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And

**MELVINDALE-NORTHERN ALLEN PARK
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1051, AFT, AFL-CIO**

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AGREEMENT between the Board of Education of the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Public Schools, hereinafter called the "Board" and the Melvindale Federation of Teachers, Local 1051, and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, hereinafter called the "Federation." (Headings are for reference only).

ARTICLE I
PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board and the Federation believe in the importance of schools as an agency for the preservation and extension of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have a common goal of providing the best possible education for all children; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Federation are mutually committed to the human rights and dignities of all, and to policies and programs of racial integration and desegregation as being necessary to good education, good management and good government; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement are mutually committed to the necessity of equal educational opportunity for all pupils enrolled in the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Public Schools with no exclusion from any program on the basis of race, religion, creed, social or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Public Schools educational program is directly related to the knowledge, skill and creative ability of teachers; and

WHEREAS, to obtain this goal it is imperative that there be understanding and cooperation between the teachers in the classroom and the Board which is responsible for the operation of the school system; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Michigan authorize public employees and public employers to enter into an exclusive Collective Bargaining Contract relative to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Federation has been selected as the exclusive representative for those teachers within the Bargaining Unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

- A. "School" includes any work location, functional division or group in which a grievance may arise.
- B. "Principal" includes the immediate supervisor of any work location, functional division or group.
- C. Pronouns are written in the masculine and singular only but will be read as if written in the plural, feminine or neuter.
- D. "Federation Representative" means the Federation building representative or a designee whose name has been disclosed by the building representative to the building principal.
- E. "Transfer" means a change from one teaching position to another teaching position.
- F. "Seniority" shall be defined as total years of contracted service to the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District computed from the first day they reported for work. Part-time contractual employment, limited contracted employment, and substituting while on layoff shall not interrupt years of service and shall be prorated. Laid off contracted teachers on the preferred substitute list shall accrue seniority for each day worked as a substitute as per Article XVIII, L. Advanced study, care for a sick member of the immediate family, work experience, maternity leave, military leave, federation position leave, sick leave, personal business leave, and funeral leave, suspension with pay and suspension without pay for ten days or less shall not be considered as interruption of years of service. All other approved leaves including suspension without pay for more than ten days shall not count as years of service but seniority is computed from the first day of employment minus the time of such leave. If a person resigns or otherwise leaves the employ of the district other than on an approved leave of absence and subsequently returns, seniority is computed from the first day they reported to work after returning to the employ of the Board.
 - 1. In the event two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the date of signing of contract by individual teachers will be used to establish the longest seniority.
 - 2. In the event two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the number of degrees and/or certifications will be used to establish the longest seniority.
 - 3. In the event two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the number of hours beyond the bachelor's degree will be used to establish the longest seniority.
- G. "Day" means working school day.
- H. "Teacher" means any member of the Bargaining Unit.
- I. "Preparation period" means a period in which the teacher is not assigned to a regular-programmed responsibility. This period will be self-directed in professional pursuits, and will be contained in the building or buildings in which the teacher has a professional responsibility.
- J. "Increment" means additional pay on the salary schedule for experience.
- K. "Posting" includes written notification to all teachers from the Central Office.

- L. "Board" means Board of Education.
- M. "Preferred Substitute" means a teacher who has been laid-off by the district.
- N. "Vacant" means a position will be considered vacant unless filled by a certified teacher under full contract.
- O. "Teaching position" means any job within the bargaining unit. A teaching position shall be described by a level, (K-5, 6-8, or 9-12), a building and a department, (secondary; social studies, science, etc. or elementary; classroom, art, music, etc.)
- P. "Assignment" is the work performed within a teaching position.
- Q. "Qualified" shall mean:
 - 1. A teacher at the middle and high school level shall:
 - a. Be Michigan certified to teach in the subject and level.
 - b. Meet the present North Central Accreditation professional standards for the teaching field and/or subject standards.
 - c. Meet the No Child Left Behind requirements as adopted by the State of Michigan.

If the school district is not in compliance with all other North Central Accreditation Standards, then only (a) above shall apply.
 - 2. A self-contained elementary teacher shall:
 - a. Be Michigan certified to teach in the subject and level.
 - b. Meet the No Child Left Behind requirements as adopted by the State of Michigan.
 - 3. A special subject's elementary teacher shall:
 - a. Be Michigan certified to teach in the subject and level and
 - b. Meet the present North Central Accreditation professional standards for the teaching field and/or subject standards.
 - c. Meet the No Child Left Behind requirements as adopted by the State of Michigan.
- R. Elementary school shall henceforth refer to Kindergarten through grade (5th). Junior High School or Middle School shall be used interchangeably and be understood to henceforth refer to grade 6 through grade 8. High School or Secondary School shall be used interchangeably and understood to henceforth refer to grade 9 through grade 12.
- S. "Compensated Time Off" (CTO) means all personal sick leave and all personal business leave.

