AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND THE
SAULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



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This Agreement is entered into this 10th day of September, 2007 (settlement date), by and between the Board of Education of the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools, hereinafter called the "BOARD" and the Sault Teachers Bargaining Unit of the Sault Education Association, Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association, hereinafter called the "ASSOCIATION". This Agreement is effective from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

A. The Board hereby recognizes this Association as the exclusive and sole bargaining representative for all certified teaching personnel traditionally included in this bargaining unit, intervention specialists and truancy officers, whether under contract, on leave, on a per diem basis, employed or to be employed by the Board, excluding: Superintendent, District Administrators, Principals, Assistant Principals, and Supervisors within the meaning of the Public Employment Relations Act, and employees funded by the Indian Education Act. The term "member", when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the Association in the bargaining or negotiating unit as above defined.

B. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any individual member from presenting a grievance and having the grievance adjusted without intervention by the Bargaining Unit, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, provided that the Bargaining Unit has been given opportunity to be present at such adjustment.

C. The parties recognize their responsibilities under federal, state and local laws and fair employment practices. There shall be no discrimination in any of the bargaining unit positions because of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or handicap.

ARTICLE II MEMBER RIGHTS

A.

Pursuant to Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, the Board hereby agrees that every teacher employed by the Board shall have the right freely to organize, join, and support the Bargaining Unit for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiation and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As a duly elected body

exercising governmental power under code of law of the State of Michigan, the Board undertakes and agrees that it will not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any member in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Act 379 or other laws of Michigan or the Constitutions of Michigan and the United States; that it will not discriminate against any member with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of membership in the Bargaining Unit, participation in any activities of the Bargaining Unit or collective professional negotiations with the Board, or institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

13 B. The Board specifically recognizes the right of its employees appropriately to invoke the assistance of the State Labor Mediation Board, or a mediator from such public agency, and both parties agree to be bound by any lawful order thereof.

The Bargaining Unit of the Sault Education Association and its members C.. shall have the right to use school building facilities at reasonable hours for meetings subject to the Board policies for all public groups. No member shall be prevented from wearing insignia, pins, or other identification of membership in the Association (not exceeding the dimensions of one-inch square) either on or off school premises. A suitable bulletin board (a minimum of fifteen square feet) shall be provided for the members in each building. This may either be in the members' lounge or the members' workroom or elsewhere agreeable to the principal and members of the building. Reasonable use of established media of communication shall be made available to the Bargaining Unit and its members within the established regulations for the use of that media.

D. The Board agrees to furnish to the Bargaining Unit, in response to reasonable requests from time to time, available information concerning the financial resources of the district, tentative budgetary requirements and allocations and such other information as will assist the Association in developing intelligent, accurate, informed, and constructive programs on behalf of the member and their students, together with information which may be necessary for the Bargaining Unit to process any grievance or complaint.

E. The following rights of members are also recognized by the Board:

Opportunities for in-service training.

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Community privileges on a par with those enjoyed by other respectable citizens. 3. Capable aid from principals, supervisory personnel, and special services personnel.

- Classroom facilities suitable for the type of learning desired and creative of a pleasant atmosphere through cooperative efforts of member and pupils.
- Materials for instruction adequate for the work at hand and made available at the time they are needed.
- 6. Participation in programs pointed toward improvement in curriculum, methods, and policies, which may affect them. This program shall include the selection of textbooks and other teaching materials and aids.
- F. A member will have the right to review the contents of all records, excluding initial references of the district pertaining to said member, originating after initial employment and to have a representative of the Association accompany him/her in such review. Advanced arrangements shall be made with the Board.
 - Copies of all adverse or critical materials placed in a member's files will be sent to the member at the time the material is filed (retroactive to July 1, 1976).
 - The member may submit a written notation regarding any material in question; including complaints and the same shall be attached to the file copy of the material in question.
 - If the member believes that material to be placed in his/her file is inappropriate or in error, the member may receive adjustment provided cause is shown through the grievance procedure whereupon the material will be corrected or expunged from the file.
 - 4. If the member is asked to sign material placed in his/her file, such signature shall be understood to indicate his/her awareness of the material but in no instance shall said signature be interpreted to mean agreement with the content of the material.
 - 5. If a freedom of information act (FOIA) request is received for a member's personnel file or personnel file information, the member will be notified of the request when an administrator receives it. If the member indicates in writing that he/she will challenge whether the information is disclosable under the FOIA, the Board will

consider the matter an unusual circumstance and issue a notice of extension for ten (10) days pursuant to MCLA 15.235 (2)(d).

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In the event the district enters into a Telecommunications Program, it is expressly understood that the Association will receive prior written notice and the conditions under which the program will be implemented. This implementation will be in compliance with the Master Agreement.

Distance education may include, but is not limited to, teaching students by technological linkups such as satellites, fiber optics transmission, and cable television.

Prior to teaching distance education courses, teachers shall have the opportunity for initial training in using telecommunications as an alternative educational delivery system.

If teachers travel to the distant education site, they will receive reimbursement for appropriate food, lodging, travel and mileage expenses according to District policies for approved travel.

In recognition of the additional preparation and training required to teach a course under this heading, a teacher shall not have more than three (3) preps for that grade period.

H. <u>INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE</u>

To provide an intellectual atmosphere that includes access to the Internet, the Board and Association believe that all teachers should have the opportunity to develop skills in using computer technology. Having access to the Internet will allow the teacher to access and use the Internet to transmit material, which is consistent with the educational goals of the school district, as well as allow the teacher to access and transmit appropriate material, to be used in the educational environment.

Whereas, the parties do recognize the educational value of Internet access at school using district equipment they hereby agree to the following:

1. The parties seek to educate young people in the use of the Internet as an assistive device to support student learning and achievement.

The parties recognize that in order to support student learning and achievement the teacher must use the Internet access in a responsible manner.

3. The parties agree that the classroom teacher(s) are released from any liability based upon information retrieved from the Internet by the student.

4. The parties agree that the use of the District's electronic resources are for the purpose of (in order of priority): (a) Support of the academic program; (b) Telecommunications: (c) General Information; (d) Personal.

- 5. The parties agree that the District will periodically make determinations on whether specific uses of the electronic resources are consistent with the acceptable use practice of the school.
- 6. The District reserves all rights to any material stored in files which are generally accessible to others and will remove any material, which the District believes may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive, or otherwise objectionable. Staff members will not use his/her District-approved computer to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to such material.

ARTICLE III BOARD RIGHTS

- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the district, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitutions of the State of Michigan, and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing right:
 - To the executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees;
 - To hire all employees and, subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion; and to promote and transfer all such employees;
 - To establish grades and courses of instruction, including special programs, and to provide for athletic, recreational, and social events for students;
 - 4. To decide upon the means and methods of instruction, the selection of textbooks and other teaching materials, and the use of teaching aids of every kind and nature;
 - To determine class schedules, the hours of instruction, and the duties, responsibilities, and assignments of members and other employees with respect thereto, and with respect to administrative

and non-teaching activities, and the terms and conditions of employment.

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

ARTICLE IV DEDUCTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL DUES

A. Members may at any time sign and deliver to the Board an assignment authorizing deduction of membership dues and assessments of the Association (including the NEA and the MEA). Such authorization shall continue in effect unless, subsequent to August 1 and prior to August 31 of any year, the member in writing formally revokes such authorization and copies thereof are delivered to the Association and to the Board.

23 B. The deduction of membership dues shall be made in twenty (20) equal installments of one half (1/2) of the monthly dues amount. The deductions shall be the first two payrolls of each month for September through June.

C. The Representation Fee: Potential members who for any reason prefer not to become members of the Association shall authorize the representation fee in the amounts of one-tenth per month for ten (10) months beginning in September and ending in June of each year.

 D. The Board agrees that it shall be a condition of employment that all potential members become and remain members of the Association or pay a representation fee. The potential member has thirty (30) workdays in which to execute an authorization for payroll deduction of the Association dues or representation fee as established in Paragraph C.

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If the authorization is not signed by the potential member at the close of the thirty (30) work day period, the Board agrees that the services of said potential member shall be terminated at the end of the school year, provided that the Association submits a written request for said termination to the Board. The potential member shall be notified of the termination of services immediately after the receipt of the Association's request.

F. In the event that the Board, acting on the request of the Association, discharges or attempts to discharge a potential member for failure to comply with these provisions, the Association agrees to indemnify and hold the Board harmless from any and all claims, damages, demands, costs, suits, judgments, or any other liability which may result from such action. If it is necessary for the Board to defend its position and to engage legal counsel and to incur other expenses in so doing, the Association agrees to pay any and all expenses so incurred by the Board.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS' HOURS

- A. The Board recognizes the principle of a standard 40-hour workweek and will, so far as possible, set work schedules and make professional assignments that can be reasonably completed within such standard workweek. The Board will not require members regularly to work in excess of such standard workweek within or outside of any school building.
- B. The working day for all positions shall be so scheduled that not more than thirty-five (35) hours per week shall be assigned to be within the classroom and/or adjacent playgrounds or corridors. At least five (5) of these hours shall be arranged free of student supervision, so that the member will be able to confer with students, prepare classroom activities, make optimum preparation of items to be used in classroom and other related activities.
 - Except in an emergency, a classroom teacher will not be required to teach children for more than six (6) hours twenty (20) minutes per day or thirty-one (31) hours and forty (40) minutes for the week.
- C. An additional five (5) hours of preparation, planning lessons, conferring with parents or community personnel, evaluating pupil responses, researching desirable teaching items, and conferring with students will be expected of the member to be done at the times and places of optimum efficiency, not necessarily in the school. Principals and supervising personnel will be responsible for advising and instructing members in order to use this time most effectively and efficiently. This will include any extra-curricular responsibilities assigned to and accepted by the member for which he/she is not otherwise compensated.
- D. Recognizing the principle of the seven (7) hour work day, the administration agrees to provide a daily thirty (30) minute duty-free, uninterrupted preparation period for all elementary teachers.

E. When elementary members are required to administer and correct standardized tests, one-half day will be made available free of all other teaching and supervisory duties. This day will be scheduled within two (2) weeks of the prescribed testing period.

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F. All certificated non-teaching members will be assigned appropriate starting and dismissal times so their normal workday will be equivalent to a classroom member.

