

AGREEMENT

between the

THE EAST JACKSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

and the

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION

OF

OPERATING ENGINEERS

LOCAL 324 – A, B, C, D, G, H, P, RA, S – AFL-CIO

Teacher Aides

Bargaining Unit

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ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

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

ARTICLE 2

UNION RECOGNITION

Section 1. Union Recognition

- (a) The Board hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent of the employees covered by this Agreement for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment.
- (b) The term "employee" as used herein shall include all Teacher Aides excluding all supervisors as defined in the Act, (Superintendent's Secretary/Office Manager, District Finance Clerk, and Payroll Secretary), Secretarial Clerical employees, substitutes, seasonal employees and all other employees of the Board are specifically excluded from this bargaining unit.
- (c) Employees hired into the bargaining unit after June 30, 2007 will be eligible for:
 - (1) One half of the paid sick leave and personal business days in Article 16.
 - (2) Holiday pay for Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, the day following Christmas, New Years Eve, New Years Day.

ARTICLE 3

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Board and the Union both recognize their responsibilities under federal, state, and local laws pertaining to fair employment practices. Accordingly, both parties reaffirm by this Agreement the commitment not to discriminate against any person or persons because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

ARTICLE 4

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- (a) It is expressly agreed that all rights which ordinarily vest in and have been exercised by the Board, except those which are clearly and expressly relinquished by the Board, shall continue to vest exclusively on and be exercised exclusively by the Board without

prior negotiations with the Union as to the taking of action under such rights or with respect to the consequence of such action during the term of this Agreement. Such rights shall include, by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, subject to the express provisions of this Agreement, the right to:

- (1) Manage and control its business, its equipment, and its operations and to direct the working force and affairs of the school district.
 - (2) Continue its rights, policies, and practices of assignment and direction of its personnel, determine the number of personnel and scheduling of all the foregoing, but not in conflict with the specific provisions of this Agreement, and the right to establish, modify or change any work or business or school hours or days.
 - (3) The right to direct the working force, including the right to hire, promote, suspend and discharge employees, transfer employees, assign work duties to employees, determine the size of the work force and to lay-off employees, but not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
 - (4) Determine the services, supplies, and equipment necessary to continue its operations and to determine all methods and means of distributing, disseminating, and/or selling its services, methods, schedules and standards of operation, the means, methods, and processes of carrying on the work, including automation, and the institution of new and/or improved methods or changes therein.
 - (5) Adopt reasonable rules and regulations which shall be made known in writing to the employee.
 - (6) Determine the qualifications of employees, including physical condition.
 - (7) Determine the number and location or relocation of new schools, buildings, departments, divisions, or sub-divisions thereof and the relocation or closing of offices, departments, divisions or subdivisions, buildings or other facilities.
 - (8) Determine the placement of operations, services, maintenance, or distribution of work, and the source of materials and supplies.
 - (9) Determine the financial policies: including all accounting procedures and all matters pertaining to public relations.
 - (10) Determine the size of the management organization, its functions, authority, and amount of supervision, provided that the Board shall not abridge any rights of the employee as specifically provided for in this Agreement.
 - (11) Determine the policy affecting the selection, testing, or training of employees, provided that such selection shall be based upon lawful criteria.
- (b) All rights, powers and interests which have not been expressly granted to the Union by the provisions of this Agreement are reserved to the Board.

- (c) The matters contained in this Agreement and/or the exercise of any such rights of the Board are not subject to further negotiation between the parties during the term of this Agreement, except as specifically provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

VISITATION

Upon request by the Union, and the presentation of proper credentials, Officers or accredited representatives of the Union shall be admitted onto the Board's premises during working hours for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Agreement is being observed by the parties, or for assisting in the adjusting of grievances, provided, that said visitation shall not be in areas which would be detrimental to the management and function of the school and its students.

ARTICLE 6

STEWARDS

- (a) The employees will be represented by a Chief and an Alternate Steward, who shall be chosen or selected in a manner determined by the employees and the Union, and whose names shall be furnished by the Union to the Board.
- (b) Reasonable arrangements may be made to allow the Chief or Alternate Steward time off with pay for the purpose of investigating and receiving grievances, and to attend grievance and negotiating meetings, upon arrangements being made with their immediate supervisor.

