

Professional Agreement

BETWEEN THE

**Lakeview Community
Schools**

Board of Education

And The

Lakeview Educational Support
Personnel Association
(MEA/LESPA)

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015

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ARTICLE 1 - AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement is made and entered into as of the 1st day of July, 2012, by and between the Board of Education of Lakeview Community Schools, Montcalm, Mecosta, and Kent Counties, Michigan, hereinafter called the "Board" and the Lakeview Educational Support Personnel Association, an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association, hereinafter called the "Association."
2. This Agreement shall constitute the complete and only statement of contractual relationship between the Board and the Association. The Board and the Association accept the provisions of this Agreement as commitments which they will cooperatively and in good faith honor, support and seek to fulfill, subject to the ability of the respective parties, financial and otherwise, to perform under governing law.

In consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

1. Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965 of the State of Michigan, as amended, the Board does hereby recognize the Association as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment for the term of this agreement of all non-certified employees of the Lakeview Community Schools included in the bargaining unit described below:

All maintenance employees, secretaries, and paraprofessionals. Excluded from the bargaining unit are confidential and supervisory employees, as established by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, substitutes, casual and temporary employees.
2. The term "employee" when used in this agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the bargaining unit as described above.
3. Reference to male employees shall include female employees, and reference to female employees shall include male employees.
4. This Agreement shall constitute the complete and only statement of contractual relationship between the Board and the Association. The Board and The Association accept the provisions of this Agreement as commitments, which they will cooperatively and in good faith honor, support and seek to fulfill, subject to the ability of the respective parties, financial and otherwise, to perform under governing law.
5. Subject to the provisions of Public Act 379, as the same may be amended, the Board agrees not to negotiate with any employee organization with respect to the "employees" as herein defined other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement. Except for such negotiations under Public Act 379, however, the Board shall be free to communicate with employees or their representatives, or any other persons, individually or by group, for whatever lawful purpose the Board may deem desirable in the discharge of its responsibilities. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any individual employee from presenting a grievance and having the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, provided that the Association has been given opportunity to be present at such adjustment.

ARTICLE 3 - BOARD AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

1. It is understood and agreed that the Board of Education hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of Michigan and the United States and that the Board is limited with respect to such powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities only by the express provision hereof and only to the extent such limitations are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, and of the United States.
2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee rights she or he may have under the Michigan General School Laws.
3. Nothing in this Agreement which changes preexisting Board policy, rules or regulations, written or otherwise promulgated, shall operate retroactively unless expressly so stated.
4. The Board and the Association agree to continue their policy of observing laws regarding discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or membership or participation in, or association with the activities of the Association, or the institution of any grievance, complaint or proceedings under the terms of this Agreement.
5. The Association agrees to admit persons to membership without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex or marital status and to represent equally all employees without regard to membership or participation in, or association with the activities of any employee's organization.

ARTICLE 4 - NEGOTIATIONS

1. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.
2. Both parties agree to enter into negotiations on a new Agreement on wages, hours, and working conditions as required by Michigan Law, which is ninety days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement.
3. The District agrees, within forty-five (45) days of ratification, to place on the District's Employee Public Directory a copy of the Agreement. A paper copy may be provided to those requesting one.
4. After tentative agreement is reached, both parties agree to hold ratification votes within thirty (30) calendar days. Each party shall provide written notification to the other within five (5) calendar days of ratification of the results of said ratification. Failure to ratify the Table Agreement within the 30 day period shall cause the Table Agreement to become void.
5. Each collective bargaining agreement entered into between a public employer and public employees under Public Act 0009 of 2011 after the effective date of the amendatory act that added Section 15(7) to the Public Employment Relation Act, shall include a provision 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. Provisions required by the subsection are prohibited subjects of bargaining under this act. It is also understood that if Public Act 0009 of 2011 is modified or repealed such that this provision is no longer required by statute or is found unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable, this section of the contract is null and void.

ARTICLE 5 – DEDUCTIONS

1. The Board shall make payroll deductions as individually authorized by the employees in writing, for the following and any other programs jointly approved by the Association and the Board:
 - A. Association dues. Bank/Credit union.
 - B. Tax sheltered annuities.
 - C. Insurance premium deductions and options.
 - D. Other deductions mutually agreed to by the Board and the Association.

2. Authorized deductions shall be made monthly for nine months beginning with the second paycheck in September and ending in May of each year. The Board agrees to promptly remit each month to the Association treasurer all monies due the Association so deducted, accompanied by a list of employees from whom such deductions have been made.

3. Membership in the Association is not compulsory. Employees have the right to join, not join, maintain, or drop their membership in the Association, as they see fit. Neither party shall exert pressure on or discriminate against an employee as regards such matters. Membership in the Association is separate, apart, and distinct from the assumption by one of his or her equal obligation to the extent that she or he receives equal benefits. Association membership is best dealt with by the Association. It is not the role of a public employer to compel Association membership or to assume Association recruitment activities. Representation of the employees has been voluntarily assumed by the Association and it alone must bear the burdens of a membership Association. The Association is required by law, and under this Agreement, to represent all of the employees in the bargaining unit fairly and equally without regard to whether or not an employee is a member of the Association. The terms of this Agreement have been made for all employees in the bargaining unit and not only for members in the Association. It has been argued that it is fair that each employee in the bargaining unit pay his or her own way and assume his or her fair share of the obligation along with the grant of equal benefit contained in this Agreement. It has also been argued that employees should not be required to make a monetary contribution to obtain or hold a position at Lakeview. In order to affect compromise for the benefit of the school district, the Association, employees and students, the following agreements are made:
 - A. The Association, as the exclusive representative of all the employees in the bargaining unit, will represent all such employees, Association members and non-Association members, fairly and equally, and all employees in the unit will be required to pay, as provided in this Article, their proportionate share of the costs of representation by the Association for services rendered by way of collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment. No employee shall be required to join the Association, but membership in the Association shall be made available to all employees who apply consistent with the Association's constitution and by-laws. No employee shall be denied Association membership because of race, creed, color, or sex.
 - B. Any employee who chooses not to join the Association and who is covered by the terms of this collective bargaining agreement shall, however, be required to pay to the Association, directly or by payroll deduction, an amount of money equal to the initiation fee uniformly required for membership in the Association, and a monthly service fee equal to monthly dues (LESPA and MEA).
 - C. The amount of the service fee shall be determined by the Association in accordance with its established and published procedures. Bargaining unit employees who disagree with the amount determined as the service fee must exhaust the Association's internal appeal procedures under the "policy regarding objections to political/ideological expenditures" before commencing any other action or appeal before any administrative, judicial or contractual forum.
 - D. Payment of the service fee shall be due in equal monthly installments for the remainder of the school year ending in June, commencing 31 days after the later of the following events: (1) the effective date of this agreement; (2) the date of execution of this agreement; (3) the employee's date of employment; or (4) written notification by the Association to non-members and the district of the service fee amount for that given school year. The Association agrees to hold the Board harmless and indemnify it from any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability by reason of any action taken or not taken by the Board or its designated agent for the purposes of complying with this article. The Association shall provide the counsel and assume all legal costs and liabilities incurred by the Board in connection with any legal or administrative proceedings arising from the implementation of this article.
 - E. Any bargaining unit member who is a member of the Association, or who has applied for membership, may sign and deliver to the employer an assignment authorizing deduction of dues, assessments and

