper is limited to seven (7) days per year.) Such days will be earned each school year, by crediting each employee the anticipated sick leave for the year in July.

Furthermore:

- * "School year employees" will receive up to ten (10) days per year;
- * 42,43 and 44 week employees will receive up to eleven (11) days per year;
- * 52 week employees will receive up to twelve (12) days per year.

1. An employee may use all or any portion of his/her earned sick leave for personal illness, personal injury or physical disability including maternity related disability as follows:

Employees working four (4) hours or more per day may use sick leave in increments of no less than one (1) hour.

Employees working less than four (4) hours per day may use sick leave in increments of no less than two (2) hours.

If an employee elects to use paid sick leave for maternity related disability, such leave will be used in place of an unpaid leave of absence and can be used only for the actual time of disability. Bargaining unit members must notify his/her immediate supervisor at least one hour in advance of such absence(s).

In the case of bus drivers, sick leave may be available for use in the proportions based on the run composition of their work day and the amount of work missed during the day. The rate at which time shall be charged against a driver's accumulated sick leave is as follows:

<u>Days consist of</u>	<u>% of day charged for each run off</u>
4 runs	25% (.25)
5 runs	20% (.20)

2. A maximum of ten (10) days sick leave per year may be used for a serious illness in the immediate family. Immediate family is to be defined as follows: mother, father, brother, sister, wife or husband, son or daughter, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, step father, step mother (current) and the ward of a legal guardian.
3. If an employee is to be absent from work for more than three consecutive days, the employer may require a physician's written statement certifying the employee's need to be away from the work place. The employer, at its expense, may require the employee to submit to a physical examination by the employer's physician. The three consecutive day requirement may be waived in cases of an established absenteeism record with prior notification to the Association.
4. Request for the use of available sick leave by employees shall not be used to create a strike action as defined under PERA.
5. Additional Uses of Sick Leave:

In addition to personal illness or injury, sick leave may be utilized for the following with proper verification to the superintendent or his/her designee.

- (a) Fire, accident, pallbearer
 - (b) Marriage or the graduation from high school or equivalent, or college, including military or trade school of a son, daughter, spouse or of the employee (2 days per occurrence per year)
 - (c) Required court appearance by subpoena
 - (d) Child born to wife (3 days per occurrence per year)
 - (e) Immediate member of family leaving for service (one day per year)
 - (f) One (1) day per emergency illness or injury in the family which requires an employee to make arrangements for necessary medical and nursing care
 - (g) Dental and doctor appointments
 - (h) Any other reason approved in advance by the superintendent
6. Any employee may, at the sole discretion of the Superintendent, donate up to five (5) sick days to a fellow employee.
 7. Sick Leave Bank
 - a. Any bargaining unit employee may contribute from his/her current sick leave, one (1) day to the sick leave bank. The sick leave bank will not exceed a total of one hundred fifty (150) days. If the balance of days in the bank falls below twenty-five (25) days an assessment of one (1) additional day will be made to each member of the sick bank.
 - b. When an employee's sick leave has been exhausted, and if he/she has contributed a day to the bank, such employee may be granted additional sick leave days, not to exceed 20 work days. All withdrawals from the bank are subject to the following:

An employee is not eligible for bank benefits until he/she has repaid borrowed days and contributed an additional day. In order to be eligible to draw from the bank, the employee must present a doctor's certificate of illness or injury.

- c. The sick leave bank shall be available to all employees in the school district who have made a contribution to the bank. An employee must be a member of the sick bank for ninety (90) calendar days before being eligible to withdraw days from the bank.
- d. The sick leave bank shall be administered by one (1) person designated by the Superintendent and two (2) authorized representatives of the Association; these persons shall be the sick leave bank committee which shall administer all matters related to the sick leave bank. The decisions of the committee shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent.
- e. Sick leave bank days shall not be used where its payment would reduce other benefits provided in this contract or by law.
- f. Any authorized employee who uses sick bank days shall repay those days to the sick bank at a minimum rate of five (5) days per year. Said employee may not borrow again from the bank until all used days have been repaid. The five (5) days replenishment rate shall be automatically deducted at the beginning of each year until the balance is repaid. If employment with Birch Run Area Schools is terminated, outstanding debts to the bank must be paid before qualifying for terminal pay. A person does not have to replenish days that were originally contributed by themselves, however, at least one day must be re-deposited to be eligible for another loan from the bank.

Section B. Funeral Leave

An employee shall be allowed three (3) working days immediately prior to or directly after the funeral, as funeral leave days not to be deducted from sick leave for a death in the immediate family. If additional time is needed two (2) work days may be granted and deducted from sick leave.

All employees shall be allowed one (1) working day per year without loss of pay as a funeral leave day, to be deducted from sick leave, for any death.

Section C. Personal Business

At the beginning of every school year, each bargaining unit member shall be credited with one (1) day to be used for the bargaining unit member's personal business. A bargaining unit member planning to use a personal business day shall notify his/her supervisor at least one (1) day in advance, stating the nature of the business, except in cases of emergency. Personal business days shall be available for the practice of individual religious preferences. Personal business days shall be used only for business which cannot be scheduled outside the scheduled work day.

Unused personal business days shall be carried over and accrue no more than four in any given year.