ARTICLE 7

SAFETY PRACTICES

- (a) The Board will take reasonable measures in order to prevent and eliminate any present or potential job hazards which the employees may encounter at their places of work.
- (b) The employee will inform the Board of any such job hazard as soon as the employee first (1st) becomes aware of such unsafe areas, conditions, or equipment. The employee will exercise reasonable safety precautions in the pursuit of the employee's duties and correct hazardous and unsafe conditions occurring within the realm of the employee's responsibility and capability. The Board, upon notification of an alleged unsafe condition, shall make reasonable adjustments in such condition if, as the result of the Board's investigation, the alleged unsafe condition is found to be a hazard to the employee.

ARTICLE 8

JURISDICTION

Employees of the Board not covered by the terms of this Agreement shall not perform work covered by this Agreement, except for the purposes of instructional training, experimentation, or in cases of emergency.

ARTICLE 9

SENIORITY

- (a) A newly hired employee shall be on a probationary status for ninety (90) calendar days, taken from and including the first (1st) day of employment. Probationary employees who are absent on scheduled work days, or who serve their probationary period during times when school is not in session and/or their job is not operative, shall work additional days equal to the number of days the employee was absent, or equal to the number of days that their job was not operative, and such employees shall not have completed their probationary period until these additional days have been worked.
- (b) Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the employee's seniority date shall be retroactive to the employee's first (1st) working day in the bargaining unit.

Seniority shall be determined by the employee's continuous service in the bargaining unit and is used for purposes of longevity pay under Schedule A and for purposes of layoff and recall and for filling vacancies under Article 10.

Time spent on unpaid leaves of absence and layoff shall not accrue for bargaining unit or classification seniority purposes.

- (c) In the event that the Board determines that it is necessary to reduce the number of employees through the lay-off procedure, the Board will furnish the affected employee or employees a minimum of two (2) weeks written notice prior to the date that the scheduled lay-off or lay-offs are to become effective.

Employees shall be laid off and recalled according to their seniority in their classification (see job titles in Schedule A).

An employee on scheduled lay-off shall have the right to exercise their seniority and displace a lesser seniority employee in a lower paying classification, provided the senior employee is qualified to hold the position held by the lesser seniority employee.

- (d) An employee will lose their seniority and further rights to employment for the following reasons:
 - (1) The employee resigns.
 - (2) The employee is discharged for cause, and such discharge is not reversed through the grievance procedure.

- (3) The employee retires.
 - (4) Is on layoff for a period in excess of thirty-six (36) months from the effective date of layoff.
- (e) Seniority shall continue to accumulate within the bargaining unit for an employee who transfers to either a supervisory or a confidential position outside of the bargaining unit, with that employee having the right to exercise this seniority and return to the bargaining unit in the event that such employee vacates their supervisory or confidential position and returns to the bargaining unit. The right to return to the bargaining unit shall be limited to circumstances where the employee voluntarily relinquishes the position outside of the bargaining unit or where the Board has determined that the employee's job performance in the position outside the unit is unsatisfactory.
- (f) An updated seniority list shall be furnished to each employee covered by this Agreement, and a copy sent to the Union on or about October 1st of each year. Such list shall contain each employee's name, date of hire, job location and classification.
- Ties in seniority will be broken by using the last four (4) digits of the employee's social security number with the highest number being placed first.
- (g) Probationary employees are subject to discipline and termination at the discretion of the Board and such actions are not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 10

VACANCIES AND NEWLY CREATED POSITIONS

Section 1. Vacancies

- (a) Notice of all vacancies and newly created positions shall be posted on employee bulletin boards within one (1) pay period from the date of the vacancy, or the establishment of the new position, and the employees shall be given five (5) working days time in which to make application to fill the vacancy or new position. The senior employee making application to fill the vacancy or the new position shall be transferred to fill the vacancy or the new position, provided the employee has the necessary qualifications to perform the duties of the job involved.
- (b) Vacancies or newly created positions are to be posted in the following manner:
- (1) The type of work
 - (2) The classification
 - (3) The place of work
 - (4) The starting date
 - (5) The rate of pay
 - (6) The hours to be worked

- (c) The Board shall be permitted to increase hours in Teacher Aide positions up to eight (8) hours per day (aggregate for the unit) each fiscal year without re-posting the effected jobs.

The limitations set forth in this section will not apply to special education positions. Any adjustments in hours in this instance will not be counted in the aforementioned eight (8) hours and will not require posting the job.