contributions in the Association as established by the Association. Such authorization shall continue in effect from year-to-year unless revoked according to the procedures outlined in the MEA constitution, bylaws and administrative procedures. Pursuant to such authorization, the employer shall deduct one-ninth of such dues, assessments and contributions from the regular salary check of the bargaining unit member each month for nine (9) months, beginning in September and ending in May of each year.

- F. Due to requirements established in recent court decisions, the parties acknowledge that the amount of the fee charged to non-members along with other required information may not be available and transmitted to non-members until mid school year (December, January, or February). The parties agree that the procedures in this article relating to the payment or non-payment of the representation fee by non-members shall be activated thirty (30) days following the Association's notification to non-members of the fee for that given school year.

ARTICLE 6 - COMPENSATION

1. Paraprofessionals who work 25 or more hours per week shall be guaranteed pay for the number of scheduled student days. In the event of a major catastrophe affecting the work to be done, this requirement may be waived.
2. The salaries for employees shall be set forth in Appendix A of this Agreement. Movement on any salary schedule will occur each July 1st, providing the employee has been employed in the system at least six (6) months. Full experience credit will be given employees moving from clerical aide to secretary. Any other employee shall be credited with up to five (5) years experience on the salary schedule of the new position when transferring to a new classification.
3. An employee must try to obtain the use of a school vehicle first when driving out of district for school business. If that employee is unable to obtain a school vehicle and must use his or her personal vehicle at the request of the District, he or she shall be compensated at the IRS rate per mile.
4. An employee engaged during the school day in negotiating on behalf of the Association with any representative of the Board or participating in any professional grievance negotiations, including arbitration, at the request of the Board shall be released from regular duties without loss of salary. The salary of a substitute employee, if any, will be shared jointly by the Board of Education and the Association.
5. Full time secretaries may report and be compensated to work during Christmas recess and during spring, recess, but it is not mandatory.
6. An employee, regardless of skill, if asked to do other than his/her regular work, is expected to help until such work is done, provided, however, all overtime work will be assigned and rotated on an equitable basis. The past practice as applied to maintenance employees will be maintained. Overtime work will be held to a minimum consistent with good operation. Once an employee has accumulated 10 hours of overtime during a pay period, she or he will not be offered overtime until all other employees capable of performing the duties required have been asked and have declined.
7. In the case of an employee being replaced due to a vacation or illness, the replacement will be selected based on building seniority disregarding the layoff status of other employees providing the assignment is for 11 days or more. A substitute may be used during the first 10 days. If no one in the building elects to take the assignment, system seniority will be used.
8. Upon retirement through the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System (MPSERS), an employee with ten years or more of service credit as defined by MPSERS will be paid \$20.00 (twenty dollars) per day for all unused sick days accumulated with the Lakeview Community Schools.
9. Employees who work the majority of their shift after three (3) p.m. shall be granted a fifteen (15) cent per hour night premium. Night premium pay shall only apply when the aforementioned condition exists.
10. When support staff members are requested by the teacher consultant or therapists (e.g. occupational, speech, etc.) or Administration, to attend or participate in special in-service or training programs and the building principal approves before the training occurs, they will be paid their hourly rate for attendance, the cost of the training and appropriate mileage.

ARTICLE 7 - VACANCIES AND PROMOTIONS

1. A vacancy shall be defined as any position either newly created or a position that is not filled.
2. The Central Office shall inform the President of the Association in writing of vacancies occurring as to bargaining unit positions with a job description and needed qualifications as detailed as possible and agrees to post known vacancies in all buildings and send notices to all laid off employees. Such vacancies shall be posted for five workdays during the school year and ten workdays during the summer months prior to filling the job, but with concurrence of the association president (or designee), can be posted for 48 hours. Any employee can apply in writing for a posted vacancy and consideration will be given to ability, qualifications, satisfactory evaluations, seniority and skill. If two or more employees within the same classification apply for another job in the same classification, then the employee with the greatest classification seniority will get the job. If the Board determines that two employees outside of the classification applying for the position are equal in skill, ability and qualifications, the employee with the greatest district seniority shall be appointed to the position. If one employee is within the classification then that employee shall be given preference over other employees.
3. Vacancies will first be filled by the Board from the bargaining unit provided the applicant is best qualified (meaning must meet all qualifications from the job posting to perform the tasks of the open position). The Board shall make the determination of equality of qualifications (qualifications to include skill and ability) as listed in the position job description.
4. Anytime a new position is created, that is composed of two or more classifications, this job will be considered a new position. It will be filled under the provisions of section 2 and 3 above.
5. In the event of a job change in, or a transfer from, one classification to another, the bargaining unit member shall be given a forty (40) workday trial in which to show his or her ability to perform the new job. There will be at least two observations by the immediate supervisor (between the 10th and 15th workdays and between the 25th and 30th workdays) during the trial period. The Board shall give the promoted or transferred bargaining unit member reasonable assistance to enable them to perform up to the Board's standards on the new job. If the bargaining unit member is unable to demonstrate ability to perform the work required during the trial period, or at the option of the affected bargaining unit member, the bargaining unit member shall be returned to his or her previous assignment. If an employee is already serving a forty day trial period, the Board is not obligated to consider that employee for a new vacancy that is posted during that trial period.
6. All applicants for a position will be informed which of them has been selected for the position.
7. Whenever vacancies occur during the summer months when some employees do not regularly work, the Central Office will send notices of vacancies to those employees who have notified the superintendent of an interest in a particular vacancy should it occur. At the same time, a notice will be sent to the Association President listing the names of employees to whom notices were sent.
8. The Board shall notify the Association in writing if the position is being eliminated. If the position is to continue, once a position is vacant the Board has 20 work days to post the position. The posting period is 5 work days during the school year and 10 days during the summer months. The position will be filled within 20 work days of the end of the posting or the position will be eliminated. In the event of a vacancy due to a leave of absence, a substitute may be used for the duration of the leave. At the end of the leave if the employee who requested the leave does not return from the leave, a posting will be generated.