Section D. Jury Duty

An employee who has been selected and served on jury duty will be paid their normal daily/hourly pay for the time spent on duty and shall forfeit to the district any pay received for jury duty minus pay for mileage provided he/she makes himself/herself available for work within his/her regular work schedule when not occupied with jury duty. It is understood by the foregoing provisions that on any day on which the employee is dismissed within two (2) hours from the ending of his/her shift, he/she shall not be required to work the balance of his/her shift.

To be eligible for a jury duty pay differential, the employee must furnish the Board with a written statement from the appropriate public official listing the dates he/she received pay for jury duty, the amount paid and the hours in attendance.

Section E.

The Employer shall grant the Association ten (10) paid leave days per year for the use of its representatives to conduct Association business or participate in Association activities. Seven (7) of these days shall be paid by the Employer and, three (3) by the association. No more than two employees per classification will be away at any given time. Association days shall not be used by employees to participate in any strike or picketing activity. Such time off will be charged in one-quarter (0.25) day increments. Association days, paid by the Board, will not be used for attendance at Board meetings or meetings with community members unless specifically requested by the Board. Association days will be charged in increments as stated in Article XIII, Section A.1.

Section F. Other Leaves

The superintendent may grant up to 6.0 hours of paid leave to part-time paraprofessional staff for reasons not covered in this article. Each request for this leave will be considered on its individual merit. The particular circumstances surrounding each leave will be reviewed by the superintendent with the understanding that the decision will in no way establish a precedent. The decision of the Superintendent as to whether such leave should be granted is final.

G. Workers Compensation

Absence due to injury or illness covered by Workers Compensation incurred in the course of the employee's employment shall be charged against the employee's personal sick leave for the first seven (7) calendar days of such absence. Following this period, the employee may choose "1" or "2" below.

1. An employee eligible for Workers Compensation benefits will receive those benefits provided in accordance with the act exclusively.

2. Personal accumulated sick leave days shall be made available to the injured employee during the period he/she is unable to work as a result of an accident. If the employee chooses this option of using sick leave days, his/her Workers Compensation benefits shall be supplemented by school funds to give the employee the equivalent of his/her regular daily rate. The employee's personal accumulated sick leave would be charged in one fifth (1/5) day increments for each day off. The employee would continue to draw a regular bi-weekly pay check, but would sign over the Workers Compensation benefit check(s) to the district until he/she has exhausted his/her accumulated sick leave.

If the illness or injury extends to fourteen (14) days so that the first seven (7) calendar days are covered, the employee may turn in their workers compensation check for week one over to the district and their sick leave days will be re-credited to their account.

If necessary this provision may be amended by letter of agreement.

ARTICLE XIV - LEAVES OF ABSENCE - UNPAID

Section A. Length and Eligibility

1. Leaves of absence without pay or benefits not to exceed one (1) year or the length of their seniority whichever is less shall be granted without loss of seniority upon written request to the Superintendent or his designees. Such leave shall be for the purpose of medical reasons, subject to a physician's statement, or as otherwise state in Section B below.
2. Eligibility for a leave of absence requires a minimum of one (1) year of continuous employment by the Board as a permanent employment.
3. Except in cases of emergency, employees will request such leave in writing to the superintendent or his designee at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of said leave.

Section B. Reasons for Leaves of Absence are as follows:

1. Infant Child Care Leave: Infant child care leave will be granted in accordance with Section A of this Article.
2. Upon the recommendation of a physician a health leave without pay or benefits may be granted for prolonged illness in the immediate family, provided the immediate family member is the spouse, a child, a parent or the employee him/herself.
3. Leaves for other purposes may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Section C. Return from Leave of Absence:

1. Employees on leave must either return, resign, or request a special extension for a maximum of one (1) additional year. The Board at its discretion may or may not approve such an extension request.
2. When an employee's health permits his/her return, he/she shall make his/her request known in writing to the superintendent and will submit a statement from a physician of the employee's fitness for work. In the event there is a question of the employee's fitness to return to work, the Board has the right to request an examination at Board expense.
3. An employee returning from an approved leave of absence shall be reinstated to the position and classification he/she held when the leave began, provided said position still exists and the employee has the skills to perform the existing work. If the position has been eliminated or changed, the returning employee shall return to a comparable position held by the least senior employee in his/her classification.
4. An employee returning from a leave of absence of less than and including sixty (60) calendar days shall be required to notify the Board in writing, of his/her intent to return at least five (5) working days prior to the date of his/her return.
5. Employees wishing to return from a leave of absence of more than sixty (60) calendar days shall be required to notify the Board in writing of his/her desire to return at least eleven (11) working days, prior to the date of return, or to request an extension, or to submit a resignation. Otherwise the employee will be considered as terminating his/her employment with the district.

Any employee who does not report back to work by the expiration of such leave and does not receive an extension shall be considered to have resigned from employment by the district.

Section D.

The reinstatement rights of any employee who enters the military service of the United States by reason of an act or law enacted by the Congress of the United States, or who may voluntarily enlist during the effective period of such law, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the law granting such rights.

Section E. Miscellaneous:

Employees who are not eligible for vacation and have used their personal and float days may request up to five (5) per year days of unpaid leave for personal use. The decision of the superintendent shall be final.

ARTICLE XV - HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Section A. Holidays

All full time bargaining unit members, except for bus drivers and part time secretaries, shall have the following days off with pay. Pay shall be for the regularly scheduled hours of each bargaining unit member. Such holidays will be observed in accordance with the schedule set forth in Appendix D of this Agreement.