- (d) The district reserves the right to conduct a bid meeting prior to the start of the school year to fill aide positions rather than post the positions under Section A above. The standards for filling the positions at the bid meeting will be the same as set forth in Section A. In the event a meeting is conducted, the district will post the list of known vacancies in each building at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting date.

Section 2. Trial Period, Vacancies, Newly Created Positions

An employee transferred to a higher paying classification shall serve a trial period of sixty (60) work days. During this period, the employee may request to be returned to their former position, and the Board shall honor such request, or in the event that the employee's work performance is unsatisfactory to the Board, the Board shall have the right to return the employee to their former position. In the event that the Board returns the employee to their former position, the Board shall furnish the affected employee the written reason or reasons as to why their work performance was unsatisfactory, and as to why the Board is returning them to their former position. The employee shall have the right to grieve the written reason or reasons that have been furnished by the Board to the employee. During the time period that the employee is serving a trial period, the Board may fill any subsequent vacancies with a temporary/substitute employee.

Section 3. Temporary Vacancies

In the event of a temporary vacancy, the Board shall have the right to hire a temporary employee during the duration of the vacancy. Temporary vacancies are defined as job openings occurring when a regular employee is absent from the job for reasons permitted under this Agreement, but is due or scheduled to report back to their regular work assignment within a defined time. In the event that the regular employee does not return to their position from their absence, then as of the date that the determination is made that the employee will not be returning to their former position, the position will then be considered to be vacant and will be filled as specified under the terms of this Article.

Section 4. Temporary Transfers

- (a) Any employee temporarily transferred from their classification to another classification within the bargaining unit, shall be paid either the rate of the position from which the employee is transferred, or the rate of the position to which the employee is transferred, whichever is higher.
- (b) Involuntary temporary transfers shall be for a period of no longer than sixty (60) calendar days, except in the event that both parties mutually agree to an extension of

the sixty (60) calendar day period. In the event that it is not mutually agreeable to extend the temporary transfer beyond the sixty (60) calendar days, the position shall then be considered vacant, and shall be posted for bidding from interested employees except in cases where the temporary transfer is caused due to an employee in the bargaining unit being placed on either an unpaid leave of absence, or who is receiving Board paid sick leave.

ARTICLE 11

NEW JOBS

- (a) When new jobs are placed in operation during the term of this Agreement and they cannot be properly placed into an existing classification, the Board shall place into effect a new classification and a rate of pay for the job in question and the Board shall designate the classification and pay rate as temporary. The Board shall notify the Union in writing of any such temporary job which has been placed into effect upon the institution of such job.
- (b) The new classification and rate of pay shall be considered as temporary for a period of thirty (30) calendar days following the date of written notification to the Union. During this thirty (30) calendar day period, but not thereafter during the life of this Agreement, the Union may request in writing that the Board negotiate the classification and rate of pay. The negotiated rate, if higher than the temporary rate, shall be applied to the date the employee first (1st) began working in the temporary classification, except as otherwise mutually agreed.

ARTICLE 12

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

- (a) Dismissal, suspension, and/or disciplinary action shall be only for just and stated causes with the employee having the right to defend themselves against any and all charges. Written notification of dismissal, suspension, and other disciplinary action shall be sent to the employee and the Union. Causes deemed sufficient for dismissal, suspension, and/or other disciplinary action include, but are not limited to the following: being in possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on school property, drunkenness, use of controlled substances, dishonesty, insubordination, taking an unauthorized leave of absence, absence from work without notifying the Board, willful violation of adopted Board's rules, or conduct unbecoming to an employee in the public service.
- (b) An employee may be dismissed, suspended or disciplined pending investigation, and if the dismissal, suspension, or disciplinary action is found to be without justification, the employee shall be reinstated with full back pay, full seniority rights and all fringe benefits that the employee would have earned during the dismissal or suspension period. If the dismissal is sustained, or the suspended employee is not reinstated through the grievance procedure, the employee shall be deemed dismissed as of the date such action was taken.

- (c) The Union, with specific written consent of the employee, shall have the right to review the contents of the personnel file of any employee within the bargaining unit. Upon making the request, the employees shall have the right to review the contents of their own personnel files maintained by the Board. Such review of personnel files must be done in the Board of Education Offices under the supervision of a designated school employee.
- (d) This Article shall not apply to probationary employees.