ARTICLE 8 - TRANSFERS

1. The parties agree that transfers of employees are to be minimized and avoided whenever possible.
2. When a position is eliminated and is later reinstated, the employee transferred out of that position shall be offered the job before it is posted if that employee is qualified as required by state and federal regulations.
3. Any employee, who is transferred to a supervisory or executive position and shall later return to employee status, shall be entitled to retain such rights as he or she may have under the Agreement prior to such transfer to supervisory or executive status.
4. Any employee asked by a supervisor to temporarily assume the responsibilities and duties of another employee for more than three (3) consecutive days, he or she shall receive the rate of pay at their present step in the higher classification for all hours worked thereafter in that classification.
5. For transfers, preference shall be given to those bargaining unit members currently working within the classification in which the vacancy exists over those bargaining unit members working outside of the affected classification.

ARTICLE 9 - EMPLOYEE FILES

1. Each employee shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their own personnel file maintained by the District. The review will be made in the presence of an administrator or their designee. Confidential information as defined under FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) shall be exempted from such review. The administrator shall remove such privileged information from the file prior to a review of the file by the employee. A representative of the Association may, at the employee's request, accompany the employee in this review. A written statement, for inclusion in the personnel files, may then be made by the employee.
2. No material of an evaluative nature or written complaint shall be placed in an employee's file without first being presented to the employee. The employee shall be given a copy of all such material and will be asked to sign the Board copy indicating that he or she has read it. Within thirty (30) days of evaluation or written complaints placed in the employee's file, the employee will have the right to attach a statement of remarks or other information which they feel is pertinent to the evaluation or complaint. This statement will be attached to the Board copy of the evaluation/complaint which remains in the employee's file.
3. Any material determined by the Board and Association to be factually in error shall be corrected or expunged from the file.
4. All employees will be evaluated in writing at least once every two years. The performance evaluation should be completed and placed in the personnel file by May 1, but no later than June 1.
5. Evaluations of employees by the Supervisor will be based on observed work performed and/or results of work performance of the employee. Supervisors of classroom paraprofessionals will be the building principal.
6. The content of any evaluation is not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 10 - LEAVE PAY

1. All twelve month employees will be granted twelve sick leave days per year. All school year employees will be granted ten sick leave days per year. Employees will be given a written statement of accumulated sick leave days on October 1 of each year. Unused sick leave days will be accumulated on an unlimited basis. Sick leave is to be used when the employee is unable to work because of personal sickness, accident or disability.
2. Absence from duty not to exceed five (5) days per year shall be granted after application has been made or notice given for illness in the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as spouse, children, step-children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, foster children, step-parents, in-law parents, and siblings. These days will be deducted from the sick leave accumulation. The Superintendent shall have discretionary powers in interpretation of this section.
3. Up to five (5) days per year shall be allowed for bereavement, these days will be deducted from the individual's accumulated sick leave. Additional days may be granted at the discretion of the superintendent.
4. Personal leave is included in the granting of sick leave above. Up to three (3) days per year may be used for personal business providing that:
 - A. The business cannot be transacted at a time other than during working hours.
 - B. Personal business days shall not be used to carry out activities that are in part or in whole concerned with a second job or activity, from which the individual derives, hopes to derive or intends to derive an income from work apart from the position contracted for with the Lakeview Community Schools.
 - C. Personal business days cannot be used to extend holidays, vacation periods, or breaks unless a specific purpose is stated which complies with the above language as approved by the Superintendent.
 - D. A leave request form must be submitted to the principal/supervisor at least two (2) working days in advance of the anticipated absence except in cases of unforeseen emergencies. The employee may, but is not required to state the reason for leave. Such leave shall not be used for Association business. The Board has the right to have support staff reschedule non-emergency leaves when qualified substitutes cannot be scheduled to work.
 - E. The number of personnel that can take a personal day at any given time will be determined according to classification. In the case of paraprofessional, the number of staff eligible to take a personal day will be determined by buildings.

Classification	Building	Personnel Limit
Clerical		1
Maintenance		1
Mechanics		1
Paraprofessionals	Bright Start	2
Paraprofessionals	Lakeview Elementary	1
Paraprofessionals	Middle School	1
Paraprofessionals	High School	1

5. A record of accumulated leave days will be maintained at the school offices and made available for inspection during business hours.
6. Absence due to an injury incurred in the course of the employee's employment and covered by Worker's Compensation: An employee that is absent due to an injury incurred in the course of the employee's employment will be compensated according to Worker's Compensation regulations. The provider of compensation is determined by the number of days the employee is off work.
 - a. One to 7 days off work, the employee will receive compensation and those days will be deducted from their sick days.
 - b. One to 13 days off of work the employee will receive, compensation for the days that the Workers' Compensation Plan does not pay for him or her being off.
 - c. One to 14 days off of work the employee will receive compensation from Workers' Compensation Plan.

7. No regular employee shall forfeit accumulated leave days during approved leave of absence periods. However, the employee shall not be eligible to accrue or use sick and emergency leave while on a leave of absence.
8. All employees will be paid regular salary minus jury duty pay for jury duty days and no personal or sick leave days will be deducted.
9. Up to six (6) days may be taken by designated individuals for Association business approved by the Association and duly delegated to these individuals. Costs for substitutes, if any, will be covered by the Association. This does not count against the individual's personal leave. Notice of intent to use an Association business day shall be given to the Superintendent at least three (3) days in advance.
10. Sick days will not be deducted when a person is subpoenaed to testify in court (unless a personal matter) but witness fees, if any, will be returned to the school district.
11. Female employees shall be eligible to use accumulated sick leave for childbirth. To receive sick leave benefits, the employee must perform all duties until physically disabled and return to service as soon as she is physically able to perform all duties. The Board may require medical verification prior to commencing and returning from such leave.
12. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993 will be followed as outlined in the Lakeview Community Schools' Board Policy #4430.01.