Labor Day	Thanksgiving
Day after Thanksgiving	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day	New Year's Eve
Good Friday	New Year's Day
Memorial Day	Easter Monday

*Floating Day (for all employees except part time secretaries and paraprofessional aides unless they work 181 days or more, 7 hours per day.)

Paraprofessional Aides, Bus Drivers and part-time secretaries shall have Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day as a paid holiday.

Groundskeeper shall have Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day as paid holidays.

*No more than 2 custodians, 2 maintenance, 2 secretaries per building, 2 aides per building or 2 bus drivers will be scheduled off on a given day. Employees working summers shall have the days provided above plus July 4. Absences immediately prior to and/or directly after a paid holiday or scheduled vacation day will require proper verification to receive the holiday or vacation pay.

Section B. Vacations

All full time bargaining unit members, except for bus drivers and paraprofessional aides, who have completed one (1) year of service shall earn paid vacation time. Said vacation time may be used by eligible bargaining unit members at times of the bargaining unit member's choosing subject only to the condition where more than one bargaining unit member requests the same vacation date(s) and work scheduling demands reasonably prohibit all requesting bargaining unit members from being absent at the requested times. In such instances the affected bargaining unit member having the greatest seniority shall be granted his/her preferred vacation date(s).

During the first ten (10) days school is in session, employees can request vacation dates. If more than the allowable number of employees request the same time, vacation requests will be granted by seniority. After that time, requests can be made at any time. If approved, the time cannot be "bumped" by a more senior employee.

Vacation time may only be accumulated to the following year when circumstances caused by the employer prevents the bargaining unit member from using such vacation time. Upon termination a bargaining unit member shall receive pro rata vacation allowance for each month or major fraction thereof between his/her anniversary date and termination date. Pay for all unused vacation time shall be based upon his/her then current rate of pay. Vacation time shall be computed as of each bargaining unit member's anniversary date on the basis of the following schedules:

Full-Year Bargaining Unit Members

<u>*Credited Years of Employment</u>	<u>Vacation Pay</u>
during first year	2 days
after 1 but less than 2 years	5 days
after 2 but less than 5 years	10 days
after 5 but less than 10 years	15 days
after 10 but less than 15 years	18 days
15 years or more	20 days

*Credited years of employment for vacation calculations shall require that persons going on unpaid leave of absence have that leave time subtracted from their total years of employment.

A minimum of two (2) hours may be taken for vacation and in not less than 1 hour increments.

It is hereby understood between the parties that all full-time secretarial bargaining unit members employed before July 1, 1990 shall have their vacation time allotment to begin July 1 and end June 30 of each year. This vacation time allotment is based on the credited years of employment as per the Master Agreement dated July 1, 1991. Employees hired or awarded a secretary's position after January 1, 2007 and working less than 48 weeks a year will receive two (2) days vacation the first year and a maximum of five (5) days per year thereafter. Employees currently working in the Classification, Secretaries, on January 1, 2007 will receive vacation time per the above schedule or if a secretary held a secretary position on January 1, 2007 and transfers to another position in the classification, Secretaries, they will continue to receive vacation time per the above schedule.

ARTICLE XVI - COMPENSATION

Section A. Wage Schedule

The wages for employees covered by this Agreement are set forth in APPENDIX A which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.

Section B. Probationary Wage Rate

All probationary employees will be paid at a rate equal to 85% of the rate for the classification into which they are hired and are working during the probationary period. In the event an employee is substituting for a vacant position and they fill that position on a probationary full time status, they shall be paid the probationary rate from the first day they were continuously substituting in the position awarded.

Section C. Pays

All school year employees shall have the option of taking pay in twenty-six (26) equal installments.

Section D. Unused Sick Days

Any employee retiring from the District in accordance with the State of Michigan Retirement Program and with at least ten (10) years of service to the District, or who voluntarily resigns their position with at least twenty (20) years of service to the District, who was hired prior to July 1, 1997, shall be compensated at fifty percent (50%) of his/her current daily rate of pay for each accumulated day of unused sick leave up to a maximum of one hundred (100) days. Employees hired after July 1, 1997, shall be compensated at sixty percent (60%) of his/her current daily rate of pay for each accumulated day of unused sick leave up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Section E. Fringe Benefits

1. The Board of Education agrees to provide, without cost to full time custodial/maintenance/mechanic and secretary/clerical employee bargaining unit members, the following insurance programs for a full twelve month period for the bargaining unit member.

PLAN A For employees needing health insurance

MESSA TRI MED

MESSA LONG TERM DISABILITY 66 2/3%
90 calendar day modified fill
\$2500 maximum, freeze on offsets,
alcoholism/drug addiction and
mental/nervous same as any other
illness

MESSA DENTAL	MESSA/Delta Dental Plan (75/75/75: \$1,500) COB 75: \$1,500 Adult Ortho
MESSA NEGOTIATED LIFE	\$20,000 AD&D
MESSA VISION	VSP-2

PLAN B For employees not needing health insurance, part time secretaries and paraprofessionals who are scheduled to work 25 hours or more per week, and bus drivers.