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11 G. All members shall be entitled to a duty-free lunch period of at least thirty
12 (30) minutes, unless extenuating circumstances arise where this is
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The member has the responsibility for all students assigned to him/her 15 H. during the full length of the working day. Teaching shall include the 16 duties of instruction, guidance, discipline, safety, hygiene, and care of the 17 students in addition to duties specified by the Administration or by 18 direction of the Board. The members' duties to the student are not 19 confined to the classroom but extend to the corridors, the restrooms, 20 playgrounds, or to school trips as well as to any place where the member 21 22 is in charge of pupils.

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24 I. All necessary and Board approved activities which require more than the usual amount of time, effort, skill, or responsibility shall be subject to negotiation and compensated for above the base salaries as stated in Appendix C.

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29 J. Elementary teachers shall be granted one-half (1/2) day each semester as preparation time for parent-teacher conferences.

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32 K. The Association will use its best efforts to assist the administration whenever necessary in filling extra-curricular assignments.

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35 The Board agrees not to schedule collective bargaining sessions or L. grievance proceedings during hours when classes are in session. For those 36 37 sessions scheduled by an outside agency in which both parties must 38 participate, those teachers required to participate shall not suffer loss of pay or benefits, but the Association shall pay the cost of the substitute 39 teacher. This clause shall not apply to Step One of the Grievance 40 Procedure. Exceptions to the above may be made only by mutual consent 41 42 of the parties.

ARTICLE VI EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

A. Both parties recognize the desirability of continuous and uninterrupted operation of the instructional program during the normal school year and the avoidance of disputes that threaten to interfere with such operations. The Association agrees that it will not, during the period of this Agreement, directly or indirectly, engage in or assist in any strike, as defined by Section 1 of the Employees Relations Act, nor will the Association, during the term of this Agreement, make sanctions.

B. The Board agrees that it will not, during the period of this Agreement, directly or indirectly, engage in or assist in any unfair labor practice as defined by Section 10 of the Public Employment Relations Act.

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If, at any time during the life of this Agreement, it becomes lawful to count as days of pupil instruction, days when pupil instruction is not provided due to conditions not within the control of school authorities such as due to severe storms, fires, epidemics or health conditions, it is agreed that the following school closing provision shall become immediately effective:

When weather, an act of God, or an employer directive forces the closing of a school, teachers shall be excused from reporting to duty without loss of pay. If it is necessary to require the scheduling of additional days of student instruction to meet the 180-day requirements, the Administration will meet with the Association to develop a mutually agreeable revised calendar. If the parties cannot agree on a revised calendar, make-up days will be added to the end of the school year. Low student attendance could prevent the district from counting a student day toward the 180-day requirement. In this event, if make-up days are scheduled for days that school was in session, bargaining unit members will be paid for make-up days at their per diem rate.

To the extent that any other provision of the collective bargaining agreement, such as the school closing provision, school calendar or the like, shall be inconsistent with the foregoing, such provisions shall be null and void as to the extent of the inconsistency.

D. When an individual school building is closed, those members will not have to report.

ARTICLE VII TEACHING LOADS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The normal weekly teaching load to which a member is assigned shall A. conform with generally accepted professional standards for the level of teaching, the area of teaching, and the facilities available to the public schools for the support of education. In general, it is the responsibility of the administration, through the building principal, to assign members not only to work loads but to types of assignments for which they are best qualified and can most reasonably handle. This will vary with types of teaching methods employed in the buildings concerned. Consideration will be given to the amount of work required in correcting, assigning, planning, preparing lessons, number of preparations, and facilities available for presentations. Efforts will be made by administration to provide consistency in assignments of preparations in middle school and high school.

B. Maximum class responsibilities shall be as follows:

Class size in the elementary grades shall be determined in the following manner:

Elementary Class Sizes

Ir. Kindergarten	19 Maximum	2-3	27 Maximum
	24 Maximum	4-5	28 Maximum
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Overload Language:

In cases of emergency, as determined by the Superintendent, after the Fall Count, the class sizes as stated in Section B, may be exceeded by one (1) student.

At the elementary level, Art, Music, and Physical Education teachers will not be required to teach in excess of the time required for regular elementary classroom teachers. Time to change classes and assignment is included within teaching time.

Mainstreamed special education children, exclusive of speech, language, and orthopedics, will be divided between the appropriate level classrooms instead of being placed in one room unless that is all that is available.

A member who feels that his/her class size, which may be less than above limits, demonstrably affects his/her ability to effectively teach may request action from the Class Size Committee. Requests for action shall follow this procedure: The member shall make the building principal aware of the fact, in writing, that said member has a problem because of class size. If the principal does not or cannot solve the problem, the

member or the Association may request action of the Class Size Committee. The Association may not file a request without the consent of the individual teacher.

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Within five (5) days of the date that the above determined class sizes are exceeded, the affected teacher along with a Building Representative may contact the appropriate principal or immediate supervisor to consider alternatives. If no mutually satisfactory solution is found within three school days, the teacher may appeal to the Class Size Committee.

The Class Size Committee is to be made up of two (2) administrators chosen by the Administration and two (2) members chosen by the Executive Board of the Sault Education Association. There shall be separate elementary and secondary committees. The Class Size Committee shall meet within five (5) school days to determine how to alleviate this situation.

E. The responsibility to convene the committee rests with the principal. All individual decisions made by the committee as to the class size are to be binding and implemented within a week of said decision, unless waived by mutual consent of the SEA Board and the Administration. The committee must reach a decision within two (2) weeks from the first date the committee is convened.

25 F. In order to encourage innovation and/or to improve the educational 26 process, any building or level may change the teaching day, or parts of it, 27 hours of instruction, or class size, by mutual agreement between the Board 28 and the Association.

Middle School (where students change classes). In addition to the five period class load, members may also be assigned homerooms, or special programs and activity periods. The academic type teaching load is 150 students per member, per day. The number of teaching stations for the particular class determines other curricular class sizes.

H. In the Middle School and High School where students change classes each period, the teaching load shall be -

General Classroom: 150 students per day, thirty (30) students per class. An overload of two (2) students in three (3) of five (5) classes daily is acceptable but in no instance will 150 be exceeded.

Music: 200 students daily; class size to be determined by the activity.

Physical Education: Thirty-eight (38) students per class period.

Malcolm High School - The regular school day shall be equal length to that of other high school students.

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If general teaching/scheduling format is changed for the High School, Middle School or Malcolm School either by administration or the District School Improvement Committee, building level School Improvement Committees, or Board of Education, negotiation will be reopened for items G and H pages 11 and 12 to discuss wages, hours and working conditions under the revised format.

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I. In classrooms such as shops and laboratories where teaching stations are a limiting factor, it is agreed that the number of students will be consistent with the number of teaching stations.

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16 J. The above stated class size limits must be achieved no later than four (4)
17 weeks after the opening of school, and start of the second semester.
18 Administration will attempt to correct overloads before that time, in order
19 to prevent disruption in the educational process for students.

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21 K. A class size count will be given to the Association within three (3) working days of each official count day upon written request.

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24 L. Administration will assure that attendance reporting procedures are
 25 similar and uniform in all buildings.

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Should an area of a specific member's competence be closed, a member 27 may be assigned temporarily to an area outside his/her competence if 28 temporary certification can be arranged. It is the responsibility of the 29 member to secure, with the cooperation and the assistance of the 30 Administration, added certification requirements necessary for this new 31 assignment, in order to maintain that position. Should that member's area 32 of competence be reopened, he/she will be given first consideration for 33 34 transfer back to his/her area of competence.

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36 N. Should an area of instruction be reduced in member requirement, 37 Administration action shall be taken only after consultation and an 38 advisory recommendation by the Association if there is any question as to 39 which member shall be transferred or dismissed.

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41 O. Members who will be affected by a change in grade assignment and/or
42 who will be affected by a change in subject assignments will be notified
43 and consulted as soon as is practical when such change is known to
44 Administration in advance. To the extent possible, such changes will be
45 voluntary.

The District may facilitate teachers in becoming highly qualified through P. reasonable accommodations to the teacher including fees in the subject area to which they are assigned (once per subject area). Teachers who become or are not qualified under ESEA will be subject to the following provisions: The teacher may assume any vacancy for which she/he is 1. qualified. If there is no vacancy the teacher will be laid off in accordance 2.

with the provisions of Article X.

Q. For the purpose of this agreement it is understood that qualified shall be considered to be highly qualified as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act/ESEA.

R. The counselors will work ten (10) extra days in addition to the regular contracted school year. The purpose for these extra days is to allow them to complete the necessary tasks related to year-end, summer school and the scheduling for the start of the new school year.

They will be paid for seven (7) extra days at their individual daily rate and will receive three (3) extra personal days. These three (3) additional personal days will not be deducted from their sick days.

It is agreed that the use of these three (3) additional personal days will be managed by the counselors individually in a way that will cause the least disruption to their school building and still allow for the completion of the scheduling requirements of the district.

The ten (10) extra days will be five (5) in August and five (5) in June, unless other arrangements are made with their building principal.

ARTICLE VIII WORKING CONDITIONS

In addition to teaching conditions already covered under Member Rights, the following subjects are recognized:

- A. A member shall not be required to drive a school bus as part of his/her regular assignment.
- B. No member shall be required to chaperone any activity, which takes place
 after the close of the school day. This includes dances, student carnivals,
 parties, and activities of a similar nature.