ARTICLE 13

UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- (a) An employee who, because of illness or disability (including Workers' Compensation) is unable to report to work and has exhausted all sick leave shall be granted a leave of absence for the duration of such disability not to exceed one (1) calendar year.

The employee must promptly notify the Board of the necessity for the leave and supply the Board with a written statement from a medical or osteopathic doctor verifying the necessity for the leave and provide additional verification when requested by the Board.

For purposes of computing the maximum one (1) calendar year leave of absence for employees on Workers' Compensation, available unpaid leave time will be calculated as if the paid sick leave days used under Article 16 (Section 5) were not prorated.

- (b) Leaves of absence shall be granted for needed periods of time not to exceed one (1) year for prolonged serious physical or mental illness or prolonged serious illness in the employee's immediate family which includes, husband, wife, children or parents of the employee.
- (c) Whenever an employee shall become disabled or shall anticipate disability, the employee upon request of the Board, shall furnish a written statement from the employee's attending physician stating any restrictions on the nature of work that the employee may perform. Employees who become disabled shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the period of the disability or one (1) year, whichever is less. Upon return to active service, an employee will be required to furnish a written statement from the employee's attending physician indicating that the employee is physically able to return to work.
- (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.
- (e) Leaves of absence will be granted to employees who are active in the National Guard or a branch of the armed forces reserves for the purpose of fulfilling their annual field training obligations, or in the event that the employees are ordered to active duty for

the purpose of handling civil disorders or other emergencies, provided such employees make written request for such leaves of absence immediately upon receiving their orders to report for such duty.

- (f) All requests for leaves of absence shall be in writing, stating the reason for the request and the approximate length of leave requested, with a copy of the request to be maintained by the Board, a copy furnished to the employee, and a copy sent to the Union.
- (g) Leaves of absence may be granted at the discretion of the Board for reasons other than those listed above when they are deemed beneficial to the employee and/or the Board. Such leaves will not exceed one (1) year and no extensions will be authorized. The denial of such requests is not subject to the grievance procedure.
- (h) An employee who meets all of the requirements as hereinbefore specified shall be granted a leave of absence without pay, and shall accumulate seniority during their leave of absence, and the employee shall be entitled to resume their regular seniority status, and all job and recall rights.

ARTICLE 14

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definitions:

- (a) A grievance shall be defined as an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the express terms of this Agreement.
- (b) The time elements in the steps may be shortened or extended upon mutual written agreement between the parties.
- (c) For the purpose of processing grievances, working days shall be defined as Monday through Friday, on any day in which the employee is scheduled to work, excluding all paid holidays.
- (d) Any employee or Union grievance which is not presented for disposition through the grievance procedure within five (5) working days of the occurrence of the alleged conditions giving rise to the grievance shall not hereafter be considered a grievance under this Agreement. The time limitations of this section will be extended to ten (10) working days in wage and salary matters.
- (e) Any grievance which is not appealed within the specified time limits set forth in that step of the grievance procedure, shall be considered to be settled on the basis of the decision rendered at the previous step of the grievance procedure. Failure of the Board at any step of the grievance procedure to communicate the decision on the grievance in writing to the Union within the prescribed time limits set forth in that step of the grievance procedure, shall permit the Union to move consideration of the grievance to the next step of the grievance procedure.

Procedure:

Step One.

- (a) Any employee having a complaint shall discuss the complaint with their immediate supervisor, or building principal, whichever they feel is most appropriate. If the grievance is not settled orally with their immediate supervisor, or building principal, the employee may request a meeting with the Chief Steward to discuss the complaint.
- (b) The Chief Steward then may submit the grievance in writing to the building principal, stating the remedy or correction requested, plus the facts upon which the grievance is based, the alleged contract violation, and the relief requested. The employee and the Chief Steward shall sign the grievance.

Step Two.

- (a) The Chief Steward and the grievant or grievants shall meet with the building principal to discuss the grievance within five (5) working days of its written submission to the building principal.
- (b) The building principal shall give his/her decision in writing relative to the grievance within five (5) working days of his/her meeting with the Chief Steward and the grievant or grievants.

Step Three.

- (a) Any appeal of a decision rendered by the building principal shall be presented in writing to the Superintendent, by the Union, within five (5) working days of the date of receipt of the decision by the building principal.
- (b) The Superintendent or his designee shall meet with the Business Representative of the Union at a time mutually agreeable to them, but no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of the receipt of the appeal.

Step Four. Arbitration

Individual employees shall not have the right to process a grievance at Step Four (4).