MESSA DENTAL	MESSA/Delta Dental Plan (75/75/75: \$1,500) COB 75: \$1,500 Adult Ortho
MESSA VISION	VSP-2
MESSA NEGOTIATED LIFE	\$20,000 AD&D
MESSA LONG TERM DISABILITY	Same as in Plan A above

Custodial/Maintenance and Secretary/Clerical employee bargaining unit members eligible for Plan A who select Plan B shall be provided two hundred dollars (\$200) per month.

- a. Each eligible bargaining unit member must elect to be covered by either Plan A or Plan B as specified above.
2. The Board of Education agrees to provide, without cost to the paraprofessional aides, part-time secretaries and other similarly situated part-time employees who are scheduled to work less than 25 hours a week, the following insurance programs for a full twelve month period for the bargaining unit member. Bargaining unit members who are only eligible for the plan below but are in need of health insurance may elect to take Plan A above by paying the difference between Plan A and Plan B through payroll deduction with a Section 125 Plan provided by the Board of Education for health insurance and group life.

MESSA NEGOTIATED LIFE	\$20,000 AD&D
MESSA VISION	VSP-2
MESSA LONG TERM DISABILITY	Same as in Plan A above

DENTAL: Paraprofessionals who work less than 25 hours a week will receive \$125/year toward dental expenses or dental plan for employee and dependents.

3. The Board will provide information about insurance benefits at the time of initial employment and/or upon request. It shall be the responsibility of all employees to apply for new coverages or changes in coverages within the time limits prescribed by the insurance carriers.

Section F. Personal Mileage

Any bargaining unit member that is required to use their own vehicle for school business will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate. If that use includes checking road conditions in the winter, towing expenses will be reimbursed.

ARTICLE XVII - EVALUATION

Section A. Procedure

1. All monitoring or observation of the work of each bargaining unit member shall be conducted in person and with the full knowledge of the bargaining unit member. Formal evaluations will occur at least once a year. Probationary employees will be formally evaluated every forty-five (45) days.
2. Observations of bargaining unit members work shall be for periods of time that accurately sample the bargaining unit member's work. Each bargaining unit member, upon his/her employment or at the beginning of the school year, whichever is later, shall be apprised of the specific criteria upon which he/she will be evaluated. The criteria will consist mainly of those duties contained in the job description. Evaluations shall be by personal observation conducted by the bargaining unit member's immediate supervisor.
3. All formal evaluations shall be reduced to writing and a copy given to the bargaining unit member within ten (10) days of the evaluation. If the bargaining unit member 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 a supervisor believes a bargaining unit member is doing unacceptable work, the reasons therefore shall be set forth in specific terms, as shall an identification of the specific ways in which the bargaining unit member is to improve. In subsequent observation reports, failure to again note a specific deficiency in an unsatisfactory area shall be interpreted to mean that adequate improvement has taken place in that area.
4. Following each formal evaluation, which shall include a conference with the evaluator, the bargaining unit member shall sign and be given a copy of the evaluation report prepared by the evaluator. In no case shall the bargaining unit member's signature be construed to mean that he/she necessarily agrees with the contents of the evaluation. A bargaining unit member may submit additional comments to the written evaluation if he/she so desires. All written evaluations are to be placed in the bargaining unit member's personnel file.

5. If a supervisor indicates that a bargaining unit member is doing unsatisfactory work in one or more areas, a follow-up observation and conference will occur addressing those areas of concern. The follow-up evaluation and conference will occur within sixty (60) days of the formal evaluation. At that time indication will be given as to the improvement or lack thereof will be noted. Such follow-up evaluation will be in writing and placed in the bargaining unit member's personnel file.

The criteria and content of the evaluation will not be subject to the grievance procedure. Only the process and the evaluation procedure may be the subject of a grievance.

6. In the event a bargaining unit member is not continued in employment, the employer will advise the bargaining unit member of the specific reasons thereof in writing with a copy to the Association.

ARTICLE XVIII - NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES

Section A. Terms and Conditions

It is contemplated that the terms and conditions of employment provided in this Agreement shall remain in effect until altered by mutual consent in writing between the parties. Nevertheless, because of the special nature of the public educational process it is likewise recognized that matters previously unforeseen or not negotiated may be negotiated by mutual consent of the parties. It is in the public interest that the opportunity for mutual discussion of such matters be provided.

Section B. Procedures

Negotiations between the parties on a successor agreement shall begin at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the contract term. Before each negotiation session officially adjourns, the agenda, time, and place for the next session shall be mutually agreed upon by the chief negotiators. When negotiations are conducted during regular work hours, released time may be provided for no more than two (2) of Association negotiating committee for each bargaining session.

Section C. Bargaining Team

Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives will be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations.

Section D. Final Agreements

There shall be two signed copies of any final agreement. One copy shall be retained by the Employer and one by the Association. Copies of this agreement shall be printed at the expense of the Employer within 30 days after the agreement is signed and presented to all bargaining unit employees now employed or hereafter employed by the Employer. In addition, the Employer shall provide the Association ten (10) copies of the agreement without charge to the Association.

ARTICLE XIX - WORKING CONDITIONS

Section A. Unsafe or Hazardous Conditions

Bargaining unit members shall report, in writing, any alleged unsafe or hazardous working conditions which may endanger their health, safety or well-being. Such reports will be investigated and, if necessary, corrected by the Employer. The Employer shall provide adequate rest areas, lounges and restrooms for bargaining unit members use.

The Employer shall take all precautionary steps required by law when having employees work with asbestos. Maintenance employees who are involved in the removal and/or encapsulation of asbestos shall be provided a complete medical examination once every three years.