- 1. The Board states that the principals will work out a plan providing for the proper chaperoning of such activities based upon student help, parent help, and freely volunteering members.
- This section relates only to social activities. It is expected that members will participate in all professional activities, which enhance the individual member, the profession, and the school.
- The Board shall make available in each school adequate restrooms and lavatory facilities exclusively for member use. A room shall be appropriately furnished and shall be reserved for use as a faculty lounge.
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- Telephone facilities shall be made available to the members for their reasonable use with respect to school business. Personal use of telephones will be confined to emergency or unusual needs that could not normally be expedited on off-hour time. Members will not make toll telephone calls of a personal nature on school phones, unless expressly permitted by the principal of the building. Members shall reimburse the District for all personal long-distance phone calls.
- 22 E. The Board agrees to make available in each school adequate computer and duplicating facilities to aid members in the preparation of instructional materials.
- F. Adequate off-street parking facilities shall be made available to members
 for their use.
- 29 G. Elementary teachers shall use for preparation time the time when their classes are receiving instruction from specialists. The Board will hire substitutes, if available, whenever the special teacher is absent. If an art, music, physical education or substitute teacher is not available, the teachers scheduled for that day will be notified as soon as possible and compensated at the hourly rate as defined for internal subbing (Appendix C.).
- 37 H. All classroom members will be supplied with a plan book in which they will keep a lesson plan for at least two (2) days in advance. Such plans must be available in the building.
- 41 I. In the event a classroom member is absent, he/she shall have lesson plans
 42 available for the substitute. If the absence lasts five (5) days or more, the
 43 Administration shall assist the substitute in the planning process.
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- J. <u>Standardized Tests</u> The Board agrees that when standardized tests are administered, such test scores are to be used for the evaluation of curriculum selections of course material, and for mass evaluation of programs. The Board agrees that release of individual test scores will not occur with standardized test results under the jurisdiction of the Board.
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 7 K. Student Teachers The Board endorses the training of student teachers.
 8 The acceptance of student teachers is at the option of the supervising
 9 member. The stipend or honorarium paid by the college for such service
 10 shall be advanced in full to the member.

L. <u>Safety Equipment</u> - The Board of Education shall provide without cost, the necessary safety equipment to those members working in designated areas. Adequate and approved safety equipment shall include, but not limited to, goggles, barriers, hard-hats, auditory protection devices, and safety shoes and glasses, as required by MIOSHA.

ARTICLE IX VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

- A. <u>Definition</u> A vacancy is any opening for a position requiring a teaching certificate that is created by a resignation, dismissal, or retirement of the member holding the position, or a new position established by the Board.
- B. A list of all teaching vacancies in the District will be available for teachers in the Personnel Office. The Board shall publish all vacancies by posting in each school and notifying each building representative, as well as email notification to all members. Those teachers on layoff shall be notified by certified mail or verified e-mail. (An e-mail address shall be tested and found working within one month of the start of the bidding process.)
- 33 C. In filling vacancies, the Board shall consider present employees in the district who submit written requests upon the appropriate form. The Board agrees that administration will place in the position the applicant with the most seniority and qualifications. Any member accepting a new position will be evaluated the first year in that position.
- No posting of positions for the next school year will take place until Kindergarten roundup has been held. Any vacancy that occurs after the end of the previous school year will be posted on May 1, providing Kindergarten roundup has been held by that time. Applications for these vacancies will be accepted for five (5) working days after posting, with appointments made within three (3) working days after the deadline.

Any vacancy that occurs between May 1 and the last day of school will be posted within eight (8) days, in successive rounds of posting and bidding. Applications for these vacancies will be accepted for five (5) working days after posting, with appointments made within three (3) working days after the deadline.

Any vacancy not applied for and filled by the appointment deadline may be filled by a new hire.

The above dates may be adjusted by mutual agreement.

E. A teacher who is to be mandatorily transferred will be notified by a written statement not later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of the transfer, stating reason(s) for the transfer. In the event school is not in session, this notification will be sent by registered or certified mail. Such notification shall also be provided to the Association.

18 F. Changes in enrollment that occur after school starts and which are not predictable may necessitate building transfers and changes of assignments from the original assignment. The Association and the member will be consulted and informed as soon as possible before such changes are made. Seniority rights already accumulated and earned will be recognized for reassignment.

G. Transfer provisions will not be for punitive or disciplinary purposes.

 Unrequested transfers of members are to be minimized and, if possible, wholly eliminated.

 I. The administration has the right to make transfers at any time in accordance with Article IX.

ARTICLE X REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL

A. It is hereby specifically recognized that the Board has the right, when it is necessary, to reduce the educational program, curriculum, and staff; and that the procedures set forth in this policy shall be used in laying off personnel, subject to those limitations expressly set forth in the Master Agreement between the Board and Association.

42 B. Reduction in Personnel - In order to promote an orderly reduction in personnel when the education program, curriculum, and staff is curtailed, layoff shall proceed on the basis of inverse seniority; i.e., those with the least seniority are to be laid off first.

A member who is laid off pursuant to this policy, has the right to be placed in a teaching position for which he/she is certified and qualified to fill and which is occupied by a member with less seniority.

- When a combination classroom is eliminated and two separate grades are created, the member teaching that classroom will move into either grade of that combination or into a single classroom if only one is created.
- When a combination classroom is created, the more senior teacher will be offered the option of filling the position. If the senior teacher declines the position, the less senior teacher will be placed in the position.
- When a position is eliminated in any building, the teacher shall displace the teacher with the least seniority in that building for which they are certified and qualified. If they are the least senior member in their building, they shall displace the member with the least seniority in the district, in the teaching area they are certified and qualified to teach.
- Certification on file in the Director of Personnel's office as of June
 1st will be used in job placements for the next year's school
 assignment.

C. Seniority

- <u>Certified members within the school district.</u> For the purpose of this
 policy, "seniority" is defined to mean the amount of time an individual
 is continuously employed as a certificated member within the school
 district.
 - The Board shall prepare a seniority list and distribute to all members by October 31st of each year.
 - b. Seniority shall be calculated by determining the length of continuous employment as a member of the bargaining unit. Members who choose to work part-time shall accrue seniority as follows: Those who are employed full-time or more than one-half time shall earn a full year of seniority for each year worked. Those who work half-time or less than half-time shall earn one-half year of seniority. This policy shall be implemented beginning the 2008-2009 school year.

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- 1). Former members currently employed administrators in the district shall retain full seniority rights earned as members of the Sault Education Association for a period of three (3) years. Such persons shall be indicated as frozen on the seniority After three years in administration in this district, they shall be removed from the seniority list. The first year of the three year period shall be no earlier than 2007-2008. Any member leaving SEA to become members of administration in this district. after the implementation of this contract, shall have their three year period begin at the time they leave the Sault Education Association.
- Seniority shall begin with the date of issuance of the individual teacher contract.
- d. Where years of service and starting dates are identical, seniority list placement shall be determined by a drawing of lots prior to 1996-97 bid process. Subsequent ties shall be broken at the time they are created in the same fashion.
- e. All seniority is lost when employment with the district is severed by resignation, retirement, or discharge for cause.
- f. When on approved leave, seniority will be granted and accumulates only for the duration of the initial leave. Extensions to leaves will not earn seniority, but the member will retain all previously earned seniority.
- It is agreed by the undersigned that "partial" is to be interpreted as
 anyone who had full-time employment and has been reduced to
 working for less than full-time due to reductions made in
 programs.
- All persons reduced from full-time employment due to reduction in force will be placed on the layoff list. Members on this list will be recalled in accordance with Article X, Section D, of the Master Agreement whenever a position becomes available.
- D. Recall In the event of layoff (total or partial) the Administration will establish a recall list by October 15th. The list will be provided to the Association. Individuals laid off will remain on the recall list and be eligible for recall as determined by seniority and certification until all

members have been recalled or the individual requests his/her name be removed from the list.

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E. Members to be recalled will be notified by certified mail. The member must respond within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of notice of recall and must report for recall at a time mutually acceptable to the Superintendent and the member. Members who fail to respond will be considered to have resigned.

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10 F. Laid off members shall be recalled in inverse order of layoff provided the member is certified and qualified for the vacancy. Should a laid off teacher be assigned to such position and refuse it, the Board is not required to offer any other position, and the teacher has voluntarily terminated.

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16 G. For purposes of recall, a position shall be declared vacant and the recall list adhered to when the vacancy shall extend for at least fourteen (14) weeks. The member being recalled must accept the position within seven (7) calendar days or lose his/her position on the recall list. This will be classified as a regular position with the member's full salary, benefits, and privileges reinstated.

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23 H. Refusal of an offer for less than a full-time position shall not constitute grounds for removal from the recall list.

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J. Those members who have been working part-time by choice are not eligible for a full-time position during the contractual year but may request full-time employment for the following year. Upon receipt of this request the member will be placed according to seniority and qualifications.

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34 K. All members on layoff will be placed on the substitute teacher list at their
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All members on layoff will be removed from the layoff/recall list after a 37 L. period of two (2) calendar years unless they opt to be reinstated to the 38 recall list for additional two (2) year intervals. Reinstatement shall require 39 40 the member to notify the personnel office no earlier than sixty (60) days nor later than thirty (30) days from the expiration of their last layoff/recall 41 42 date of their intent to remain on the list for another two (2) year time period. The member shall be responsible to notify the Sault Area Public 43 Schools Personnel Office of: 44

Intent to be considered for recall. 1 1. 2 2. Any new additions, deletions or other changes in their 3 certification. 4 3. Their present address and telephone number. 5 6 The two (2) year time periods may be extended by the member an 7 unlimited number of times. 8 9 ARTICLE XI TEACHER EVALUATION 10 11 12 The first purpose of an evaluation is to improve instruction. The second A. purpose of evaluation is to fulfill the obligations of the Board of Education 13 under the Teacher Tenure Act. 14 15 16 B. The immediate supervisor or a designated administrator shall have the final responsibility for evaluating the staff members directly responsible to 17 him/her. The immediate supervisor shall be the administrator designated 18 19 by the Superintendent. The administrator responsible for the evaluation 20 may use department chairpersons or other administrators on a voluntary basis in the evaluation process. The evaluatee shall be informed of this 21 22 assistance when it is used. 23 24 C. The role of the evaluator is to provide the evaluatee with support and 25 assistance to: 26 27 Identify and reinforce areas of competence and strength, 1. 28 Identify areas of needed growth, Set goals and (as needed) to provide the teacher with an 29 3. 30 individualized development plan in consultation with the teacher 31 as provided by the Teacher Tenure Act, 32 4. Make suggestions for improvement. 33 34 D. The role of the evaluatee is to collect and review performance related 35 information from all relevant sources and to seek continued improvement 36 in performance. 37 38 E. The records made in carrying out teacher evaluation will be maintained at 39 the building level except for final evaluation reports. Copies of these 40 records will be provided the evaluatee on written request within a 41 reasonable amount of time. 42

The evaluation will be based on the three components as outlined in

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- 1 G. The assessment of teacher performance will be based on formal and informal classroom observations. There shall be a minimum of two formal classroom observations during each evaluation year. Each formal classroom observation will be followed by a conference and a written summary.
- 7 H. The assessment of progress toward predetermined goals will be summarized and/or an assessment of the teacher's progress in meeting the goals of his/her individualized development (Appendix I) plan will be made by the evaluator in the final evaluation report (Appendix G and H).