- (a) If the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step Three (3), it may within fifteen (15) calendar days from the receipt of the decision of the Superintendent, refer the matter for arbitration to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, in writing, and request the appointment of an arbitrator to hear the grievance. If the parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator, he shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.
- (b) Neither party may raise a new defense or ground at Step Four (4) not previously raised or disclosed at other written levels. Neither party shall be permitted to present in the arbitration hearing any evidence whether written or oral that had not been disclosed to the other party in any of the previous written levels of the grievance procedure.

- (c) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and conclusive and binding upon employees, the Board, and the Union. Subject to the right of the Board or the Union to judicial review, any lawful decision of the arbitrator shall be placed into effect within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt of the arbitrator's decision.
- (d) Powers of the arbitrator are subject to the following limitations:
 - (1) He shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
 - (2) He shall have no power to establish salary scales, except pursuant to Article 11 (b) of this Agreement.
 - (3) He shall have no power to interpret state or federal Law.
 - (4) He shall not hear any grievance previously barred from the scope of the grievance procedure.
 - (5) More than one (1) grievance may not be considered by the arbitrator at the same time except upon expressed written mutual consent of the parties.
 - (6) Arbitration awards or grievance settlements will not be made retroactive beyond the date of the occurrence or non-occurrence of the event upon which the grievance is based. In no event however, shall the settlement be earlier than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date on which the grievance is filed.
 - (7) He shall have no power to rule on any matter involving employee evaluations and individual development plans unless the employee's services with the district are terminated.
- (e) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties. Each party shall bear its own costs of representation and witnesses.
- (f) The arbitrator shall render his decision in writing no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the conclusion of the arbitration hearing.

ARTICLE 15

HOURS AND WORK WEEK

Section 1. Work Year, Week, and Day

- (a) The normal work year for teacher aides shall be those days scheduled for student instruction within the official school calendar unless they are directed to work additional days (i.e. usually one hundred eighty [180] days).

- (b) The regularly scheduled work week for full-time shall consist of thirty (30) hours for teacher aides, beginning at 12:01 a.m. and ending one hundred twenty (120) hours thereafter.
- (c) The normal work day shall be at least six and one-half (6-1/2) consecutive hours for full-time teacher aides which for the school year shall include a one-half (1/2) hour paid lunch period. Assignments of less than six (6) and one half (6 ½) hours per day may be made for aide employees.

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2012 who receive a paid lunch will remain in the building during the lunch period and will continue to be available during the lunch period to address urgent operational needs in the building. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2013 who work less than the amount of time required for a paid lunch will receive a half hour unpaid lunch provided the employee is scheduled to work at least six (6) hours per day.

The provisions for paid lunch will not apply to employees hired into the bargaining unit after June 30, 2012. These employees will receive an unpaid half hour lunch period provided the employee is scheduled for at least six (6) hours per day.

- (d) Daily arrival and departure times will be determined by the building principal or the immediate supervisor.

Section 2. Overtime Rates will be Paid as Follows:

- (a) Time and one-half (1-1/2) will be paid for all authorized time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one (1) week, for which overtime has not already been earned.
- (b) No employee will be required to take time off from their normal work schedule during the week in place of receiving any overtime compensation for any hours worked.
- (c) Time paid for under this Agreement shall not be counted as time worked for the purpose of computing all overtime pay.

Section 3. Distribution of Overtime

Overtime shall be divided and rotated as equally as possible according to seniority within classification and within one (1) building, and among those employees within that classification who regularly perform such work provided they are sufficiently able to perform such work.

Section 4. Rest Periods

Each full-time employee covered by this Agreement shall receive one (1) fifteen (15) minute paid rest period during the first (1st) half (1/2) of their work day each day, and one (1) fifteen (15) minute paid rest period during the second (2nd) half (1/2) of their work day each day. The building principal or the immediate supervisor shall schedule all such rest periods.

Section 5. Call-In Pay

Whenever an employee is called back to work after the completion of, or prior to the start of the employee's regularly scheduled working hours, the employee shall receive the pay for the actual time worked at the appropriate rate of pay or a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the employee's straight time hourly rate, whichever is greater.

Section 6. Reporting Pay

Any employee called to work or permitted to come to work without being notified by the Board that there will be no work, shall receive three (3) hours pay at the appropriate rate of pay.