ARTICLE 11 - UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

1. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, a leave of absence when granted by the Board of Education shall:
 - A. Entitle the employee to return to employment in the same position from which leave was taken. A refusal of offered employment following the leave of absence shall immediately end this privilege.
 - B. Not entitle the employee to accrual of sick leave.
 - C. Not entitle the employee to advancement on schedule for the time away from actual employment prearranged with the Superintendent of Schools.
 - D. Not entitle the employee to any school system subsidization of insurance premiums, retirement payments, or unemployment compensation.
 - E. All leaves granted under Article 10 shall be without pay.
 - F. Not entitle an employee to accrue seniority.
2. A leave of absence may be granted, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for a period not to exceed one (1) year to any employee having successfully completed a period of one (1) school year. The time period is subject to renewal at the request of the employee following written request by the employee. Requests must be made before termination of the leave and shall not exceed one (1) additional year.
3. Any employee whose personal illness extends beyond the period compensated under Article 10 may be granted a leave of absence without pay for one (1) year, subject to renewal at the request of the employee. Upon return from such leave, an employee shall be assigned to the same position, or a substantially equivalent position, if either are available, provided always that the employee is able to perform the duties required by the position. The Board may require medical verification prior to commencing and returning from such leave.
4. Employees will be granted a leave of absence upon entry into the armed forces, or for voluntary service duty during a declared national emergency. Employees returning from this military leave shall be given re-employment in the same capacity held before the leave of absence. They shall also be given the benefit of any increments and advancements on schedule which would have been granted to them had they remained in active service with the school system.
 - A. The Board shall, upon request, grant a leave of absence for the purpose of child care not to exceed one year. The request for this leave must be in writing and specifying the expected date of birth certified by a physician. The employee should make this request forty-five (45) days prior to the expected date of birth.
 - B. An employee shall, upon request, be granted a child care leave without pay. This leave may begin at the time when the employee is physically unable to work. The duration of the leave shall be one (1) year, renewable at the discretion of the Board. Any employee wishing to avail of the child care leave must make application at least forty-five (45) days before the expected date of birth.
6. Employees who have been employed by the Board may be granted an educational leave for up to one (1) year. It is agreed that said leave includes, but is not limited to, attending a college, university or other educational institution, and serving as an officer in the Michigan Education Association or the National Education Association.
7. Employees on educational leave shall be allowed one-half (1/2) year credit toward retirement for times spent on such leave in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Board. While on educational leave, seniority shall accrue.
8. An employee who has been employed for at least two years may request up to six work days off per year on an unpaid basis. Such days will not be granted in less than two work day blocks of time. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent at least 14 calendar days in advance of the requested days and must state a general reason for requesting the leave. The granting of such leave time is subject to the approval of the Superintendent and Supervisor. No more than one employee per classification will be allowed unpaid leave on the same date without approval of the Superintendent and Supervisor. Any deviations from the terms of this provision are subject to the approval of the Superintendent and Supervisor. With good cause shown the 14 day requirement may be waived.

ARTICLE 12 - HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

1. Holidays

B. All employees shall have the following days off with pay:

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Day before Christmas
- Christmas Day
- Day before New Year's
- New Year's Day
- Good Friday –Will be paid as a holiday when school is not in session
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (if such holiday falls within the employees scheduled work period)

C. If an employee is on vacation on any of the above-named holidays, the day shall be counted as a holiday and not as a vacation. (See Hours and Assignments - Compensable Time Provisions.)

5. Vacations

A. Paraprofessionals and other school year employees shall not receive vacation leave with pay.

B. All other employees shall be allowed vacation leave with pay as follows:

- After one year of continuous service - 10 days
- After five years of continuous service - 15 days
- After ten years of continuous service - 20 days

For employees changing from a classification having no vacation benefits, to a classification having a vacation benefit, the employee must complete one year in the new classification before being eligible for a vacation. Vacation days will be determined based on the new classification seniority date.

- C. Vacation credits shall not accumulate without written permission from the Superintendent.
- D. Absence on account of sickness, injury, or disability in excess of that herein authorized for such purpose may be charged against vacation credit, at the option of the employee.
- E. Vacations shall be scheduled by mutual agreement between administration and all employees. Where mutual agreement cannot be reached, the administration shall offer available vacation periods to all employees in descending order according to their seniority.

The Administration will offer vacation posting periods during:

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| January 1 to March 31 | April 1 to June 30 |
| July 1 to September 30 | October 1 to December 31 |

A lottery system will be put in place for those employees wishing to add a day before or a day after a holiday break. The number of employees granted the extra day (unpaid unless they use vacation or personal day) will follow the chart outlined in Article 10(4e). The lottery dates are determined as follows:

- October 1 for the Wednesday before or the Monday after Thanksgiving Break.
- November 1 for the day before or the day after the winter holiday break.
- February 15 for the day before or the day after the spring holiday break.

The lottery will be held in the district's central office and each employee will only have the opportunity to be awarded one extra day for any given school year.

The Administration reserves the right to schedule vacation time for all employee classifications during the week which corresponds with July 4.

- F. Upon resignation, termination of service, or transfer to a position requiring fewer working hours or weeks of employment, employees shall receive, at their request, any unused vacation allowance at their current rate of pay, pro rata.

ARTICLE 13 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Definition: A "grievance" is hereby defined as a claim by an employee, group of employees, or the Association, that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of any provision of this Agreement.
2. Purpose: This grievance procedure affords the sole and exclusive remedy for grievance complaints under the Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of an employee with or without a grievance to discuss a problem or concern with an appropriate member of the administration, or for an administrator to discuss a problem or concern with an appropriate representative of the Association.
3. Limitation: No grievances shall be made, filed or processed based on facts or events which have occurred and/or become known to the grievant(s) prior to ten (10) days excluding weekends and holidays, before the grievance is filed, or reasonably should have been known. Time limit may be extended by mutual consent.
4. Procedure: Grievances shall be processed from one step to the next in the grievance procedure within the limits prescribed. Any grievance upon which an appeal is not taken within the limits prescribed, shall be closed upon the basis of the action last taken by the party against whom the complaint was filed.
5. Initiation: Any formal grievance process will be initiated by the filling in and signing of the Grievance Report Form, Appendix D and available from duly authorized personnel of the Association and the Board.
 - STEP 1: The Association, any employee or group of employees, believing there is a grievance as defined in "1" above, shall initiate the grievance as provided in "5" if it does not exceed the limitations of "3". A meeting will be set up within five (5) days to seek normal adjustment of same with the building principal or the Superintendent. The representative of the Board shall indicate his/her disposition in writing within five (5) days of the meeting and shall furnish a copy to the grievant and the Association.
 - STEP 2: In the event the matter is not resolved under Step 1, the grievance shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, of receipt of the written disposition issued at Step 1. Within five (5) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, of the filing at Step 2, a meeting will be held to resolve the grievance. Within five (5) days of the meeting, the Superintendent shall issue his written disposition of the grievance.
 - STEP 3: If the decision rendered at Step 3 is not an acceptable resolution of the grievance the Association may within ten (10) days excluding weekends and Holidays appeal the grievance in writing to the American Arbitration Association. Notice of the filing for arbitration shall be sent simultaneously to the American Arbitration Association and the Board. Lack of notice being sent within the ten (10) day period shall indicate abandonment of the grievance. The rules of the American Arbitration Association shall apply to all further proceedings on the grievance.
6. The arbitrator selected shall confer with the parties and hold hearings promptly and will issue his or her decision not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the close of the hearing. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and will set forth his or her findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issues submitted. The parties, if mutually agreeable, may choose expedited arbitration in lieu of the normal proceedings.
7. The arbitrator has no power to alter, modify, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement. His/her authority shall be limited to deciding whether a specific article and/or section(s) of this Agreement have been violated and, if so, providing for an appropriate and just remedy for the violation. The arbitrator shall not usurp the functions of the Board of Education or the Association, or the proper exercise of its judgment under law and this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator, if within the scope of his/her authority as above set forth, shall be final and binding on all parties.
8. The arbitrator's fees and other expenses of arbitration shall be divided equally between the parties. Each party shall bear its own expense in connection therewith. Any employee needed to testify at the proceedings shall be given release time for the amount of time required for his or her testimony; provided, such release time does not unreasonably interfere with school operations, but without compensation except as may be paid by the party calling the employee or by made up time.