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- The self-assessment of feedback information is for the benefit of the 12 I. The evaluatee shall review the feedback evaluatee and evaluator. 13 information with the evaluator, furnish him/her with documentation as to 14 the method used to gather feedback, a copy of the instrument(s) used in 15 the feedback process, and a written summary of the results. The evaluator 16 will complete the final self-assessment evaluation report for the personnel 17 file after reviewing any feedback materials provided by the evaluatee. 18
- J. The Final Evaluation Summary will include a summary (Appendix G and
 H) of the three components as listed on the Final Teacher Evaluation
 Summary page.
- Probationary teachers shall be evaluated each year of their probation and 24 K. the probationary teacher will be provided with an individualized 25 development plan as developed by the evaluator in consultation with the 26 individual probationary teacher. Each probationary teacher will be 27 provided with an annual year-end performance evaluation. The annual 28 year-end performance evaluation shall be based on (but is not limited to) 29 at least two classroom observations held at least sixty calendar days apart, 30 unless a shorter interval between the two classroom observations is 31 mutually agreed upon by the evaluatee and the evaluator. The year-end 32 performance evaluation shall include an assessment of the teacher's 33 progress in meeting the goals of his or her individualized development 34 35 plan.
- After having obtained tenure as a teacher, the teacher shall be evaluated at
 least once during each three years of employment. Tenure teacher
 evaluations shall require not less than two classroom observations.
- 41 M. The evaluators will strive to adhere to the following procedures and time 42 lines in the evaluation process.

1. September 30:

Teachers shall be notified in writing whenever their period of formal evaluation is to begin. The evaluator will provide a general orientation of the evaluation plan to those teachers scheduled for evaluation. This orientation will explain the basis for the evaluation and the procedures to be followed in the appraisal process. The above orientation will be completed by the end of September. This may be accomplished with a scheduled district-wide meeting or individual building meetings.

2. November 15:

An individual preliminary conference will be held between the evaluator and the evaluatee prior to November 15. At this conference the evaluator will review the process and the steps to be used during the evaluation period. During this preliminary conference, there shall be a discussion of individual goals for the year and/or the teacher's individualized development plan, as well as a discussion of the possible approaches for self-evaluation through feedback.

3. Prior to the end of the first semester:

There shall be at least one formal classroom observation prior to the end of the first semester. Post formal classroom observation conference shall be scheduled within ten (10) workdays of the observation. Discussion of classroom observation and goals (as well as the method for assessing attainment) will be finalized with the evaluatee for the year. The teacher's progress in meeting the guidelines of an individualized development plan will be discussed with the evaluatee. In the event that goals have not been finalized, as well as the method for assessing attainment, and/or a self-assessment process finalized, the evaluator shall develop those goals and methods of assessment and design a self-assessment process in consultation with the teacher.

Prior to March 15 - Probationary Teachers:

For probationary teachers, a final classroom observation and post conference (Appendix G and H) shall be held prior to March 15th, with the final report for probationary teachers due in the Personnel Office by April 1st.

5. Prior to the last day of school - Tenured Teachers:

For tenured teachers, the final formal evaluation and post conference shall be completed no later than June 1^{st} .

 Final written reports shall be forwarded to the Personnel Office by the last day of the school year.

- 7. The evaluatee shall receive a copy of the final written evaluation report after having signed the report in the presence of the evaluator. The evaluatee's signature shall indicate he/she has read and is familiar with the evaluator's report, but the signature does not necessarily imply agreement with the final evaluation report.
- If a tenure teacher receives a less than satisfactory performance evaluation, the evaluator shall provide the teacher with an individualized development plan in consultation with the individual teacher.
- N. Each evaluatee shall be provided for his/her personal file, a complete copy of any written evaluation report after being signed by the evaluator and that is submitted by the evaluator to the Central Staff Administrator. The evaluatee shall be provided a copy of any written summary made as a result of the evaluation conferences.
- O. If a disagreement exists between the evaluator and the evaluatee, the evaluatee may submit a written response within ten (10) workdays of the conference or submission of any reports. The evaluatee's response shall be attached to the evaluator's report to which the evaluatee objects. In addition, the evaluatee may request a conference with the Superintendent or a Central Staff Administrator designee.
- P. In those cases where a tenure teacher has received less than a satisfactory performance evaluation, the evaluator will provide the tenure teacher with an individualized development plan in consultation with the teacher.
 - 1. The teacher shall be given a reasonable amount of time in which to meet the goals of his or her individualized development plan.
 - 2. At the request of the evaluatee, the evaluator will assist the evaluatee in identifying or acquiring resources that may be helpful in meeting the requirements of the individualized development plan. Resources may include printed materials, staff members with expertise in the area of identified problems or concern, etc.
 - In the event a recommendation for dismissal of a tenure teacher is made (based on teacher evaluation), the final evaluation report is to be submitted to the Personnel Office no later than April 20.

4. The evaluatee will have ten (10) workdays in which to respond to the final evaluation report.

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5. A copy of the final evaluation report shall become part of the evaluatee's central office personnel file. The report shall contain the signature of the evaluator and the signature of the evaluatee. The evaluatee's signature shall indicate she/he has read and is familiar with the evaluator's report, but the signature does not necessarily imply agreement with the final evaluation report.

ARTICLE XII PROTECTION OF MEMBERS

- A. The parties recognize their mutual responsibility for the maintenance of control and discipline in the classroom. Whenever it appears to the member or Administration that a particular pupil requires special attention which cannot be provided in the classroom, or whenever it appears to the member that the presence of a particular student in the class will interrupt the balance of the class, the member will seek relief, through the principal, from responsibilities with respect to said pupil.
- A member may send a pupil to the principal from a class when the B. continued presence of the student in the classroom becomes intolerable. In such cases, the member will immediately furnish the principal full particulars of the incident in writing. In the case of a minor offense, the pupil shall not be returned to the class until the principal provides a written notice. In the event of a repetition of the offense, or if the nature of the violation is obscenely gross, the pupil shall not be returned until after consultation between the principal and the member.
 - C. Any case of assault upon a member shall be promptly reported to the building principal. The Board will render all reasonable assistance to the member in connection with handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities. Time lost by a member in connection with any incident mentioned in this Article shall not be charged against the member.
 - D. The use of corporal punishment and force to restrain students shall comply with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Michigan, and with paragraphs 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 of the policies of the Board of Education effective March 1975. A member may use such force as is necessary to protect himself/herself, another member, or administrator, or student, or property from attack, physical abuse, or injury as specified in Board Policy.

A copy of the Board policy covering Student Rights and Responsibilities 1 E. will be posted in each building at the beginning of the school year. 2

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The Board agrees to reimburse members for loss or damage to eyeglasses F. or personal clothing incurred as a result of enforcing this student discipline policy, as long as the loss is confirmed by the building principal and occurs during regular school hours or while the member is performing assigned extracurricular activities.

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No action shall be taken on any complaint brought against a member 10 G. unless the complaint is presented promptly in writing and signed by the 11 12 complainant.

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As a general practice, when a general education classroom includes a Special Education student whose handicapping conditions include the necessity of regular or routine medical procedures or assistance with regular hygiene, the general education teacher will not be required to provide these services. In such cases the district will make arrangements for such services.

Nothing contained herein shall limit or define the teacher's responsibility in a medical or personal hygiene emergency. It is understood that a general education teacher may be required to receive the necessary training, at the district's expense.

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ARTICLE XIII PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Members are expected to comply with reasonable rules, regulations and A. directions from time to time adopted by the Board or its representatives, which are consistent with the provisions of this Agreement, provided that a member may reasonably refuse to carry out an order which threatens physical safety, well-being, or is professionally demeaning.

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The Association recognizes that abuses of sick leave or other leaves, B. chronic tardiness, or absence, willful deficiencies in professional performance, or other violations of discipline by a member reflect adversely upon the teaching profession and create undesirable conditions in the school building. The Association will use its best efforts to correct breaches of professional behavior by any member and in appropriate cases may institute proceedings against the offending member.

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43 C. A member shall at all times be entitled to have present a representative of the Association when he/she is being reprimanded, warned, or disciplined for any infraction of rules or delinquency in professional performance. When a request for such representation is made, no action shall be taken with respect to the member until such representative of the Association is present. This is not to be construed to deny the Administration the right of immediate suspension for cause nor is it permitted to delay the reprimand or warning or disciplining beyond a twenty-four (24) hour period. Such suspension shall be at full pay until action by the Board for change in status.

D. No member shall be disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation, or deprived of any professional advantage without just cause. Any such discipline, reprimand, or reduction in rank, compensation, or advantage asserted by the Board or representative thereof shall be subject to the professional Grievance Procedure hereinafter set forth. All information forming the basis for disciplinary action will be made available to the member and to the Association if requested in writing by the member.

18 E. Nothing herein is to be construed as limiting the Board and Administration in its administrative rights within the school system.

ARTICLE XIV PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

A. Military Service

 Military service may be classified for salary purposes as full teaching service if the member

Taught previous to entering service;

 Completed Michigan requirements for practice teaching previous to service;

c. Held a teaching certificate previous to service.

 Nothing in this section on Military Service is to be construed as denying privileges granted under this section to persons employed prior to the signing date of this Agreement.

37 B. <u>Non-Degree Vocationally Certificated Members</u> shall be paid according to the following schedule:

 $\underline{\text{Non-Degree Schedule}}$ - Shall receive six percent (6%) less than his/her step at the B.A. level.

43 C. Certified nurses shall be paid in accordance with the above Section B.

D. Newly hired or returning teachers accepting responsibility for seventy-five (75) working days of teaching will be advanced to the next salary step at the beginning of the next teaching year.