**ARTICLE III
STATUTORY POWERS OF THE BOARD**

This agreement is not intended to abrogate the statutory powers of the Board to make reasonable rules and regulations, to manage, and to direct all the operations and activities to the full extent authorized by law, relative to anything whatever necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance, management and carrying on of the public school system, subject, however, to any limitations to any such powers imposed by this agreement.

Except as limited by the terms of this agreement, the Board of Education retains and reserves to itself all the rights, powers, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon it and vested in the Board of Education by the laws and constitution of the State of Michigan and the United States.

**ARTICLE IV
RECOGNITION**

The Board of Education recognizes the Federation as the exclusive representative of all contracted certified instructional and licensed personnel and said employees on approved leaves or laid off due to the reduction of personnel but excluding supervisory and executive personnel.

All work performed by members of the bargaining unit cannot be assigned to persons outside the bargaining unit. The duties of any teacher or responsibilities of any position in the bargaining unit shall not be increased, or transferred to persons not covered by this agreement without the prior written agreement of the Federation.

The Board agrees that supervisors or non-Federation personnel shall not be used at any time to displace teachers regularly employed in the bargaining unit, except in emergencies when teachers are not available or have refused to do the work as assigned. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency shall be defined as an unforeseen circumstance or a combination of circumstances which call for immediate action in a situation which is not expected to recur.

**ARTICLE V
FAIR PRACTICES**

- A. No person or persons, departments or divisions, responsible to the Board or the Federation will discriminate against any teacher on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap, family relationship, or membership in or association with the activities of the Federation or any other employee organization.
- B. The Federation will continue to admit persons to membership without discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap, or past membership or past participation in the activities of any employee organization.

- C. The Board shall allow the Federation to attempt to substantiate their claim of any pattern or design, followed by the Board or any of its designees that would cause any individual or group of individuals personal harm or lack of proper consideration, because of his Federation membership or activities.

**ARTICLE VI
QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT -
NEW TEACHER - SUMMER SCHOOL**

- A. A teacher will meet the requirements of the State of Michigan and the No Child Left Behind regulations as adopted by the State of Michigan for the position in which he/she is to be employed.
- B. The place of residence will not be a condition of employment.
- C. If there are more qualified applicants (State Certification) than there are summer school positions (this does not include summer continuation or during school year extra-contractual assignments) to be filled, preference shall be given in the following order:
1. Teachers who are properly certified to teach in the general subject area.
 2. Teachers teaching position during the school year.
 3. On a rotation basis according to seniority. (The following example will apply when seniority pertains.)

Example:

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	SENIORITY	NUMBER OF SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES TAUGHT (within last three years)
Teacher A	9-01-67	3
Teacher B	9-02-68	2
Teacher C	10-02-76	2
Teacher D	10-03-76	3
Teacher E	9-01-89	-
Teacher F	9-03-90	3
Teacher G	1-20-91	-

The following is the order of selection for the summer school position for the year in the example above:

1. Teacher E
2. Teacher G
3. Teacher B
4. Teacher C
5. Teacher A
6. Teacher D
7. Teacher F

- D. The Board will provide flu shots at Board expense on other than school time at a time and place determined by the Board.
- E. A proposed teacher must agree to the provisions of Article VII relative to payment of dues or service fees.
- F. Any individual contract between the Board and the teacher heretofore executed shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this agreement. Any individual contract hereafter executed shall be in the form provided in Appendix B and shall be expressly made subject to and consistent with the terms of this or subsequent agreements to be executed by the parties. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this agreement, this agreement, during its duration, shall be controlling.
- G. A teacher, who has not previously attained tenure, under the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act, MCLA 38.71 et. seq.; MSA 15.1971 et. seq.; in a position other than as a classroom teacher, who is placed in a position other than a classroom teacher, shall not be deemed to have tenure in such position by virtue of this contract or any individual contract for such non-classroom position but shall be deemed to have continuing tenure as an active classroom teacher.