9. Duly authorized representatives of the Association and their respective affiliates shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at reasonable times and intervals and in a manner as not to interfere with work of employees.
10. The Association may initiate a grievance directly at Step 2 when either of the following conditions applies:
 - A. A grievance involves a group of employees or an issue which applies to the unit as a Whole, or;
 - B. The action precipitating the grievance was initiated by management at a level higher than the immediate supervisor.
11. Grievances involving an appeal of discharge or suspension shall be initiated directly to Level 2 within ten (10) calendar days, excluding weekends and holidays, of receipt of written notice as provided above.
12. A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without establishing a precedent.
13. The number of days indicated at each level above should be considered as maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits may be extended by mutual consent in writing by authorized representatives of each party.
14. All available information in the form maintained by the Board necessary for the determination and processing of any grievance shall be provided by the administrator for the maintaining of that information upon request to the parties involved in the grievance. This provision is not intended to preclude presentation of evidence at arbitration.
15. The term "days" as used in this article shall refer to weekdays excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

ARTICLE 14 - EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

1. Any case of criminal assault upon an employee which had its inception in a school centered problem shall be reported immediately in writing to the Superintendent or his designated representative. In the event of such an assault, the employee involved may request assistance of the Board in such matter. These requests shall be made in writing to the Superintendent. The Board of Education will provide legal counsel to advise the employee of his/her rights and obligations with respect to such assault.
2. Time lost by an employee in connection with any criminal assault not compensable under worker's compensation, and for a period not to exceed nine (9) months at the employee's rate of pay at the time of the criminal assault, shall not be charged against the employee unless he himself is adjudged guilty of an offense by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. The Board will reimburse the employee for loss, damage or destruction of personal property which was used on school premises, when such property is needed or used in the normal work of the employee, when such property is registered with the immediate supervisor in written form, and when the loss, damage or destruction is not the result of the employee's negligence, not to exceed \$500.00.
4. An employee who considers a working condition hazardous shall immediately report it to his/her supervisor.
5. Before any meeting is called from which disciplinary action may result, the employee shall be notified and shall be entitled to have present a representative of the Association. If an association representative is requested to be present, no longer than two (2) working days may lapse before such meeting is held. In no event shall the administration be restricted from taking such protective action as the administration may determine to be necessary to protect the rights of students and others.
6. No non-probationary employee shall be disciplined, reduced in rank or compensation by the Board or its designee without just cause. Reduction in hours as per Article 19 (Hours and Assignments), Section 2 shall be considered just cause for reduction in compensation.

ARTICLE 15 - SENIORITY AND PROBATIONARY PERIOD

1. A copy of the complete seniority list showing district seniority and classification seniority for the members of the bargaining unit will be maintained at the school offices and made available for inspection during business hours, and a copy will be provided for the Association on or before October 1 of each year. Such list shall include all individuals who hold seniority as a result of this Agreement.
2. In the event that more than one individual has the same seniority date, placement on the seniority list will be determined by lottery. Affected employees and a representative of the Association will be provided the opportunity to be present at such drawing.
3. Seniority shall date from an employee's starting date of continuous employment in a regular position by the school district. An employee's seniority shall entitle him or her only to such rights as are expressly provided in this contract.
4.
 - A. District seniority is the length of an employee's full time equivalent service from their starting date of continuous employment by this school district.
 - B. Effective July 1, 2007, employees who work less than ten (10) hours per week shall accrue one quarter (1/4) seniority; employees who work more than ten (10) but less than twenty (20) hours per week shall accrue one half (1/2) seniority; employees who work twenty (20) or more hours per week shall accrue full seniority. All seniority accumulated prior to July 1, 2007, shall remain unchanged.

Examples: works less than 10 hours per week would receive .25 year seniority
works 10 to 20 hours per week would receive .50 year seniority
works more than 20 hours per week would receive 1.0 year seniority

5. Newly hired full-time employees and part-time employees shall serve a probationary period of forty (40) work days, uninterrupted by any type of service break, during which time they will be termed "probationary employees." Probationary employees' service with the school district may be terminated at any time by the Board in its sole discretion and neither the employee so terminated nor the Association shall have recourse to the grievance procedure over such termination.

During the probationary period an employee who desires the employee negotiated fringe benefits may pay for them at the group rate until such time as this probationary period has ended when they will be paid for by the Board.

6. An employee promoted or transferred from a job classification in the bargaining unit, either before or after certification of the Association, to a supervisory position shall retain the seniority he or she had at the time of such promotion or transfer and shall continue to accumulate seniority while he or she is in such supervisory position for a period of one (1) year. Such employee shall have a right to return to the bargaining unit and be placed on the job to which his or her seniority would entitle him or her if his or her employment with the district has remained unbroken.
7. Any employee who has been incapacitated at his or her regular work by injury or compensable occupational disease while employed by the district may be employed at other work on a job that is operating in the district and which he or she can do without regard to any seniority provisions in this Agreement.
8. An employee will lose seniority if he or she quits or is discharged for just cause, or fails to return from a recall or retires.

ARTICLE 16 - REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL

1. Layoff Defined

Layoff shall be defined as a necessary reduction in the work force beyond normal attrition due to decreased student enrollment, change in student day, shortage of revenues, or change in work systems as per Article 19, Section 15.

2. Layoff Notice

No bargaining unit member shall be laid off pursuant to a necessary reduction in the work force unless said bargaining unit member shall have been notified of said layoff at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the effective date of the layoff.

3. Layoff Procedure

a. Qualifications Defined

Qualifications for each classification are defined by state and federal requirements as well as the most current job description on file. The Board has the right to update job descriptions to conform to any changes in state and federal requirements.

- b. In the event of a necessary reduction in work force, the Employer shall first layoff probationary bargaining unit members when possible in the affected classification, then the least senior bargaining unit members as defined in Article 15 §4(a & b), for that classification. In some cases, programs may be eliminated versus the least senior bargaining unit member's position. In no case shall a new employee be employed by the Employer while there are laid-off bargaining unit members 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, regardless of classification, for which they are qualified, which is held by a less senior bargaining unit member.