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 5 E. <u>Credit from Other Schools</u> Effective September 1, 1999, up to ten (10)
 9 years' credit may be given to teachers who enter Sault Ste. Marie Public
 7 Schools for previous teaching or work experience, as judged by the
 8 District. A major fraction of a year's experience is considered full-time.
 - F. Transcripts shall accompany written requests for advancements on the salary schedule because of additional college credit hours from a regionally accredited college. Such requests and transcripts may be submitted to the personnel office at any time. Salary adjustments will be effective the first day of the semester following submission of proof of successful completion of college credit hours. The salary adjustment shall be prorated over the remaining pay periods of the semester and adjusted statements of salary shall be sent to said teacher.
 - A teacher who notifies the personnel office of successful completion of college credit hours prior to the beginning of either semester but who has not received grades or transcripts due to circumstances beyond their control shall be treated as if they had when the grades and transcripts arrive and are submitted to the personnel office.
 - G. Payroll will be by direct deposit to the local financial institution(s) of the member's choosing. If the member desires to send deposits to more than three (3) accounts, the member will pay any additional costs for the additional deposits. The Direct Deposit will be made the workday before payday if a payday falls on a holiday. The members payroll statement will be issued or made available for individual pick up on or before the date of payment. The Administration agrees to provide a copy of a print-out to the Association by the end of each month, which will include the following information for each teacher: Name and social security number, SEA and MEA dues deductions for current pay, month, quarter and year-to-date.
- Members may volunteer to substitute in their major or minor areas when H. asked, and further may be asked to substitute in non-major/minor areas if no qualified classroom internal substitute is available for a given area. In the event of an extreme emergency, the administrator in charge of a building or program may direct a member to substitute in the case of a serious injury, illness, or critical family situation. However, when a substitute is needed for one-half day or more, every effort will be made to obtain an external substitute. Internal subbing will be paid for at the rate of \$.001 of the base salary per class period.

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12	L.	Insurance Benefits - The following insurance benefits are made available					
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\$5,000 maximum 1 90 calendar days - modified fill 2 Freeze on offsets 3 Alcoholism/drug addiction 2 year 4 Mental/nervous 2 year 5 Auto+008 (100:90/90/90: \$1,500) with Adult ortho Delta Dental 6 Delta Dental Class I, II, III annual maximum 7 8 \$1,500 9 \$50,000 AD &D 10 Negotiated Life 11 Vision VSP-3+ 12 13 The co-pay for prescriptions shall be \$5.00. 2. 14 15 In the event that MESSA rates increase to 14.5% of the prior year's 16 3. rate, effective July 1, 2001, the SEA Executive Committee will 17 recommend to the Superintendent one of the following options: 18 19 A policy adjustment that brings the rate below the rate 20 ceiling of 14.5%. 21 An employee co-pay that is equal to the difference between 22 b. 23 the rate ceiling of 14.5% and the actual rate. 24 A combination of a, and b, above c. 25 Where applicable internal and external coordination of benefits 26 4. (COB) will be included for all bargaining unit members and their 27 eligible dependents as defined by MESSA. 28 29 The Board agrees to establish a qualified Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, 30 5. and, upon application by employees not taking health insurance, 31 agrees to pay an amount equal to the single subscriber premium for 32 Choices II health insurance as salary in lieu of health insurance. 33 The amount of the cash payment received may be applied by the 34 bargaining unit member to a Tax-Deferred Annuity or other 35 variable option. To elect a Tax-Deferred Annuity or other variable 36 option, the bargaining unit member shall enter into a salary 37 An open enrollment period shall be 38 reduction agreement. provided whenever premium subsidy amounts change for the 39 40 group. 41 In the event the said options become taxable, the Board shall not be 42 6. liable for said taxes. 43 44

7. The insurance co-pay for Plan A members is set at \$74 and for Plan B members is set at \$41 per pay for 20 pays for the 2007-08 school year. In July 2008 (annual rate change) the SEA members will be responsible for all insurance rate increases this one year only. All rate increases for insurance will be added to the 2007-2008 co-pays to set the co-pays for 2008-09. Then the SEA Executive Committee shall have the option to select a policy adjustment to reduce the co-pay. Should a policy adjustment reduce the co-pay, any remaining savings may be applied to the salary schedule on the base, accounting for the district FICA and Retirement costs in the process.

In effect, the insurance co-pay for 2007-08 will be \$74/\$41. The insurance co-pay for 2008-09 will be set at \$74/\$41 plus the increase minus any policy adjustment. The contract expires in August 2008 and any changes in the co-pay beyond that point will be negotiated.

- M. Those individuals employed from September through June shall have all contractual insurance benefits paid through August for a period of twelve (12) months. Individuals under contract for less than a full year shall have their insurance premiums paid by the Board on a pro-rated basis for that period of the contractual year actually worked.
- N. Those who terminate their employment prior to the end of the school year
 shall have benefits terminated at the end of the last month worked.
 - Upon retirement, all benefits shall be terminated at the end of the month retired.
- 30 O. An employee working less than half time shall not be eligible for any fringe benefits. Half time means employed a minimum of three (3) hours per day in a regular day program.
- The salary of members leaving prior to the end of the school year will be prorated on a daily basis for the actual number of days in the contract for that year.
- 38 Q. A member who exceeds sick leave entitlement at a given time in a 39 particular year will have his/her salary deducted. This will later be 40 reimbursed at the conclusion of the school year to the member when the 41 sick leave is earned within a given year.
- 43 R. The Board may elect to pay tuition and fees for Board approved schooling 44 or workshop experience concerning professional growth in the field of the 45 individual member's classroom responsibilities, provided that the teacher

has made application forty-five (45) calendar days in advance and that the Board has specifically approved this application. The Board, in special cases, may waive the time required. Should the Board disapprove the application, the petitioner will have the right to request in writing a justification for the denial.

- The member upon completion of Board approved coursework, and after submission of transcript and paid receipt, will be reimbursed for that course work in accordance with the stipulations approved by the Board.
- If credit earned through a Board financed workshop or educational experience is counted towards an advanced degree or credited for a salary adjustment, such movement will take place the school year following the year the reimbursement was made.
- This section is not subject to grievance procedures.

ARTICLE XV LEAVE PAY

A. SICK LEAVE

- 1. A first year member may get full pay and full sick leave each pay period if he/she stays the full contract year. Any member leaving before the full year contract will only be credited with a proportioned amount of earned sick leave. If sick leave exceeds earned sick leave, equivalent pay will be deducted. A member will be allowed one and one-half (1 1/2) sick leave days per school month. Sick leave shall be sixteen (16) days per year, three of which may be used for personal leave. Sick leave will be unlimited in accumulation as of the school year 1978-79.
- 2. Sick leave days will be taken in blocks of one-half (1/2) days.
- B. Only personal illness or disability and/or emergency medical procedures are covered by this sick leave policy. Routine health examinations, dental appointments, or surgical procedures that might appropriately be scheduled during vacation periods shall not be covered during a regular, student attendance day.
- C. Anticipated Prolonged Disability Leave. In the case of an anticipated prolonged disability leave covered under this provision (i.e., heart by pass, pregnancy, etc.), the member may be requested by the administration to provide a physician's statement that there is no medical

reason why the member cannot continue to perform services until the beginning date of the leave.

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The member shall be eligible to return from an anticipated prolonged disability leave upon filing a physician's statement that the member is physically fit for full-time employment.

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17 E. In the event of absence of a member for illness in excess of four (4) consecutive working days, the Board may require the member to present a 18 19 physician's verification of illness unless the school nurse has verified it. 20 This is not to preclude the right of the Board to provide for school nurse 21 visitation at any time.

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Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Board shall provide to each G. member an up-to-date account of his/her accumulated sick leave. 29

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H. Worker's Compensation - Any member who is absent because of injury or disease compensable under Michigan Worker's Compensation Act shall receive from the board the difference between the allowance under the Act and his/her regular salary for a period of time that funds from his/her accumulated sick leave will provide.

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I. Personal Leave - The parties agree there may be personal conditions or circumstances, which may require member absenteeism for other reasons than heretofore mentioned. A personal leave day may be used for any purpose at the discretion of the member. The Board agrees that such leave shall be deducted from sick leave and may be used under the following conditions:

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- Members will receive three (3) personal leave days per year. 1.
- Personal Leave Days shall be restricted to use by no more than 20% 2. of a building's staff per day. The restricted number can be no less

- than two (2) to use by no more than 20% of a building's staff per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) in buildings with small numbers of staff.
- 3. During the months of May and June, Personal Leave Days shall be restricted to use by no more than ten percent (10%) of a building's staff per day, unless certified and qualified substitutes are available, in which case up to twenty percent (20%) of a building's staff may be granted time off on personal leave per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) to use by no more than twenty percent (20%) of a building's staff per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) in buildings with small numbers of staff.
- J. Members desiring to use such leave shall notify their building principal or immediate supervisor on the application form, provided by the Board, at least five (5) working days in advance of the anticipated absence. In cases of emergency, the Superintendent or his/her designated representative must grant approval. In such cases, the member shall apply as soon as possible. This form must be filed with the principal or immediate supervisor.
- K. It is further understood such leave shall not be granted for the first or last day of the school year nor on the first working days preceding or following a vacation period or holiday, except in cases of extreme emergency. The member must have the approval of the immediate supervisor on such emergency leaves.

L. Additional Forms of Leave Available to Members:

- 1. A maximum of three (3) days per school year for family illness in the immediate family. The term immediate family shall be interpreted as husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, children, grandchildren, father and mother-in-law, aunt and uncle of member, brother and sister-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, son and daughter-in-law, and grandparents of member or spouse; this also includes a dependent living in the immediate household. The term household is interpreted as those who dwell under the same roof and comprise a family or domestic establishment.
 - In a family emergency, a member may request two (2) additional family illness days to be deducted from sick leave. Granting of such days will be the prerogative of the Superintendent or designee and the decision will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

2. A maximum of five (5) days for each death in the immediate family or household. The term immediate family shall be interpreted as husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister, children, grandchildren, father and mother-in-law, aunt and uncle of member, brother and sister-in-law, daughter and son-in-law, son and daughter-in-law, and grandparents of member or spouse. This also includes a dependent living in the immediate household. The term household is interpreted as those who dwell under the same roof and comprise a family or a domestic establishment.