Section B. Student Discipline

The Employer shall support and assist bargaining unit members with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline of students in the bargaining unit members' assigned work area. The Employer or its designated representative shall take reasonable steps to relieve the bargaining unit member of responsibilities in respect to students who are disruptive or who repeatedly violate rules and regulations. The Employer shall reimburse the bargaining unit member for the loss, damage or destruction of personal property required by the Employer on school premises, provided the loss, damage or destruction is not the result of the bargaining unit member's negligence, and not to exceed \$500.00 in any one school year. No bargaining unit member shall be required to dispense or administer medication, without first being directed to do so by the school administration and then only in compliance with Board policy.

Section C. Supervisors

A bargaining unit member shall be responsible to his/her supervisor, said supervisor to be designated by the Employer. It is necessary, at times, for bargaining unit members to perform duties at the request of other administrators or persons in charge of an event in need of such services.

Section D. Miscellaneous

1. The Employer shall make available, without cost to the employee adequate protective clothing and approved safety equipment necessary to perform their duties both in and out of doors. Protective clothing shall be as follows: gloves for the custodial/maintenance/mechanic employees, coveralls for maintenance and jackets for bus drivers, and uniforms for mechanics. Such clothing and equipment shall be the property of the Employer, shall be used only for work related activities, and shall be cleaned and maintained by the Employer.

For the duration of this Master Agreement each bus drivers will be given up to a \$40 allowance for a jacket. The selection of a uniform jacket with school logo will be made by a committee comprised of association members and administration.

A \$200.00 per year tool allowance shall be provided for bus mechanics.

Custodians shall be given, when possible, a reasonable notice (24 hours) of activities in the building which they service. Overtime offered but declined, shall not be charged against an employee if they are given less than 24 hours notice.

2. The Employer shall provide reimbursement of the difference between the cost of a regular license and CDL license or the renewal of licenses plus required endorsements. Employees will receive a physical examination on an annual basis from the vendor the district provides. If an employee receives a physical from their own physician they will be reimbursed a maximum of \$35.

The District shall pay the mechanics licensing and testing fees required by the State of Michigan and the District.

3. No bargaining unit member employee shall be required, on a regularly scheduled basis, to work as the lone occupant in any school district complex after the complex is closed to the general public.

Section E. Other Bus Driver Conditions

1. All bus drivers must meet State Department of Education regulations. Drivers who are ineligible, or new drivers, shall complete twelve hours of classes and shall be paid by the Board. The hours of classes each year for all other drivers shall be set by the Director of Transportation.

2. **Expense Allowance:** Employees who are required to be out of the school district to perform their work assignment shall be allowed an allowance as follows.

Breakfast - trips eight (8) hours or more leaving before 6:30 a.m. and returning after 10:00 a.m.

Noon lunch - must leave before 11:00 a.m. and return after 1:00 p.m.

Evening dinner - must leave before 5:30 p.m. and return after 7:00 p.m.

Provided any trips last 12 hours or more, a driver will be allowed at least two (2) meals.

Meals 2007-2010

Breakfast	\$4.95
Noon Lunch	\$6.50
Evening Dinner	\$8.00

3. The following services have been computed in the time allotted for a route and will be performed by the driver on his/her own bus:
- a. Gas up buses
 - b. Housecleaning chores in his/her bus such as sweeping the bus, cleaning lights, windows and mirrors and other small items as may need daily attention.
 - c. The Board shall provide, and make available, the following items for all bus drivers use:
 1. Sweeping compound for floors
 2. Brooms
 3. Window cleaner and paper towels, soap, mops, tissues, cleaning compound, etc.
 4. Proper ice removal equipment such as scrapers, deicer, etc.All supplies required and approved by the Employer shall be provided by the Employer. Employees will not be requested to provide supplies.
 - d. All necessary record keeping and reporting as required currently by the Board.
4. **Student Safety Rules and Regulations:** The Board shall provide each driver, at no cost, the required safety rules and regulations that are passed out each year for all students who are being transported in the Birch Run Area School system.
5. A Bus Driver and Student handbook outlining the policies, operating procedures and guidelines shall be given to each driver upon initial hire and anytime revisions are made. Revisions shall be made in consultation with the Union.

6. Each driver shall be paid their hourly rate for three (3) hours of school start up activities, i.e. routing, paperwork and driving a new run after bidding each year. Each kindergarten driver will receive an additional two (2) hours for a total of five (5) hours.
7. No additional compensation shall be granted if administration deems necessary an early release of students due to inclement weather up to three (3) times a year. Additional early releases beyond the three (3) shall be compensated at the wait time rate of pay. This early release may add up to but not more than ten (10) minutes additional time between the high/middle school and elementary runs. The early release and additional time between runs will be added for safety reasons as the bus runs may take extra time to complete on some of the routes.

*Note (a policy has been set for transporting students with head lice, scabies, rashes, etc., sick students, bleeding students, students with wet or messed pants, etc.)