4. Recall

Laid-off bargaining unit members shall be recalled in order of seniority, with the most senior being recalled first, to any open position for which they are qualified as outlined in Section 3 above.

Notices of recall shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last known address as shown on the Employer's records. The recall shall state the time and date on which the employee is to report back to work. It shall be the bargaining unit member's responsibility to keep the Employer notified as to his or her current mailing address.

A recalled bargaining unit member shall be given at least ten (10) working days 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 responds to the employer in writing within the ten (10) working day period.

Bargaining unit members recalled to full-time (or equivalent hours of their prior position) work for which they are qualified are obligated to take said work. A bargaining unit member who declines recall to full-time work for which he or she is qualified shall forfeit his or her seniority rights. Bargaining unit members on layoff shall accrue seniority during the period of such layoff. Acceptance or refusal of recall to a position which is lower in pay and/or benefits than the position from which the bargaining unit member was laid-off shall not affect his or her rights to recall to an equivalent position. Employees on layoff shall accrue seniority during layoff for a maximum period of one (1) year.

5. Partial Layoffs

In instances where full time or part time positions have been reduced, the employee will have the opportunity to bump into a full time position or part time position respectively of which he or she is qualified of the least senior employee, maintain the reduced position, or chose a voluntary layoff. For purposes of bumping, full time will be considered five (5) or more hours and part time will be considered less than five (5) hours.

6. Non-probationary employees shall retain their right to recall for a period of three (3) years from the effective date of layoff. Probationary employees shall retain their right to recall for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of layoff.

7. An employee that has been released because of staff reduction shall, if he or she desires, have priority on the substitute list, according to seniority.

ARTICLE 17 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. The Association shall be provided bulletin board space for the posting of Association notices and other materials and shall be entitled to use the school messenger service when the same is otherwise in service (in other words, no special service for the Association).
2. The Association shall have the right to use the school building facilities, at reasonable times and intervals, for Association meetings before or after regular class hours. Such meetings shall not be conducted in a place, or at a time, which might interfere with school activities, including extra curricular activities conducted after regular class hours. Prior notification of intent to hold a meeting shall be given and the Superintendent or designee shall designate the room in which the meeting is to be held. The Association shall have the right at reasonable times and intervals the use of school office equipment including but not limited to typewriters, mimeographing machine, other duplicating equipment, calculating machines and all types of audio-visual equipment. Such use may be limited under reasonable rules and regulations generally applicable to use of such equipment by other than regular school operating personnel. The Association shall pay for the cost of all materials and supplies used in conducting Association business.
3. Duly authorized representatives of the Association and their respective affiliates shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at reasonable times and intervals and in a manner as not to interfere with normal operations and the work duties of employees.
4. All rights as to building and equipment usage are lost to the Association during times of a work stoppage.
5. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement to any employee in the bargaining unit is held by a court of final jurisdiction to be illegal or unlawful, the same shall not affect or impair the validity of any other provisions contained in this Agreement.
6. Matters which the Association wishes to be brought to the Board of Education for consideration shall be placed on the agenda in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board as the same may from time to time exist as to agenda scheduling.
7. When inclement weather makes it unsafe for buses to be on the roads, making it necessary to close school for students, paraprofessionals will not report but will be paid for up to two days. All support staff have the option of using vacation, sick, personal or unpaid leave to compensate for inclement weather days between the third and fifth day. If unpaid leave is chosen, this option will not affect Article 10 Section 9.

Secretaries and maintenance employees will report and work on a 9:00 AM --3:00 PM schedule. They will be granted up to two paid days off at a time approved by their supervisor. -On an inclement weather day, secretaries may contact the supervisor to ask for the day off, the supervisor may approve this request.

Employees who have already reported to work will be paid for hours worked, with a minimum of two (2) hours pay. In the case of extreme conditions, as determined by the superintendent and announced by the Media, no employee will be asked to report, and will be paid for those days. Any days to be made up at the end of the school year due to any law or regulation will be made up at no additional compensation.

8. The Board shall issue a pass, upon advance request, to an employee for any school sponsored event. Receiving this pass signifies the employee's willingness to help (crowd control, student behavior, etc.) if so requested by the sponsor in charge.

ARTICLE 18 – INSURANCE

1. For employees who currently work 30 hours a week or more, the Board shall provide a comprehensive hospital, medical and surgical insurance program with a prescription program, dental and vision for years July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, July 1, 2013-2014, and July 1 2014-June 30, 2015

The deductible for the medical plan will be as follows: In network deductible of \$1,250 for single coverage and a \$2,500 family aggregate deductible, out of network deductible shall be \$2,500 for single coverage and a \$5,000 family aggregate deductible. In network co insurance of 100% after deductible and 80% out of network with a maximum of \$1,000 for single coverage and \$2,000 for family coverage.

The Prescription coverage will be a \$5/\$25/\$50 co-pay. The first tier will be generic drugs, second tier preferred brand name, and third tier non-preferred brand name. The formulary will have prior authorization and step therapy.

The Board shall provide to all employees and their eligible dependents a dental plan with a 100/50/50/50 coverage with a \$1000 max per person per plan year for all services except orthodontia which will have an adult orthodontic rider and a \$1,000 lifetime benefit.

The Board shall provide to all employees and their eligible dependents a vision plan.

The Board shall provide without cost to the employee Term Life Insurance, in the amount of \$5000 that shall be paid to the employee's designated beneficiary. The plan shall include a \$5000 accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D).

The Board shall provide without cost to the employee Long Term Disability Insurance. Benefits shall be paid at 66 2/3% of salary, up to a monthly maximum of \$3500, and shall begin after the expiration of 90 consecutive calendar days.

Beginning July 1, 2012 the employee will pay 20% of the medical and prescription premium. The employees' portion of insurance premiums will be made through payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis, if possible. Any change in insurance shall be mutually agreed upon.

The Board will provide a qualified plan for the purposes of meeting Section 125 of the IRS Code for the duration of this contract.

- A. All new employees that are full time 12 month employees will receive insurance coverage up to full family coverage. Employees that were eligible in 2006-2007 for full family health coverage will be grandparented to received full family health coverage when they become eligible again for health benefits.
- B. All new employees that are full time school year employees will receive single member insurance coverage.
- C. A committee shall be established and co-chaired by the Superintendent and the LESPA President or LESPA Chief Negotiator and include teachers, administrators and support staff. This committee is charged with reviewing insurance options for the succeeding year and shall report out their findings to the Board and LEA in the form of a non-binding recommendation(s).
- D. Any change in insurance must be mutually agreed upon except as provided below:
 - i. For the 2012-2013 and the 2013-2014 school years, the LESPA shall have the option of switching to a MESSA HSA provided the rates, based on total cost for the member, is less than the renewal rates for the Simply Blues plan.
 - ii. Should MESSA become the provider, the District shall have the option to return to the Simply Blues plan if its rates for 2013-2014 is less than the renewal quote for the current MESSA plan.