- 3. A maximum of ten (10) days per school year for members called into temporary active duty of any unit of the U.S. Reserves or the Michigan National Guard provided such obligations cannot be fulfilled on days when school is not in session.
- 4. A member called for jury duty or to give testimony before any judicial or administrative tribunal shall be compensated for the difference between the teaching pay and the pay received for the performance of such obligation.
- Sabbatical Leave Members who have been employed in the Sault Ste. M. Marie Public Schools for seven (7) years may be granted a sabbatical leave for one (1) year. During said sabbatical leave, the member shall be considered to be in the employ of the Board and shall be paid his/her full annual salary rate. Said pay will be administered through a bank loan under rules and regulations to be established by the Board with loan forgiveness to the member at the rate of month return to work for month on leave, wherein the member shall be forgiven said loan in full upon completion of the number of months service return to the school district as granted in the leave. Any period spent on sabbatical leave shall be treated as teaching service for the purposes of applying the salary schedule set forth in this Agreement. The Board shall establish rules and regulations and determine the amount of appropriation for this purpose. It is agreed that sabbatical leaves shall be granted for members to pursue study or research in their particular field of employment in the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools.
- N. <u>Professional Association Leave</u> Recognizing that compatible and fruitful relationships between the Board and the Association result when each is fully informed and suitably knowledgeable, the Board agrees that those members who are members of the State Board of Directors of the Association, State Committees of the Association, and State Commissions of the Association shall receive professional association leave consistent with the Master Agreement. This shall also apply to similar offices in the National Education Association and the local association.

 Leave with pay shall be authorized not to exceed two (2) days for one (1) delegate for each 150 members or major fraction thereof to represent the members at the Annual Representative Assembly of the State Association.

Leave days shall be limited to fifty (50) per year excluding those days used by the Association President. No member shall use more than ten (10) days per year with the exception of the Association President's unlimited leave days unless the Superintendent grants prior approval.

The Association shall take the responsibility for paying the amount
of any substitute's salary in such cases. The Superintendent will
determine in all above cases whether the substitute is satisfactory
for a particular member.

Professional Development Days shall not be included in the above limitations.

- The Board will grant the Association President released time from teaching duties upon the President's request to the Superintendent.
 The Board will bill the Association the full cost of substitute time while the President is released from regular teaching duties.
- O. Professional Leave for Curriculum and Education Purposes Members may be granted a leave of absence with pay for administration approved visitations at other schools or attending meetings or conferences of an educational nature. The number of members allowed to leave at any one time will be within the discretion of the administration. Such leave is intended to include educational conferences as they may be conducted by the MEA, NEA, Department of Education, subject matter departments, and others that are normally recognized within our State.
- P. Athletic Leave An athletic leave day may be used for any sports related purpose at the discretion of the member. The Board agrees that such leave shall be deducted from sick leave and may be used under the following conditions:
 - 1. Members will receive one (1) Athletic Leave day per sport coached per year.
 - Personal/Athletic Leave Days shall be restricted to use by no more than 20% of a building's staff per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) to use by no more than 20% of a building's

staff per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) in buildings with small numbers of staff.

3. During the months of May and June, Personal/Athletic Leave Days shall be restricted to use by no more than ten percent (10%) of a building's staff per day, unless certified and qualified substitutes are available, in which case up to twenty percent (20%) of a buildings staff may be granted time off on Personal/Athletic Leave per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) to use by no more than twenty percent (20%) of a building's staff per day. The restricted number can be no less than two (2) in buildings with small numbers of staff.

Article XV - Leave Pay, Sections J and K also apply to Athletic Leave.

It is understood that this applies to all staff who are being paid to coach or assist with coaching during a given year. Athletic Leave Days do not carry over from one year to the next unless planned in advance for a specific purpose and approved by the Athletic Director.

Q. The Association hereby agrees to encourage, maintain, and establish ethical standards on the use of sick leave, personal business leave, family critical illness leave, and related forms of leave.

ARTICLE XVI LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

A. Permanent members covered by this Agreement shall have the right to make application to the Superintendent or his/her designate for a leave of absence without pay. Granting of such leave shall be at the sole discretion of the school district.

It is further understood that such leave shall not be granted for the first or last day of the school year, nor on the first working days preceding or following a vacation period or holiday, except in cases of extreme emergency. The member must have the approval of the immediate supervisor on such emergency leaves.

If the leave is granted, seniority shall be retained and accumulated during the period of leave.

During any leave of absence without pay of more than fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days, a member will not accrue leave credit or seniority. A member will no longer be eligible for Board paid fringe

benefits including but not limited to hospitalization. The member may continue coverage at his or her own expense.

Leave of absence less than fifteen (15) days shall not be subject to this clause.

- B. Return From Leave Upon return of the member from leave, all benefits accrued before leave will be restored. Sixty (60) days prior to expiration of the leave the member will notify the Superintendent in writing of his/her intentions. Failure to do so shall be considered as resigning from service in the district, and may prevent the reinstatement. The Superintendent, upon notification, will take the necessary steps to complete the termination of leave. A member, upon return from leave, shall be restored to his/her former position if vacant and available or be assigned to another position for which he/she is qualified.
- C. Any member who while on leave of absence takes employment as a member in another district or in any other way violates the terms of his/her leave shall be deemed to have terminated his/her relationship with the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools and there shall be no further obligation upon the Board.

D. Childcare Leave

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- Childcare leave without pay is available to any bargaining unit member upon request. The length of the leave shall not exceed one
 (1) year, renewable at the discretion of the Board. The purpose of Childcare Leave shall be for caring for a newborn child, an adopted child, or a seriously ill child.
- 2. In order to provide for continuity within the classroom between pupil and member, the member shall notify the Superintendent's office in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expected commencement date of leave so that necessary arrangements can be made to procure the member's replacement.
- Re-employment will commence upon the date set by the Board
 which shall not be later than the beginning of the first day of the
 school year following the date the member was declared eligible for
 re-employment. It is understood that the foregoing shall not
 supersede provisions for layoff or other provisions of law or this
 contract.

In the event of death of the object child of the leave, the leave of absence may be terminated upon request of the bargaining unit member.

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The granting of such leave will in no way interrupt seniority and rights attendant thereto during the first year of the leave only.

- A member may make written application to the Superintendent for reinstatement prior to expiration of the leave granted by the Board.
- 5. Any member returning from a leave of absence without pay that is not occasioned by a medical emergency shall be permitted to return at the end of a marking period.
- Political Leave The Board may grant a leave of absence without pay to any member to campaign for a public office if consistent with Board policies on leaves. However, if such campaign is successful and the member must hold office for more than one (1) year, he/she will be considered to have resigned his/her position. A member elected to a public office, such as a City Commissioner, which meets regularly in the evening may on occasion be required or invited to attend special functions of said body. Permission to attend such events may be granted by the Superintendent at no cost to the school district when advanced notice is given. The Board and the Association recognize this as a civic responsibility. Similar leaves may be granted by the Superintendent for other civic functions.
- 28 F. <u>Education Leave</u> Leaves of absence without pay may be granted upon application for the following purposes:
 - 1. Study related to the member's certification field.
 - 2. Study to meet eligibility requirements for certification other than that held by the member.
 - Study, research, or special teaching assignment involving probable advantage to the school system.
 - Any other reason approved in advance by the Superintendent of Schools.
 - G. <u>State Association Leave</u> Members who are officers of the State Association may be granted a leave of absence without pay for not more than three (3) school years if requested or suitable leave may be worked out mutually at the request of the member. Members who become full-time members of the Association professional staff may be granted leave

1		of absence for not more than one (1) year without pay if consistent with
2		Board policies on leaves of absence.
3 4 5	H.	Insurance may be continued at the expense of the teacher for the duration of the leave at group rates.
6 7		ARTICLE XVII
8 9		SCHOOL CALENDAR
10 11 12 13 14	A.	In the event that the calendar herein provides less than the minimum days and hours required by state law as stated below, the Administration and Association will meet to mutually agree on adding additional days or hours necessary to meet the minimum hours and days.
15		2005/06 166 student days 1103 hours 172 teacher days
16 17		2006/07 166 student days 1103 hours 172 teacher days
18 19 20		Additional calendar days beyond 180 student days and 182 workdays will be added to the base.
21 22 23		ARTICLE XVIII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
24 25	A.	<u>Definitions</u>
26 27 28 29		 A grievance is a written complaint upon an event or condition, which is allegedly in violation of this Agreement.
30 31		2. The "grievant" is the person or persons making this claim.
32 33		3. The term "member' is defined in Article I of the Agreement.
34 35 36		 A "party of interest" is the person or persons who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the problem.
37 38 39		5. The term "days" shall mean working days.
40 41 42 43 44 45	В.	The primary purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the earliest level possible, equitable solutions of the problems of the parties. Both parties agree that those proceedings shall be kept as confidential as may be appropriate at each level of the procedure and information shall be shared only on a "need-to-know" basis. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any person or group with a grievance to

discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the administration or proceeding independently as described in Section E of these procedures.

C. Structure

The building principal shall be the administrative representative when the particular grievance arises in that building.

The Board hereby designates the Superintendent as its representative when the grievance arises in more than one school building.

D. Procedure

The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits may be extended by mutual consent.

If the grievance is filed on or after June 1st, the time limits may be reduced in order to affect a solution prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as is practical.

Before submitting a grievance, the claimant shall discuss it with his/her immediate supervisor individually or together with his/her Association representative.

Procedure No. 1

- Level One In the event the grievance is not settled through an
 informal discussion, a written grievance shall be submitted to the
 principal or administrator involved. The aggrieved person may
 present this written grievance individually or jointly with the
 Association representative.
- 2. Level Two- In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level One, or if no decision has been rendered within seven (7) days after presentation of the grievance, he/she shall immediately process the claim with the Superintendent. Within seven (7) days from receipt of the grievance by the Superintendent, he/she shall render a decision as to the solution. This decision shall be in writing.
- 3. <u>Level Three</u> In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition at Level Two or if no decision has been rendered in writing within seven (7) days from date of receipt of grievance by the Superintendent, said grievant may refer the grievance through the Association or individually in writing to the Board. Within seven (7) days from the receipt of the written grievance by the Board, it shall meet with the Association representative and/or grievant for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory

solution. A decision by the Board shall be rendered within seven (7) days, in writing.

4. Level Four- In the event that the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Level Three within seven (7) days or if no disposition has been made within the period provided, the Association may submit the grievance to arbitration by giving notice to the District within ten (10) days from the end of such seven (7) day period of their intent to file for arbitration. If no such notice is given within the ten (10) day period, the grievance shall be deemed settled and not subject to arbitration.

The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by an arbitrator to be selected by the parties in accordance with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association. If the parties fail to select an arbitrator, the American Arbitration Association shall be requested to provide a list of seven arbitrators. Both the District and the Association shall have the right to strike three names from the panel. The District shall strike the first name; the Association shall then strike one name. The process will be repeated and the remaining person shall be the arbitrator.

Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceedings shall be borne equally between the Board and the Association.

E. Rights of Representation

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 Any party of interest may be represented at all meetings and all hearings at any level of the grievance procedure by another member or another person;

Provided, however, that any member may in no event be represented by a person acting as an officer, agent, or other representative of any organization other than the Association;

Provided further, that when the Association does not represent a member, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the grievance process.

F. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without prejudice.
 However, if in the judgment of the Association representative the
 grievance affects a group of members, the Association may present
 the grievance at the appropriate level.

 A grievance and the disposition of the grievance at Level One shall be placed in writing. Decisions rendered at all levels shall be in writing and promptly shall be transmitted to the person who signs the grievance.

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- 3. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by or against any party of interest or any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation except that such participation shall not give immunity for wrongdoings, professional ethics violations, or any other charges that may result from information disclosed during the grievance procedure.
- 4. Forms for filing and processing grievances shall be designed by the Board and the Association, shall be prepared by the Superintendent, and shall be given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate the operation of the grievance procedure.
- 5. Access shall be given to all parties on a "need-to-know" basis to information necessary for the determination and processing of the grievance.
- 6. The following matters shall not be the basis of any grievance filed under the procedure outlined in this Article:
 - The termination of service or failure to re-employ any probationary member.
 - b. Any claim or complaint for which there is another remedial procedure or form established by law or by regulation having the force of law, including any matter subject to the procedures, specified in the Teacher Tenure Act (ACT IV of Public Acts, Extra Session, 1937 of Michigan, as amended).
- 7. If a member does not file a grievance, in writing, within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence, then the grievance shall be considered as waived. Administration may, upon request of the aggrieved person or his/her representative, waive this section on behalf of the member.
- 8. Failure of Administration to answer at any level within the period automatically allows the aggrieved person to process his/her grievance to the next level. Failure to process the grievance to the next level within fifteen (15) days after initially filing a grievance at the level automatically waives the grievance.

9. It shall be the general practice of all parties in interest to process grievance procedures during times which do not interfere with the assignment of duties; provided, however, in the event it is agreed by the Board to hold proceedings during regular working hours, a member participating in any level of the grievance procedure, with any representative of the Board, shall be released from assigned duties without loss of salary.

ARTICLE XIX CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

A.

The Board will, through the District School Improvement Team, provide for the carrying out of the determination of curriculum and curriculum revision through a careful evaluation of professional recommendations of the teaching staff by working both with individual members and appropriate member groups. Nominations for memberships on special curriculum study groups may be provided by the Association upon request of Administration.

20 B. The School Improvement Team shall recommend that appropriate 21 representation of members shall be appointed to serve as part of the 22 professional development committee via the E.U.P.I.S.D. Said members 23 shall be provided appropriate release time.

C. Building School Improvement Teams may be established for each building in the district. The size, composition, and scope of the team shall be determined by each building, with the approval of the Superintendent.

D. The district will apply for SB-CEU's to be provided for attending SEA members for at least 60% of the District PD days.

ARTICLE XX NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

 A. It is contemplated that terms and conditions of employment provided in this Agreement shall remain in effect until altered by mutual agreement in writing between the parties. Nevertheless, because of the special nature of public educational process, it is likewise recognized that matters may from time to time arise of vital mutual concern of the parties, which have not been fully or adequately negotiated between them. It is in the public interest that the opportunity for mutual discussion of such matters be provided. The parties accordingly undertake to cooperate in arranging meetings, selecting representatives for discussion, furnishing necessary information, and otherwise constructively considering and resolving any such matters. Either party may request discussions leading to the resolution of specific matters.

B. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party and each party may select its representatives from within or outside the school district. While the Association and the Board shall execute no final agreement without ratification, the parties mutually pledge that their representatives will be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations.

C. If the parties fail to reach an agreement in any such negotiations either party may invoke the Labor Mediation's machinery of the State Labor Mediation Board at any time it may so deem it or at the termination of the Agreement may take any other lawful measures it may deem appropriate.

D. It is contemplated that terms and conditions of employment provided in this Agreement shall remain in effect until altered by mutual agreement in writing between the parties. Nevertheless, because of the special nature of the public educational process, it is likewise recognized that matters may from time to time arise of vital concern to the parties that have been fully or adequately negotiated between them, such as School Improvement Plans and/or Site Based Decision Making. It is in the public interest that the opportunity for mutual discussion of such matters be provided. The parties accordingly undertake to cooperate in arranging meetings, selecting representatives for discussion, furnishing necessary information, and otherwise constructively considering and resolving any such matters.

E. This Agreement supersedes and cancels all previous agreements, verbal or written, or based on alleged practices, between the parties. This includes any letters of agreement not attached hereto. Any amendment or agreement supplemental hereto shall not be binding upon either party unless executed in writing by the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XXI ACADEMIC FREEDOM

We believe that students should be exposed to real life learning situations in order to develop standards and values that equip them to make mature decisions in adult life. This involves dealing with controversial and/or accepted issues, which will be presented in a professional manner. We believe it desirable that the

Administration should be informed and that there should be communication between member and Administration. 2 3 ARTICLE XXII 4 MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS 5 All conditions of employment and professional performance shall be maintained 7 at no less than the highest minimum standards in effect in the district at the time 8 9 this Agreement is signed. 10 ARTICLE XXIII 11 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS 12 13 This Agreement shall constitute the full and complete commitments 14 A. between both parties and may be altered, changed, added to, deleted 15 from, or modified only through the voluntary mutual consent of the 16 parties in a written and signed amendment to this agreement. 17 18 Any individual contract with a member heretofore executed shall be 19 B. expressly made subject to and consistent with the terms of this or 20 subsequent agreements to be executed by the parties. 21 22 This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the 23 C. Board, which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms. 24 25 If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement to 26 D. any member or group of members shall be found contrary to law, then 27 such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting 28 except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or 29 applications shall continue in full force and effect. 30 31 No polygraph or lie detector device shall be used by the Board of 32 F. Education in any investigation of any teacher. 33 34 Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the expense of both parties 35 F. and presented to all members now employed, hereafter employed, or 36 considered for employment by the Board. 37 38 39 ARTICLE XXIV **DURATION** 40 41

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This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until August 31, 2008, or

until a new agreement is negotiated or ratified.

1 2 3	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties seals.	hereto have hereunto set their hands and
4 5 6	SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SAULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
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APPENDIX A SAULT STE, MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SALARY SCHEDULE 2007-2008

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11	2	1.09	31,022	31,333	34,125	34,466	37,227
12	3	1.14	32,446	32,770	35,690	36,047	38,935
13	4	1.20	34,153	34,495	37,569	37,994	40,984
14	5	1.26	35,861	36,219	39,447	39,841	43,033
15	6	1.33	37,853	38,232	41,638	42,055	45,424
16	7	1.40	39,845	40,244	43,840	44,268	47,814
17	8	1.47	41,838	42,256	46,021	46,482	50,205
18	9	1.55	44,115	44,556	48,526	49,011	52,9 3 <i>7</i>
19	10	1.63	46,391	48,855	51,031	51,541	55,670
20	11	1.71	48,669	49,155	53,535	54,071	58,402
21	12	1.79	50,945	51,455	56,040	56,600	61,134
22	13	1.87	53,222	53,754	58,544	59,130	63,866
23	14	1.94	55,214	55,766	60,736	61,343	66,257
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25	*28	2.02	57,491	58,066	63,240	63,873	68,989
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27	29	2.03	<i>57,776</i>	58,354	63,553	64,189	69,331
28	30	2.08	59,199	59,791	65,119	65 <i>,77</i> 0	71,039
29	31	2.14	60,907	61,516	66,997	67,667	73,088
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All teachers will receive full horizontal and vertical steps for 2007-2008. teachers on Step 12 in 2006-2007 will be placed on Step 14 for 2007-2008. All teachers on their 1st year of Step 28 in 2006-2007 will be placed on Step 30. All teachers on their 2nd year of Step 28 in 2006-2007 will be placed on Step 31. All teachers on Step 30 and 31 in 2006-2007 will be placed on Step 32.

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*All teachers placed on Step 28 prior to August 12, 2002 shall be grandfathered and this step will not be used for other teachers.

STEP 29 - To be considered for the 29th Step, the teacher must have worked as a classroom teacher for the Sault Area Public Schools for a minimum of 12 years. The teacher shall request to be placed on Step 29 in writing prior to the end of the semester it is to start. The Step 29 placement shall not be renewable.

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STEPS 29 - 32 - Teachers will progress through these steps as they would steps 1 2 - 14. 3 STEP 31 - A teacher may request early placement to Step 31. To be considered 4 for Step 31, the teacher must already be on Step 28 or 29 or 30. The teacher must 5 request to be placed on Step 31 by January 31 of the current school year. Pay will 6 be retroactive to the beginning of the year. The teacher is only eligible for Step 31 once and thus is non-renewable. After Step 31 the teacher will progress to 8 Step 32. 9 10 BA SCHEDULE - Must hold a degree from an accredited college or university. 11 12

MA SCHEDULE - Must have a Master's Degree from an accredited university.

6-YEAR SCHEDULE - Must meet all of the following requirements; BA or BS Degree from an accredited college or university. MA Degree from an accredited college or university. A 6-Year Degree from an accredited college or university.

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A teaching certificate from the State of Michigan in the area of competence.

The twenty (20) semester hours beyond the BA and the MA Degree must be in the member's field of study or be applicable to an advanced degree. A member's field in secondary grades, 9-12, will be interpreted to mean a major or minor field of study or work towards an advanced degree in the field of study.

APPENDIX B 1 2 3 RETIREMENT AND TERMINAL LEAVE 4 Those members who have accumulated unused sick days in excess of one 5 A. hundred fifty (150) days will receive upon retirement, a one-time payment 6 for one hundred (100) days based on the following: .0028 of current salary 7 base earned times one hundred (100) days. Sick leave payoff will be made 8 to an MEA financial 403 (b) plan. 9 10 In order to be eligible for a sick leave payoff, the member must be eligible 11 to retire with the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. 12 13

APPENDIX C

CO-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

A. The following extra pay for extra duties is for the complete responsibility associated with the designated extra duty and includes all pre-school work and work beyond the school day. Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular experience shall be based on BA Step 1. Secondary music teachers shall be expected, as part of their teaching responsibilities, to assume the necessary and appropriate extra-curricular assignments as authorized.