Section F. Special Trips

1. Drivers desiring to drive special trips shall make application to the Director of Transportation on the application forms provided. Application shall be made at the start of each school year, at the beginning of the second semester, and at the beginning of summer and application shall be taken no less than one (1) week nor longer than three (3) weeks.
2. Regular drivers who have signed up to drive special trips may drive special trips and give up their regular assignment. Regular drivers scheduled for special trips under this provision will be rescheduled for their regular runs in the event the special trip is canceled one hour or more before departure of the regular run on the day of the event.
3. Trip Meetings: Trip meetings are to be held on each Monday following pay day.
4. Trip Cancellations: Should trips be canceled, the scheduled driver will be paid one (1) hour's pay at the hourly rate (Appendix A, Salary), if the driver is not notified at least one (1) hour prior to scheduled departure time.
5. Trip monies shall be paid bi-weekly as they are turned in to their supervisor.

ARTICLE XX - NO STRIKE, SCOPE, WAIVER AND ALTERATION OF AGREEMENT

Section A. No Strike

The Association and the Employer recognize that strikes (as defined by Section 1 of Public Act 336 of 1947, as amended, of Michigan) by employees are contrary to law and public policy. The Association and the Employer subscribe to the principle that differences shall be resolved by peaceful and appropriate means without interruption of the school system. The Association, therefore, agrees that its officers, representatives and members shall not authorize, instigate, cause, aid, encourage, ratify or condone, nor shall any member take part in any strike against this Employer or any facility of the Employer in the school system.

Section B. Alteration

No agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, or modification of any terms or conditions or covenants contained herein shall be made by an employee or group of employees with the Employer unless executed in writing between the parties hereto.

Section C. Waiver

The waiver of any breach of condition of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of the terms of and conditions herein.

Section D. Operations of Law

If any article of section of this Agreement or any supplement thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or section should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and supplements shall not be affected thereby.

Section E. No Unfair Labor Practice

The Board and the Association agree that they will not, during the period of this Agreement, directly or indirectly engage in or assist in any unfair labor practice as defined by Section ten (10) of the Public Employment Relations Act.

ARTICLE XXI - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2006, except that all regular and overtime wages shall be retroactive to July 1, 2006, and shall continue in effect until the 30th day of June 2010.

BIRCH RUN MICHIGAN
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

BIRCH RUN BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: Marilyn Napolitano
It's President

By: [Signature]
It's President

By: Dorothy McClure
It's Secretary

By: [Signature]
It's Secretary

By: Synda Howard
It's Chief Negotiator

By: [Signature]
It's Chief Negotiator

Date: _____

Date: Aug 13, 2007

**APPENDIX A
SALARY SCHEDULE
HOURLY RATES**

2006-2007 Salary Increase – 1.6%
 2007-2008 Salary Increase – 1.6%
 2008-2009 Salary Increase – 1.3%
 2009-2010 Salary Increase – 1.3%

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC

Level	2006-07	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
I	8.94	9.08	9.20	9.32
II	13.32	13.53	13.71	13.89
III	16.60	16.87	17.09	17.31
IV	17.79	18.07	18.32	18.55
V	18.45	18.75	18.99	19.24

LONGEVITY

At the beginning of:	6 years	16 years	21+ years
I & II	.11	.19	.23
III	.13	.21	.25
IV	.15	.23	.27
V	.19	.27	.31

PARAPROFESSIONAL

Level	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
I	8.72	8.86	8.97	9.09
II	9.00	9.15	9.26	9.36
III	10.36	10.53	10.67	10.80
IV	10.75	10.92	11.06	11.21

LONGEVITY

At the beginning of:	6 years	16 years	21+ years
I	.09	.15	.17
II	.09	.15	.17
III	.11	.17	.19
IV	.11	.17	.19

SECRETARIAL

Level	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
I	9.56	9.71	9.84	9.97
II	12.51	12.71	12.87	13.04
III	13.75	13.97	14.15	14.33
IV	14.95	15.18	15.38	15.58
V	15.64	15.89	16.09	16.30

LONGEVITY

At the beginning of	6 years	16 years	21+ years
I	.11	.19	.23
II	.11	.19	.23
III	.13	.21	.25
IV	.13	.21	.25
V	.15	.23	.27

BUS DRIVERS

Level I	2006-2007		2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010	
	Daily rate for Elem & Sec.	Daily rate for Kdg	Daily rate for Elem & Sec.	Daily rate for Kdg.	Daily rate for Elem & Sec.	Daily rate for Kdg.	Daily rate for Elem & Sec.	Daily rate for Kdg.
0-10 miles	38.90	18.26	39.53	18.55	40.04	18.79	40.56	19.04
10.1-16.0	40.18	18.89	40.83	19.19	41.36	19.44	41.89	19.69
16.1-22.0	41.99	19.80	42.66	20.12	43.22	20.38	43.78	20.65
22.1 & up	50.01	23.80	50.81	24.19	51.47	24.50	52.14	24.82
Hourly rate*	9.57	9.57	9.72	9.72	9.85	9.85	9.98	9.98

Annualized if 180 days, 177 student days and 3 holidays.