- E. Employees working 30 hours a week or more, who choose not to take the health insurance will receive cash in lieu in the amount of \$2,400.00 per year. Employees who are currently provided an insurance program that are between 25 and 30 hours a week will be grandparented and covered under the provisions above.
- 2. Employees working twenty-five (25) to twenty-nine and nine tenths (29.9) hours per week, will receive \$1,800 per year, in addition to receiving dental and vision insurance.

The Board shall grandparent and provide current regularly scheduled employees hired prior to June 30, 2005 working less than twenty-five (25) hours per week, \$900.00 per year, in addition to receiving dental and vision insurance.

- 3. Employees hired after July 1, 2005 working less than twenty-five (25) hours per week will receive no benefits other than the \$5,000 Life and AD&D insurance. If the employee meets the Long Term Disability (LTD) requirement he or she will also be eligible to receive this benefit. Current employees who are laid off for more than three (3) consecutive years and return to work, for purposes of benefits, will be considered a new employee and fall under the guidelines above.
- 4. The Board shall provide without cost to the eligible employee a Negotiated Group Term Life Insurance Plan in the amount of \$5,000 that shall be paid to the employee's designated beneficiary. The plan shall include accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D). Eligible employees are those employees who work more than 20 hours per week. Employees currently working as of June 30, 2006 with less than 20 hours, will be grandparented during their term of employment.
- 5. The Board shall provide without cost to eligible employees Long Term Disability Insurance. Eligible employees are those employees who work more than 20 hours per week. Employees currently working as of June 30, 2006 with between 17.5 and 20 hours will be grandparented during their term of employment unless his or her hours fall below 17.5 hours. Benefits shall be paid at 66 2/3% of salary up to a monthly maximum of \$3,500 and shall begin after the expiration of 90 consecutive calendar days.

ARTICLE 19 - HOURS AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. The normal work week shall be Monday through Friday.

2. The normal work week will be:
Maintenance - 8 hours per day/40 hours per week.
Secretaries - 8 hours per day/40 hours per week.

Paraprofessionals – varies, dependent on student(s) assignments

In the event of a necessary reduction due to decreased student enrollment, change in student day, change in work system as per Section 15, or shortage of revenues, lay off language will go into effect. For school year employees the calendar will consist of four (4) working days more than student days. For school year secretaries, the calendar will consist of two (2) weeks prior to the first student day and two (2) weeks after the last student day.

3. In instances where full time or part time positions have been reduced, the employee will have the opportunity to bump into a full time position or part time position respectively, of which he or she is qualified of the least senior employee, maintain the reduced position, or chose a voluntary layoff. For purposes of bumping, full time will be considered five (5) or more hours and part time will be considered less than five (5) hours.

4. When school is in session, the first shift employees will work 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; second shift employees will work from 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., including the lunch period.

For those employees scheduled to work during the summer, Christmas and spring when school is not in session, the hours will normally be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including the lunch period.

These hours may be altered at the discretion of the supervisor.

5. Each employee working over four (4) hours per day shall receive an uninterrupted, duty free lunch period of thirty (30) minutes. With the approval of that employee's supervisor, the employee may elect to work through his/her lunch period and leave work one-half hour early.

Each employee shall receive one ten (10) minute break for every four hour period worked. The rest break will be scheduled with the employee's supervisor.

Employees shall be allowed to leave their buildings and/or work stations during their lunch periods and shall be allowed to leave work station during rest periods.

6. Employees required to work shifts at different buildings shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate listed in Article 5, Section 2, for the round trip between the buildings (if personal vehicle is used).

7. Employees shall give notice of absence as soon as possible to his/her supervisor.

8. Employees who do not work in the summer months will be notified of the date they are to return for the next school year within a reasonable time following the adoption of the school calendar.

9. Employees will be offered overtime work, which may include Saturday, Sunday and holiday hours, on the basis of seniority within buildings. Overtime shall be equalized among qualified employees in each job classification within each building. Hours worked over forty hours per week, will be compensated at time and one-half or an equivalent time and one-half off within the same pay period at the discretion of the Superintendent. Compensable time will be taken at a mutually agreed upon time and if not agreed, at the end of the pay period.

10. An employee who is requested to report for work on an unscheduled day and who does report shall be provided with a minimum of two (2) hours work. Saturday, Sunday and non-school day building inspections will not carry premium pay or call-in pay.

11. All employees shall be issued the supplies, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete assigned duties.

12. The Board of Education shall continue to make reasonable provisions for the safety and health of its employees during the hours of their employment.
13. When additional summer work is required excluding funded programs, school year employees, provided they are qualified, will be given the first opportunity to work. Selection shall be based on seniority.
14. On days listed as "no school" on the school year calendar, maintenance and secretaries shall work if work is scheduled. Said scheduled work shall be divided on an equitable basis by classification.

If no work is scheduled, and if the employee wishes, he or she may schedule a vacation day, otherwise it shall be considered a day off without pay.
15. The Board will work collaboratively with LESPA, however the Board reserves the right to explore and implement work systems that may modify present job descriptions and work routine, but such modifications shall not result in the hiring of personnel not already in the bargaining unit (unless additional employees are needed) and shall be subject to all other language found in Article 19 and Article 16.
16. Paraprofessionals shall not be responsible for supervising students during a teacher's absence, unless mutually agreed upon or until a qualified substitute teacher arrives.
17. On in-service days, all staff may be required to attend and will be paid their hourly rate for that in-service.
18. Normal bargaining unit work will not be performed by supervisors on a regular basis.

ARTICLE 20 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. The provisions contained in this article shall apply to all school improvement plans (SIP) as provided in Public Act 197 of 1989, Section 15.1919(919b) MSA. This includes plans developed on both the district-wide level and the building level.
2. The Master Agreement may not be modified in whole, or in part, except by mutual written agreement by the Association and the Board of Education.
3. Participation by the employee is voluntary.
4. Participation or non-participation shall not be used as the sole criteria for evaluation, discipline or discharge.
5. School board members, school building administrators, teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils attending that school, and other residents of the school district shall be invited and allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review, and evaluation of the districts school improvement plans.
6. If SIP meetings or activities are scheduled during an employee's regular work day, the employee shall be released from duties without loss of pay to attend the meetings.
7. The district school improvement leadership team will also:
 - A. Consider the effects of the proposed plan on district personnel; and,
 - B. Identify proposed actions which might be in conflict with the collective bargaining agreement and/or district policy.
8. Decisions of the school improvement committee(s) will be made by consensus. Consensus is not defined as a "rule of the majority." If a minority exists that cannot consent to what is proposed, discussion and clarification would continue on both sides until consensus is reached, or until it becomes clear that no agreement is possible.
9. To better utilize the expertise and experience of employees in planning improvements in the educational program, employees and groups of employees and administrators may propose school improvement plans. The instrument for this employee input should be the district-wide or building level school improvement committee.