**ARTICLE VII
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BARGAINING AGENT**

A. During the life of this agreement, the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Board of Education's (Board) Designee will deduct Melvindale Federation of Teachers (Federation) dues or service charges from the pay of each teacher who voluntarily executes and delivers to the Board either of the following authorized forms:

1. "FORM A" - VOLUNTARY AUTHORIZATION OF DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES

I authorize the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Board of Education (Board) to deduct Melvindale Federation of Teacher (Federation) dues from my salary in an amount equal to 1/9 the annual dues each month for a period of nine (9) months, beginning in October of each school year. This amount will be certified to the Board prior to the commencement of school and be remitted to the Federation at such time and manner as may be agreed upon between the Board and Federation.

This authorization will remain in effect and be automatically renewed for the period of each succeeding applicable Collective Bargaining Contract between the Board and Federation unless revoked by me in writing with notification to the Board and Federation or until such time that my employment is terminated.

I authorize the Board to change the amount of monthly deduction to reflect the approved amount established by the Federation membership acting in accordance with the Federation constitution, providing such changes have been properly certified to the Board by the Federation in accordance with this Collective Bargaining Contract.

Dues paid to the Federation are not deductible for federal income tax purposes; however, under certain circumstances dues may qualify as a business expense.

SIGNATURE _____
NAME (Please print) _____
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
DATE OF AUTHORIZATION _____
DATE OF DELIVERY TO THE BOARD _____

2. "FORM B" - VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION OF SERVICE CHARGE

I authorize the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Board of Education (Board) to deduct Melvindale Federation of Teacher (Federation) service charges from my salary in the amount equal to 1/9 the annual service charge each month for a period of nine (9) months beginning in October of each school year. This amount will be certified to the Board prior to the commencement of school and be remitted to the Federation at such time and manner as may be agreed upon between the Board and Federation.

This authorization will remain in effect and be automatically renewed for the period of each succeeding applicable Collective Bargaining Contract between the Board and Federation unless revoked by me in writing with notification to the Board and Federation or until such time that my employment is terminated.

I authorize the Board to change the amount of monthly deductions to reflect the approved amount established by the Federation membership acting in accordance with the Federation constitution, providing such changes have been properly certified to the Board by the Federation in accordance with this Collective Bargaining Contract.

Service charges paid to the Federation are not deductible for federal income tax purposes; however, under certain circumstances service charges may qualify as a business expense.

SIGNATURE _____
NAME (Please print) _____
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
DATE OF AUTHORIZATION _____
DATE OF DELIVERY TO THE BOARD _____

- B. The following certification form will be used by the Melvindale Federation of Teachers (Federation) when certifying membership dues and service charges.

"Certification of Melvindale Federation of Teachers Dues and Service Charges"

(Date)

To Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Board of Education:

I certify, until further notice, that the membership dues payable under Article VII of the current Collective Bargaining Contract is \$ _____ per month for the months October through June and the service charge is \$ _____ per month for the months October through June.

Signature of Financial Officer _____
Date of delivery to the Board _____

- C. Payroll deductions will be made only from the pay due the teacher on the first pay day of the calendar month provided, however, the initial deduction for the teacher will not begin unless a properly executed "Voluntary Authorization for Deduction of Federation Dues" or "Voluntary Authorization for Deduction of Service Charge" has been delivered to the Board fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the first calendar month and a certification of the Federation's Financial Officer as to the amount of dues or service charge has been delivered to the Board ten (10) days prior to the first pay in the month of October. Deduction for dues or service charge may be subject to change as often as necessary for the state and national Federations but only twice for the local Federation within each school year by certification of the Financial Officer of the Federation.

A teacher may revoke his "voluntary authorization" for deduction of Federation dues or service charge at any time by written notification to the Board provided notice of such revocation is given to the

Federation. Payroll deductions will terminate when a revocation has been delivered to the Board at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the first day of the calendar month.

All sums deducted by the Board will be remitted prior to the next pay day to the Financial Officer of the Federation, together with a list of names and the amount deducted for each employee for whom a deduction was made.

The Board will not be liable to the Federation for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from the pay earned by the teacher. In addition, the Federation will indemnify and hold the Board harmless from any liability claims, deductions, costs and attorney fees incurred by the Board in connection with this Article of the Collective Bargaining Contract. The Federation agrees to reimburse the Board for the amount of any money deducted by the Board and paid to the Federation which deduction is determined to be illegal or improper or is in excess of a proper deduction.

As a condition of employment, each member of the Bargaining Unit beginning with October 1970, or the first complete month following thirty (30) calendar days of employment in the Bargaining Unit whichever is later, and monthly thereafter during October through June of each year during the life of this contract, will tender to the Federation periodic and uniformly required union dues in the amount stated in Article VII, A-1 or in the alternative a service charge in the amount as stated in Article VII, A-2.