0-10 miles	7,002.00	3,286.80	7,115.40	3,339.00	7,207.20	3,382.20	7,300.80	3,427.20
10.1-16.0	7,232.40	3,400.20	7,349.40	3,454.20	7,444.80	3,499.20	7,540.20	3,544.20
16.1-22.0	7,558.20	3,564.00	7,678.80	3,621.60	7,779.60	3,668.40	7,880.40	3,717.00
22.1 & up	9,001.80	4,284.00	9,145.80	4,354.20	9,264.60	4,410.00	9,385.20	4,467.60

EXTRA TRIP SCHEDULE

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
0-10	16.66	16.93	17.15	17.37
10.1-20	19.25	19.56	19.82	20.07
20.1-30	21.81	22.16	22.45	22.74
30.1-40	24.42	24.82	25.14	25.46
40.1-50	26.95	27.39	27.74	28.10
50.1-60	29.51	29.99	30.38	30.77
Over 60 miles	53.89	54.75	55.46	56.18

At the beginning of: Level I	4-6 Years	7+ Years
	75.60	120.96

*The above hourly rate will be applied to waiting time,(including the 1/4 hour in the morning because of different school start times) bus driver education, out-of-district testing, random drug testing, repairs, and required meetings.

Custodial/Maintenance/Mechanic Classification Structure

Level I

- Groundskeeper

Level II

- Mechanic Assistant

Level III

- Custodian

Level IV

- Maintenance
- Maintenance/Custodian

Level V

- Mechanic

*Paraprofessional Classification Structure

Level I

- Latchkey Assistant

Level II

- Parapro, Kindergarten Assistant
- Parapro, Playground
- Bus Assistant
- Copy Center Operator

Level III

- Parapro, Inclusive
- Parapro, Media Center
- Parapro, Office Assistant
- Parapro, Computer Lab Assistant

Level IV

- Parapro, Pre-School
- Parapro, Classroom Assistant (Title I)
- Parapro, Alternative Education
- Parapro, Inclusive – Health Care
- Parapro, Student Assistant
- Classroom Assistant (Special Needs)

Secretarial Classification Structure

Level I

- Sub Caller
- Secretary, Receptionist

Level II

Level III

- Secretary, Asst. Principal – Elementary
- Secretary, Asst. Principal – HS
- Secretary, Asst. Principal – MS
- Secretary, Curriculum
- Secretary, Counseling
- Secretary, HS Student Records
- Secretary, Alternative Ed
- Secretary, Transportation/Maintenance
- Secretary, Athletic

Level IV

- Secretary, Principal – ES
- Secretary, Principal – MS
- Secretary, Principal – HS
- Secretary, A/P-A/R

Level V

- Secretary, Special Education
- Payroll/Secretary to Bus Man.

Bus Driver Classification Structure

Level I

- Bus Driver

*Move Title I paraprofessional for Level III to Level IV after they have fulfilled the requirements of No Child Left Behind as per Article VIII, Section C, Subparagraph A2.

APPENDIX B
Grievance Report Form
BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOLS - ESP

Grievance #: _____

Refer to Agreement for time limits

- Distribution of Form
1. Personnel
2. Immed. Supervisor
3. Assoc. President
4. Grievant
5. Grievance Chair

SUBMIT TO IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR IN DUPLICATE

Building	Assignment	Name of Grievant	Date
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INFORMAL AND LEVEL I

Date Cause of Grievance Occurred: _____

1. Statement of Grievance:

2. Relief Sought:

Signature

Date

3. Disposition by Immediate Supervisor:

Signature

Date

4. Position of Grievant:

Signature

Date

Level II

1. Date received by Superintendent or Board Designee: _____

2. Disposition of Superintendent or Board Designee:

Signature

Date

3. Position of Grievant and/or Association:

Signature

Date

Level III

1. Date Submitted to Arbitration: _____

APPENDIX C

POLICY REGARDING OBJECTIONS TO POLITICAL-IDEOLOGICAL EXPENDITURES

Upon timely objection, no individual required to pay a service fee to the Michigan Education Association (MEA) or a local affiliate shall be required, through the payment of such a fee, to contribute to the financial support of an ideological cause or political activity unrelated to collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance adjustment and lawfully chargeable employee representation. An individual who, in compliance with the administrative procedures established by the Executive Director of the Michigan Education Association, objects to the use of a portion of his/her service fees to support such an ideological cause or political activity shall be required to pay a reduced fee based upon a determination of the percentage of the MEA's annual expenditures for the prior year necessarily or reasonably incurred for the purpose of performing the duties of an exclusive representative of the employees.

OBJECTIONS TO POLITICAL-IDEOLOGICAL EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

STEP I

By November 30, of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Executive Director of the Michigan Education Association or his or her designee shall determine the amount of MEA's, NEA's and local associations (for those locals collecting a local service fee) total expenditures for the past fiscal year that were expended on chargeable and non-chargeable activities. The Executive Director or his or her designee shall then calculate the reduced fee that an objector will be required to pay for the past fiscal year and the current fiscal year based on expenditures during the past fiscal year by the NEA, MEA and local associations. The amount of the reduced fee for each year shall be further reduced by an additional five dollars (\$5) to make allowance for disputed chargeable costs. By November 30, of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Executive Director shall provide to all non-union employees who are required to pay an agency fee adequate information identifying the NEA's, MEA's and local associations total expenditures for the past fiscal year sufficient to enable them to assess the propriety of the service fee calculation. The information provided to non-union employees shall include:

1. A list of expenditures made by the NEA and MEA, by major category, during the past fiscal year verified by an independent auditor and an identification of whether the major category of expense, or a particular portion thereof, is chargeable to objectors;
2. In those instances where a local association service fee is collected, a list of the local association's major categories of expenditures verified by an independent auditor and an identification of whether the major category of expense, or a particular portion thereof, is chargeable to objectors shall be provided.