ARTICLE 16

PAID LEAVE TIME

Section 1. Sick Leave

- (a) Each employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to sick leave accumulated into the employee's individual sick leave account according to the following schedule:

Teacher Aides who work approximately one hundred eighty (180) days per year: ten (10) days per year in the employee's individual sick leave account with a maximum accumulation of one hundred ten [110] days.

- (b) Upon hire, the employee will be credited with a prorated fiscal year allowance. At the beginning of each year (July 1st), all employees will be credited with the annual allotment based on the above schedule. A day of sick leave which is credited to the employee's account will be equal in length to the workday of the employee at that time. A day of sick leave taken by the employee and deducted from the employee's account will be equal in length to the workday of the employee at the time the employee takes the sick leave. Employees on sick leave in excess of three (3) consecutive working days may be required to submit medical proof of illness in order to receive sick leave pay.

Employees transferring from one East Jackson IUOE unit to another East Jackson IUOE unit shall be credited, at the end of their successful probationary period with 20% of the computed cash equivalent, in days, to their new sick leave account.

- (c) Sick leave shall be granted to employees when they are incapacitated from the performance of their duties by sick-ness, injury or for medical, dental, and optical examination or treatment. Employees shall schedule medical, dental, and optical examinations or treatment during vacation periods, or outside of normal work hours whenever possible. Sick leave limited to two (2) days per instance shall be granted for illness or emergency within the immediate family.

Immediate family will be defined for purposes of this provision as the employee's spouse, parent or child.

If additional days are needed in cases involving extreme illness or disability, a request can be made through the Steward to the Superintendent. Such cases will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and as such will not be deemed precedent setting if granted.

- (d) Each employee covered by this Agreement shall receive full pay for twelve (12) unused sick leave days, and if there are more than twelve (12) unused sick leave days accumulated, the employee shall be paid one (1) additional sick leave day at full pay for each full year of service with the Board (until such days in excess of twelve [12] are exhausted) upon retirement under provisions of the Michigan Public School Employee's Retirement System regulations.

This section will not apply to employees hired after June 30, 2018.

Section 2. Funeral Leave

- (a) All employees covered by this Agreement shall be granted up to five (5) working days off with pay for each death in the employee's immediate family. The immediate family shall be construed to mean one (1) of the following: spouse, children, parents, brother, sister, grandparents, grand-children, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law. Additional time may be granted and deducted from sick leave if needed for travel to distant States.
- (b) In the event of the death of an employee of the Board, a representative number of employees within the bargaining unit may attend the funeral, the specific employees and the number of employees to be mutually agreed upon between the Superintendent and the Chief Steward.

Section 3. Personal Business Days

Full-time teacher aides shall receive three (3) days per year, for legal business or family matters which require the employee's absence from their regular working assignment, and such days shall not be chargeable to the employee's individual sick leave account. Application for such leave will be made at least two (2) working day prior to the date the employee desires to take such leave, except in case of emergency, when a shorter notice will be acceptable. Any of the employee's unused personal business days shall be accumulated into the employee's individual sick leave account in addition to their normal accumulative sick leave at the end of each year.

Personal business days may not be taken the day before or after holidays, vacations or break periods unless approved by the Superintendent. Requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the denial of the request is not subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 4. Union Leave

The Board shall pay one (1) day of Union release time for one (1) steward for each contract year providing two (2) weeks advance notice is given.

Section 3. Worker's Compensation

In the event that an employee suffers an injury or illness that is compensable under the Michigan Worker's Compensation Law, the employee will be entitled to use their sick leave on a pro rate basis in order to continue receiving their regular daily wage. Once sick leave is exhausted, the employee will only receive the amount paid by law. Employees shall promptly report all injuries to the supervisor and business office within forty-eight (48) hours and complete the required accident report forms.

For purposes of calculating the period for continued payment of insurance premiums, days will not be prorated. For example, if the employee has thirty (30) accumulated sick leave days, premium payments will continue for thirty (30) work days.

Section 4. Jury Duty

Employees requested to appear for jury qualification or service shall receive their pay from the Board for such time lost as a result of such appearance or service, less any compensation received for such jury service. In the event that the employee is subpoenaed by the Board as a witness in any case connected with the employee's employment, the employee will be paid their full pay. These provisions to apply in the event the employee is unable to obtain a waiver.