B. Extra curricular assignments are annual appointments. If a teacher wishes to retain an extra-curricular assignment, he/she shall have first consideration for that position. An individual may be removed if the assignment is handled neglectfully or inadequately.

C. In filling vacancies under Appendix C - Co-Curricular assignments, teachers in the district shall be given primary consideration (except coaching positions shall be assigned on the basis of comparative qualifications and merit without regard to membership in the bargaining unit). If no teacher applies or is deemed qualified for said position, the Board may fill the position from outside the bargaining unit. All positions will be posted for ten (10) days, except in case of extreme emergency.

D. The Administrator's decision is final in the appointment to each reimbursed extra-curricular assignment as authorized for the school year. The listing of all positions under Appendix C is not authorization to have the position. The Board shall decide whether to have or not to have the position. Persons employed less than the length of the assignment shall have their pay prorated. Job descriptions will be provided by the appropriate principal and used for the purposes of evaluation.

33 E. If the member is required, as part of the extra-curricular activity, to take 34 the State of Michigan Bus Driver's School, said member shall be 35 reimbursed tuition fees and expenses.

F. Payment made for any newly created extra-curricular position shall be established based on competitive, comparative rates. There shall be written evidence of such agreements as to duties and compensation included in the separate added duty contract (non-tenure). Compensation by adjustment of teaching load is acceptable if so indicated in the additional duty contract and if it does not circumvent in any way the negotiated salary schedule.

1 2 3 4 5	G.	assignment by notifying the Pe	l or no payment for their co-curricular ersonnel Office in writing. This may only signment for three (3) years or more.
6 7 8	H.	Category I (17%)	Category II (13%)
9		Varsity Head Football	Varsity Assistant Football
10		Varsity Head Basketball	J.V. Head Football
11		Varsity Head Hockey	J.V. Head Basketball
12		High School and Middle	Head Swimming (both M & F)
13		Band Director	Head Varsity Volleyball
14			Assistant Varsity Hockey
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16		Category III	Category IV
17		(10%)	(7%)
18		TT/ And Football	Freshman Basketball
19 20		J.V. Asst. Football Varsity Head Track	Varsity Cheerleading
21		Varsity Head Wrestling	Freshman Football
22		Varsity Head Baseball	Asst. Freshman Football
23		Varsity Head Softball	Head Cross-Country
24		Varsity Soccer	Varsity Asst. Track
25			J.V. Volleyball
26			Assistant Wrestling
27			J.V. Baseball
28			J.V. Softball
29			Frosh Volleyball
30			Head Golf
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33		Category V.	Category VI
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38		All 7th & 8th Grade Track	Cheerleading - 7th and 8th Grade
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4 5 6 7 8		1.	MUSICAL NON-MUSICAL Director 4.5% Director 4% Producer 2% Producer 2% Band Director 2%
9 10 11		2.	Publications - Yearbook or Newspaper: High School - 8%; Middle 3%
12 13 14		3.	High School Class Advisors: seniors 5%, juniors 4%, sophomores, & freshman 3%, Vocational Youth Organizations 2.5%
15 16		4.	Intramurals 4% per session
17 18		5.	Student Council 4%; Middle 2%
19 20		6.	Internal Substitute Rate .001/per period
21 22		7.	Quiz Bowl 3%
23 24		8.	Driver Education .0008/per hour
25 26		9.	Summer School/JTPA .001/per hour
27 28		10.	Summer School Intervention Specialist .00078/hour
29 30		11.	Lunch Room (noon hour) Supervisor .0007/hour
31 32		12.	Athletic Events Supervisor .0005/hour
33 34		13.	Tutoring .0007/hour
35 36		14.	Programming-Networking .001/hour
37 38		15.	Current IRS rate of reimbursement for travel expense (mileage)
39 40 41		16.	Curriculum Coordination - Range of 4-7% of individual's salary based upon number of F.T.E. staff members in department.
42 43		17.	After school detention as directed by administration .0007/hour.

APPENDIX D 1 SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007-2008 2 3 4 Date 5 Wednesday, August 29 Teacher In-service Thursday, August 30 6 Teacher Workday Monday, September 3 7 Labor Day 8 Tuesday, September 4 First Student Day 9 Friday, October 19 10 Fall In-service (no students) 11 Teacher Professional Development Day Thursday, November 15 12 13 Friday, November 16 Fall Break Day (no students & staff) 14 Wednesday, November 21 Thanksgiving Break (1/2 day) 15 November 22-23 16 No School 17 18 Teacher In-service (no students) Tuesday, December 11 19 Monday, December 24-Jan. 4-No school 20 Christmas Break (no school) 21 School Resumes Monday, January 7 22 23 **End of First Semester** 24 (1/2 day students/1/2 day workday) Thursday, January 17 Friday, January 18 25 No school - semester break 26 Friday, February 15 27 Teacher In-service (no students) Monday, February 18 28 Winter Break (no students & staff) 29 March 21/March 24 (no school) 30 Good Friday/Easter Monday 31 March 31 thru April 7 (no school) Spring Break (no students) 32 School Resumes Tuesday, April 8 33

*Evening elementary school conference dates will be determined by the district administration and the SEA Executive Board.

Monday, May 26

Friday, May 30

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40 41 Memorial Day (no school)

Students Last Day (1/2 day A.M.)

Teacher Work (1/2 day P.M.)

1			APPENDIX E
2			MENTOR TEACHER
4 5 6 7 8	A.	section	ntor Teacher shall be defined as a Master Teacher as identified in a 1526 of PA 335 (1993) and shall perform the duties of a Master er as specified in the act.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15	В.	classro consulto pro of the	bargaining unit member in his/her first three (3) years in the form shall be assigned a Mentor Teacher by the Administration after lation with the Association. The Mentor Teacher shall be available wide professional support, instruction and guidance. The purpose mentor assignment is to provide a peer who can offer assistance, rices and information in a non-threatening collegial fashion.
16 17 18 19	C.	Assoc	orientation jointly sponsored by the Administration and the lation shall be held for all mentors and mentees prior to the end of or mber each year.
20	D.	Mento	or Teachers shall be assigned in accordance with the following:
21 22 23 24 25		1.	The ultimate and overriding criteria used in selecting a Mentor Teacher will be the candidate's recognition as a teacher skilled in the art and science of teaching with the capability to communicate these two areas.
26 27 28 29		2.	The Mentor Teacher shall be a tenured teacher within the bargaining unit (whenever possible).
30		3.	Participation as a Mentor Teacher shall be voluntary.
31 32 33 34		4.	The District shall notify the Association of those members requiring a Mentor assignment.
35 36 37 38		5.	Mentor Teachers and Mentees shall work in the same building (elementary, middle, high school) and have the same area of certification (whenever possible).
39 40 41		6.	The Mentee shall be assigned to only one (1) Mentor Teacher at a time.
42 43 44 45		7.	The Mentor Teacher assignment shall be for one (1) year, subject to review by the Administration, Mentor Teacher and Mentee at any time upon request. The appointment may be renewed in succeeding years.

8. Mentor Teachers may have up to two (2) mentees if so desired.

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Because the purpose of the mentor/mentee match is to acclimate the bargaining unit member and to provide necessary assistance toward the end of quality instruction, the Board and the Association agree the relationship shall be confidential and shall not, in any fashion, be a matter included in the evaluation of the Mentor Teacher or Mentee. The Mentor Teacher may participate in the post-observation conferences with the beginning teacher and the principal if requested by the beginning teacher. Further, the Mentee shall not be called as a witness in any grievance or administrative hearing involving the Mentor Teacher. This article does not apply to unethical, illegal or immoral activities on the part of either the Mentor or Mentee.

16 F. Upon request, the administration may make available release time so the
 17 Mentor Teacher may work with the Mentee in his/her assignment during
 18 the regular workday and school calendar year. Where possible, the
 19 Mentor Teacher and Mentee shall be assigned common preparation time.

G. Mentees shall be provided with a minimum of fifteen (15) days of professional development activities during their first three (3) years of classroom teaching. Such professional development activities will be chosen with concurrence of the Mentor Teacher, Mentee and Administration.

27 H. Compensation for Mentor Teachers shall be as follows: Their per diem for five (5) days the first year, three (3) days the second year, and one (1) day for the third and last year of each mentor assignment.

31 I. The Board and Association will both encourage single mentor-mentee 32 assignments, and if new multiple mentorship assignments are approved, 33 then compensation will be one-half (1/2) of the rate for the second or 34 subsequent assignment.

	APP	ENDIX F
	INTERVENTION SPECI	ALIST/TRUANCY OFFICER
a.	2007-08 compensation -	.93% of BA Step 1 of the Teachers Salary
	•	Schedule
b.	Work Schedule:	
	Truancy Officer -	Regular School Year
	Intervention Specialist -	Regular School Year plus ten (10) days
	-	with summer school.
c.	Insurance Benefits:	Consistent with Article XIV, Section M,
		Insurance Benefits
	b.	a. 2007-08 compensation - b. Work Schedule: Truancy Officer - Intervention Specialist -

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APPENDIX G

	FINAL T	EACHER EVALUATION SUMMARY
Evalu	ator	Evaluatee
Evalu	ator	Assignment 1st Year Probation 2nd Year Probation 3rd Year Probation 4th Year Probation Tenure:
<u>Date</u>	Nature of Cont	act <u>Evaluator</u>
confe	rences, progress toward	d on completion/review of the data (observations, I predetermined goals, establishing an individualized the teacher's progress in meeting the goals of his or her
indivi Evalu	idualized development p ation Summary will be th	lan, review of self-evaluation, etc.). Attached to this Final ae following:
1.	and conferencing betw	of teacher performance based on classroom observations, een the evaluator and evaluatee. Teaching performance encies will be indicated in this narrative summary.
2.	A list of goals set for t development plans) a those goals.	he year (including those identified in any individualized ong with a narrative summary of progress in meeting
3.		ment of the information reviewed in the self-assessment ry of the process used in gathering the self-assessment
Evalu	ator	Date Signed
Evalu	atee	Date Signed
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	APPENDIX H
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Evaluator	Evaluatee
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APPENDIX I

Evaluator(s)	Evaluatee		
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<u>Dates</u>	Nature of IDP Contact	al e	Evaluator(s) (initials)	Evaluator(s
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