ARTICLE 21 - SELF IMPROVEMENT

1. The District will periodically offer to the support staff, professional development opportunities. Staff participating in professional development that is mandated by the district will receive his or her hourly compensation. Professional development that is not mandated by the district will be offered on a voluntary basis. Staff participating in these voluntary opportunities will not receive compensation.
2. If a paraprofessional has been determined by another school district and has proof of certification as required by the Michigan Department of Education as meeting the requirements of the ESEA, then she or he shall be considered by the district as meeting the requirements, upon documentation filed in his or her personnel file.
3. For current paraprofessionals, electing to meet the requirements of the ESEA through an academic assessment, training as approved by the superintendent shall be provided and paid by the district at the employee's regular hourly rate. Test charges as described above are defined as the first such test taken in each subject area needed and the next such test taken and passed if not passed the first time.
4. An employee who is subject to the requirements of the ESEA who is unable to meet the requirements by the deadline of January 8, 2006 as established by law shall be laid off by the district with recall rights as established under Section 16.4 hereunder.
5. In the event of a change in the NCLB law, this article will change accordingly.

ARTICLE 22 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2012, and shall continue in full force and effect until the 30th day of June 2015. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By: _____
(Board President)

By: _____
(Superintendent)

and by: _____
(Board Secretary)

LAKEVIEW EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION, an
affiliate of the Michigan Education
Association and the National
Education Association.

By: _____
(LESPA President)

By: _____
(Chief Negotiator)

and by: _____
(LESPA Secretary)

APPENDIX A

2012-2013 - STEP and Pay Freeze (1% - off scale increase to be paid out at the end of the school year)
 2013-2014 - STEP and Pay Freeze (1% - off scale increase to be paid out at the end of the school year)
 2014-2015 - STEP and Pay Freeze (1% - off scale increase to be paid out at the end of the school year)

PARAPROFESSIONALS

STEP	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
1	\$10.05	\$10.05	\$10.05
2	\$10.34	\$10.34	\$10.34
3	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$10.76
4	\$11.28	\$11.28	\$11.28
5	\$11.86	\$11.86	\$11.86
6	\$12.49	\$12.49	\$12.49

CLERICAL

STEP	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
1	\$12.28	\$12.28	\$12.28
2	\$13.15	\$13.15	\$13.15
3	\$13.67	\$13.67	\$13.67
4	\$14.43	\$14.43	\$14.43
5	\$15.02	\$15.02	\$15.02
6	\$15.61	\$15.61	\$15.61

MAINTENANCE

MECHANIC

STEP	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	STEP	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
1	\$14.55	\$14.55	\$14.55	1	\$14.55	\$14.55	\$14.55
2	\$15.45	\$15.45	\$15.45	2	\$15.45	\$15.45	\$15.45
3	\$16.45	\$16.45	\$16.45	3	\$16.45	\$16.45	\$16.45
4	\$17.37	\$17.37	\$17.37	4	\$17.37	\$17.37	\$17.37
5	\$18.11	\$18.11	\$18.11	5	\$18.11	\$18.11	\$18.11
6	\$18.91	\$18.91	\$18.91	6	\$18.91	\$18.91	\$18.91

APPENDIX A (Continued)

1. Employees qualify for longevity pay after twelve consecutive years with Lakeview Community Schools. Layoff periods shall not be counted as a break in consecutive service. At the start of their thirteenth year, qualified employees will be granted a \$.30 (thirty cents) per hour increase. Any employees hired after July 1, 2009 will not be eligible for longevity. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2009 will be grandparented.
2. All full time support staff will be eligible for a \$100.00 bonus at the end of the school year for no absences during the year, and a \$50.00 bonus for just one absence. Any part of a day will be counted as one absence. Part time support staff will be rewarded at one-half of the above listed amounts. Full time is defined as those eligible for full benefits. Absences which are deemed school related business will not count against this incentive.

APPENDIX B

Lakeview Community Schools

2012-2013 School Calendar

July 2012						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2012						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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September 2012						
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- School Starts
- Staff PD Days
- Early Release Days
June 7 Last Day
- Graduation Day
2pm/ KOS Field
- Student Vacation Days
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APPENDIX C

Lakeview Community Schools
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SCHEMATIC

Step 1: An Event Occurs

Grievance Filed	Within 10 School Days
Meeting with Principal	Within 5 School Days
Principal's Decision Filed	Within 5 School Days

Step 2: Decision Lodged with
Superintendent or Association

Within 5 School Days

Meeting to Resolve, with
Superintendent

Within 5 School Days

Step 3: Written Appeal for Arbitration

Within 10 School Days

Arbitrator's Conference

Promptly

Arbitrator's Hearings

Promptly

Arbitrator's Decision

Not later than 30 days
after close of Hearing

APPENDIX D
Grievance Report Form
Lakeview Community Schools

Grievance # _____

Distribution of Form

GRIEVANCE REPORT

1. Superintendent
2. Supervisor
3. Association
4. Employee

Submit to Supervisor in Duplicate

<u>Building</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Name of Grievant</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

STEP 1

1. Date Cause of Grievance Occurred

2. (a) Statement of Grievance

(b) Relief Sought

Signature

Date

3. Disposition by Supervisor

Signature

Date

4. Position of Grievant and/or Association

Signature

Date

STEP 2

1. Date Received by Superintendent or Designee

2. Disposition of Superintendent or Designee

Signature

Date

3. Position of Grievant and/or Association

Signature

Date

STEP 3

1. Date Submitted to Arbitration

2. Disposition & Award of Arbitration

Signature

Date

APPENDIX E

Non-Discrimination Policy

**TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 1972
TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT OF 1990
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973
AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975**

Section I

Any person believing that the Lakeview Community School District or any part of the school organization has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973m (4) Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and (5) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the local Civil Rights Coordinator at the following address:

Superintendent or designee
Lakeview Community Schools
123 Fifth Street Lakeview, MI 48850

Section II

The person who believes a valid basis for grievance exists shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant within five (5) business days. The complainant may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps.

- Step 1 A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the Local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) days.
- Step 2 A complainant wishing to appeal the decision of the Local Civil Rights Coordinator may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.
- Step 3 If unsatisfied, the complainant may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receiving the superintendent's response in step two. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within forty (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days of this meeting.
- Step 4 If at this point the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202.

Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202.

The local Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the district's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure.

A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations on which this notice is based may be found in the Civil Rights Coordinator's office.