ARTICLE 17

HOLIDAYS

- (a) The Board will pay the normal day's pay for the following holidays for all employees:

**New Year's Eve Day
New Year's Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Friday following Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve Day
Christmas Day
Day following Christmas**

- (b) If there is a half 1/2) day of student instruction scheduled on Good Friday, employees shall be released with pay for the balance of the day.
- (c) In the event that any of the above named employees are on sick leave on any of the above named holidays, the employees shall not have that day deducted from their earned accumulated sick leave accounts.
- (d) The above named employees must work their last scheduled workday prior to the holiday and their first (1st) scheduled workday after the holiday to be eligible for holiday pay, except in the case where the employee has an excused absence.

- (e) When the paid holiday falls on a weekend, the above named employees shall be granted either the day before or after the holiday off with pay, or the employees shall be paid for the holiday in addition to their normal earnings.
- (f) Holiday pay shall be determined in accordance with the employee's regular daily schedule.

ARTICLE 18

INSURANCE PROTECTION

Section 1. Life Insurance

The Board agrees to pay the full premium of a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000.00) term life and AD&D Insurance Plan for each employee for a twelve (12) month period provided the employee is regularly scheduled to work thirty (30) or more hours per week.

Each employee, upon termination of his/her employment, shall have a thirty (30) calendar day conversion right of their group term policy. An employee electing his/her right of conversion in order to keep their life insurance in force must contact the insurance carrier within thirty (30) days of their last day of employment with the Board.

Section 2. General

All insurance coverage is subject to the rules and regulations of the underwriting carrier.

The Board reserves the right to change carriers provided the coverage is similar.

Section 3. Affordable Care Act

The district reserves the right without prior notice to and without negotiating with the Union, to exercise any and all options available to the district to implement the Affordable Care Act and to change those options from time to time. The district will not be obligated under any circumstances to offer cash in lieu of health care but may make such offers. Any actions under this provision are not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 19

BULLETIN BOARDS

- (a) The Board shall provide bulletin board space within each of the buildings of the Board in which there are employees covered by this Agreement with such bulletin board space to be used solely by the Union, and with such bulletin board space to be used for the following notices:
 - (1) Recreational and social affairs of the Union;
 - (2) Union meetings;

- (3) Union elections;
 - (4) Reports of the Union;
 - (5) Rulings or policies of the Local or International Union.
- (b) Notices and announcements shall not contain anything Political or controversial, or anything reflecting upon the Board, any of its employees, or any other labor organizations among its employees. It is further agreed that there shall be no notices or announcements posted which violate the provisions of this Article. The posting of all such notices shall be done by either the Union Officers, Representatives, or the Chief or Alternate Steward.

ARTICLE 20

GENERAL

Section 1. Tax Sheltered Annuities

The Employer agrees to deduct the premiums for variable tax deferred annuities available under the district's plan.

Section 2. Parking

Parking facilities shall be provided by the Board for all of the employees covered by this Agreement with such parking facilities to be within the reasonable proximity of the employee's work stations.

Section 3. Resignation

- (a) Any employee desiring to resign from their employment with the Board shall file a letter of resignation with the Board at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date of such resignation.
- (b) Any employee who resigns from their position with the Board in the manner herein described, maintains their right to any earned allowable benefits due the employee upon separation which are provided for in this Agreement.

Section 4. Deductions

The Board agrees to make available to all of the employees covered by this Agreement any payroll deduction services which are available through the Board such as savings bonds, Credit Union, etc.

Section 5. Continuing Education

The Board agrees to pay the full tuition fee, plus expenses, for any employee the Board requires to attend a workshop, in-service training seminar, self-improvement course, or other

job related professional growth activities of a nature specifically designed to provide on the job improvement.

Section 6. Physical Examination

The Board agrees to pay the full cost of any physical examination required of the employee by the Board, provided such examination is not a result of the employee's illness, or feigned illness.

Section 7. Mileage

Employees, who are required to use their own personal transportation for carrying out their job responsibilities for the Board, shall be reimbursed for all such miles driven at the IRS rate and procedure as established by the Board.

Section 8. Emergency

When the employee's immediate supervisor will not be available, the employee will be informed of a person to contact in the event of an emergency situation.

Section 9. Legal Protection

If any legal action is brought against an employee covered by this Agreement by reason of any action related to the employee's performance of their job responsibilities within the scope of the Board's rules and policies, the Board will provide such legal counsel and all necessary assistance without cost to the employee in the employee's defense, to the limits set forth in the school district liability insurance policies.