3. The amount of the reduced agency fee;
4. The method used to calculate the reduced agency fees; and
5. A copy of this procedure.

STEP II

Within 30 days of the MEA providing the information identified in Step I, non-union employees shall give written notice to the Executive Director of MEA at 1216 Kendale Boulevard, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, Michigan 48826, either by mail or by personal delivery, of the non-union employee's decision to:

1. Join the union and pay union dues;
2. Pay a service fee equal to dues less the pro rata cost of liability insurance provided to union members;
3. Pay the reduced fee as determined by the Executive Director; or
4. Pay the reduced fee into an interest-bearing escrow account with First of America - Central Bank of Lansing, Michigan, and challenge the reduced fee.

The non-union member may challenge the NEA portion of the reduced fee, the MEA portion of the reduced fee, the local portion of the reduced fee, or any combination thereof. Failure to provide timely notice will result in the non-union employee being required to pay a service fee equal to dues less the pro rata cost of liability insurance provided to union members. At the time of filing an objection, the non-member shall pay the full amount of the reduced fee for the past fiscal year and that portion of the present reduced fee which has accrued into the First of America - Central escrow account. Collection of service fees for non-members will not begin until after the period for written objection has expired. All such payments required of an objecting non-member by these procedures shall be paid into the First of America - Central escrow account and shall remain in said account until such time as the arbitrator has issued his or her decision on the proportion of the agency fee that is chargeable to non-members. Thereafter all such funds in the escrow account shall be disbursed in conformity with these procedures.

Non-union employees who become part of the bargaining unit after the MEA has provided the information identified in Step I, shall be provided with the information identified in Step I within 30 days of becoming a member of the bargaining unit and shall have 30 days from the time MEA provides the information in which to give the written notice to the Executive Director of MEA described in Step II. If the non-union employee challenges the reduced fee and the challenge occurs too late to allow the employee to participate in the hearing described in Step III of these procedures, no separate hearing shall be held, but the non-union employee's agency fees will be determined based upon the hearing described in Step III.

STEP III

Within 15 days of the deadline for providing written notice challenging the reduced fee, the MEA will initiate the procedure for a consolidated hearing of all objections before an impartial decision maker. An arbitrator will be selected pursuant to the Rules for Impartial Determination of Union Fees of the American Arbitration Association (said rules being attached to this procedure) and the conduct of the hearing shall proceed in accordance with those rules, except that the union may not waive oral hearings pursuant to Rule 19.

After the hearing, the arbitrator shall determine the proportion of the agency fee that is chargeable to non-members under applicable law. The arbitrator shall issue the decision and determination not later than 30 days from the closing of the hearing, but in no event later than May 1, of each year and submit copies to the MEA and to each objector. In no event may the arbitrator determine the agency fee that is chargeable to non-members to be an amount greater than the reduced agency fee.

After the arbitrator's decision, the MEA shall direct the disbursement of all funds in the escrow account, including interest, to the proper parties in accordance with the arbitrator's decision. If the objector has not paid sufficient money into the escrow account for the current fiscal year, the objector shall be responsible for payment of the difference between the amount determined chargeable by the arbitrator and the amount actually paid into escrow.

The objectors and/or the NEA, MEA or local association may challenge the arbitrator's decision, pursuant to law, but such challenge, if successful, shall not result in an agency fee greater than that determined by the arbitrator.

APPENDIX D

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

Holiday	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-2010
Labor Day	09-04-06	09-03-07	09-01-08	09-07-09
Thanksgiving	11-23-06	11-22-07	11-27-08	11-26-09
Day After	11-24-06	11-23-07	11-28-08	11-27-09
Christmas Eve	12-22-06	12-24-07	12-24-08	12-24-09
Christmas Day	12-25-06	12-25-07	12-25-08	12-25-09
New Years Eve	12-29-06	12-31-07	12-31-08	12-31-09
New Years Day	01-01-07	01-01-08	01-01-09	01-01-10
Good Friday	04-06-07	03-21-08	04-10-09	04-02-10
Easter Monday	04-09-07	03-24-08	04-13-09	04-05-10
Memorial Day	05-28-07	05-26-08	05-25-09	05-31-10
Fourth of July Observance on	07-04-07 (Wednesday)	07-04-08 (Friday)	07-03-09 (Friday)	07-05-10 (Monday)

**BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOLS
BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN**

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

For the duration of this contract, employees who are scheduled to work on welcome back day will be allowed released time for a one hour BRESPA meeting.

For the Association:

For the Board of Education:

Date

Date

**BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOLS
BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN**

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

For the duration of this contract, the Level III Title I Classroom Assistants who were reclassified to Level IV shall retain their seniority earned as Level III Title Paraprofessionals into their Level IV Title positions for the purpose of maintaining their Title positions.

For the Association:

For the Board of Education:

Date

Date

BIRCH RUN AREA SCHOOLS
BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN 48415

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The High School Secretary to the Principal shall continue to work 52 weeks a year as long as individual presently in the position continues to hold the position.

For the Association:

For the Board of Education:

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN 48415

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

It shall be agreed upon that the students at the alternative education site will be allowed to perform light housekeeping duties, i.e. dusting, vacuuming, trash removal, in exchange for school credit. No money shall be exchanged for these services. Any maintenance duties, groundskeeping duties, or heavy duty custodial duties shall be performed by staff personnel.

For the Association:

For the Board of Education:

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____