Section 10. Notification of Assignment

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be notified no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the school calendar year as to their tentative assignment for the following school year.

Section 11. Medication

The parties agree to abide by state law pertaining to the administration of medication to students. Employees will not be required to administer any medication in violation of State law.

Section 12. Inclement Weather Days

The parties, in recognition of state law as found in MCLA 388.1701(3) and (4), do mutually understand that school days canceled owing to inclement weather or conditions not within the control of the Board, shall be rescheduled as required by the herein referenced law. Normally, employees shall not be required to work on such canceled days and shall, as directed, work on days that have been rescheduled to make up for the days lost owing to cancellation.

Section 13. Payment of Wages

On days for which the Board shall receive State Aid, if the building administrator or the employee's supervisor directs the employee or employees in the building to report at a later starting time due to severe weather or other emergencies, and the employee or employees do report at the designated starting time, the employee or employees shall be paid their normal day's pay.

ARTICLE 21

CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

The parties hereto agree that the employees covered by this Agreement shall be considered engaged in the type of work and classifications as set forth in Schedule A hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

ARTICLE 22

BINDING EFFECTIVE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns to the extent afforded by law.

ARTICLE 23

SCOPE, WAIVER AND ALTERATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1.

No agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, waiver or modification of any of the terms or conditions contained herein shall be made by any employee or group of employees with the Board unless executed in writing between the parties hereto, and the same has been ratified by the Board and the Union.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

If any article or section of this Agreement or any supplements 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, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or section.

Section 4.

This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire existing Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior practices, whether oral or written, and expresses all obligations of, and restrictions imposed upon the Board and the Union. This Agreement is subject to amendment, alteration or addition only by a subsequent written agreement between, and executed by, the Board and the Union.

Section 5.

In the event an employee identifies a legally bona fide handicap to the Board which requires accommodation under the law, the parties shall meet to discuss alternatives including, but not limited to scheduling and reassignment options. The parties recognize that accommodation required by law to facilitate a legally bona fide handicap may supersede certain assignment related provisions of this Agreement.

Section 6.

Section 15(7) of the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA) mandates that any contract entered into include a statement that allows an emergency manager appointed under the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act to reject, modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement as provided in the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act. This provision is intended to satisfy this requirement. No grievances may be processed contenting actions taken by an emergency manager.


ARTICLE 24

TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION

- (a) This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect from the later of July 1, 2018 or the date of ratification until June 30, 2021. The hourly rates in Schedule A will be subject to renegotiations for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 contract years.
- (b) If either party desires to terminate or modify this Agreement, it shall ninety (90) calendar days prior to the termination date give notification of termination or modification, or withdraws the same prior to the termination date of this Agreement, it shall continue in full force and effect from year to year thereafter subject to notice of termination or modification by either party on ninety (90) calendar days notice prior to the current year of termination.
- (c) Notice of termination or modification shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if sent by certified mail to the Union, The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324 - A, B, C, E, H - AFL-CIO, 500 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Township, Michigan 48302 and if to the Board, addressed to the East Jackson Community Schools, 1404 North Sutton Road, Jackson, Michigan 49202.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed.

EAST JACKSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



President

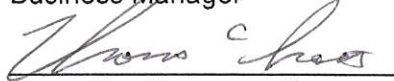
**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
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LOCAL 324, AFL-CIO**



President



Business Manager



Recording-Corresponding
Secretary

**SCHEDULE A
SALARY SCHEDULE**

Classification	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Teacher Aide	\$10.86	\$	\$
Special Needs Aide	\$12.45	\$	\$

Longevity Pay

Completion of eight (8) years of service-an additional ten cents (\$.10) per hour.

Completion of twelve (12) years of service-an additional ten cents (\$.10) per hour.

Completion of sixteen (16) years of service-an additional ten cents (\$.10) per hour.

Completion of twenty (20) years of service-an additional ten cents (\$.10) per hour.

Longevity will be paid only to those employees hired before July 1, 1988.

Probationary Rate

A newly hired employee shall be paid up to sixty cents (\$.60) per hour less than the base rate of pay during their probationary period, and then upon completion of the probationary period, the employee shall be paid the base rate of pay.

Pay Computation

The closing date for each pay period shall be the Friday before the payday.

Paychecks will be issued electronically or at the employee's option, by debit card.