The effective date for the termination of employment of a teacher who fails to comply with this Article of the Collective Bargaining Contract will be the end of the school year in which the teacher's failure to comply occurs.

However, no teacher's employment will be terminated unless the Federation: (1) First notifies the teacher by letter, explaining that he is delinquent in not tendering Federation dues or a service charge, (2) specifying the current amount of such delinquency, and (3) warning him that unless such dues or service charge or a properly executed authorization are tendered within thirty (30) calendar days of such a notice, he will be reported to the Board for termination of employment. (4) The Federation has furnished the Board with a copy of the letter sent to the teacher and notice that the teacher has not complied with the Federation's request. The Federation will request the Board to terminate a teacher's employment by the delivery to the Board of the following written notice:

“The Federation certifies that:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

has failed to tender either the periodic and uniformly required Federation dues or service charge required as a condition of continued employment under the Collective Bargaining Agreement and demands that, under the terms of the Agreement, the Board will terminate the employment of the teacher.

Date of delivery to the Board

Federation Financial Officer”

The Board agrees that within five (5) days of receipt of the notice of a request to terminate, it will notify the teacher within the tenure requirements that his services will be terminated at the end of the current school year and further that the Board will, at the next meeting of the Board, after receipt of the termination notice from the Union, proceed to terminate the employment of the teacher within the tenure requirements. The Board agrees that after it has received termination notice from the Federation, that it will not accept dues or service charge from the teacher without the consent of the Federation. If any suit or proceeding of any kind is brought against the Board, in which a teacher or any organization in the Teacher's behalf contest the provisions of this Article, the Federation agrees to reimburse the Board, promptly on demand, for all reasonable legal fees and all expenses of suit incurred by the Board in defending itself in a suit or proceeding and also for any and all back pay or other damage for which the Board may be adjudged liable in such suit or proceedings. The Federation further agrees that if it fails to reimburse the Board promptly upon demand for the aforesaid fees and damages, the Board will be entitled, in addition to any other legal remedies, to apply against such indebtedness of the Federation to the Board, until paid in full, all membership dues collected by the Board on behalf of the Federation. The foregoing also applies to any reasonable fees and legal expenses incurred by the Board, and any back pay liability or other damages imposed on the Board in any teacher's tenure act proceeding which may be initiated by the Board in order to implement the provisions of this Article of the Collective Bargaining Contract.

D. In addition to the deduction of Federation dues, deductions will be made for the following when authorized by the teacher;

1. Insurance premiums;
2. Michigan Educational Credit Union;
3. Approved Annuity Program

Reduction shall be made for approved annuity programs when authorized by the teacher for either a 21-pay basis or for each pay received. Changes in the amount may be made at any time. A joint committee of representatives from the Federation and Board of Education Teams may be formed to review and recommend to the Board of Education additional acceptable annuity programs to be available for teacher consideration and acceptance.

E. No union dues other than Federation dues will be deducted.

F. At any time during a meeting with an administrator, a teacher may request Federation representation. After such request is made, no action shall be taken until a representative of the Federation is present. This meeting must reconvene within seventy-two (72) hours.

G. If it is necessary for Federation officers or their alternates to attend a Michigan Administration Board hearing, trial, election, etc. relative to School District business, such absences will not be charged against CTO days.

H. The President of the Federation will receive five (5) periods of released time per instructional week with pay (non cumulative). The arrangement of hours will be negotiated between the President and the Building Administrator.

- I. A building representative will have released time to process general teacher grievances, attend meetings called by the Administrator, and aid staff members in professional problems, providing classroom teaching is not interrupted or reduced.
- J. A representative of the Federation Executive Board will, following the first fifteen (15) school days, make an appointment with an appropriate central office secretary to update their bargaining unit directory with names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if not unlisted). The appointment will take place within five (5) days of the request. This procedure may be followed periodically throughout the school year.
- K. The first and second Tuesday of each month will be reserved for after school meetings of the Federation.
- L. All social activities sponsored by the bargaining representative will be held outside the regular duty day except an opening day luncheon and a retirement luncheon.
- M. The Board will make available, within a reasonable time, to the Federation upon request any information, statistics, and records which it has available or which may be obtained without undue difficulty; and which may be mutually agreed to be necessary to make intelligent decisions relevant to negotiations or necessary for proper enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.
- N. With respect to matters affecting the working conditions, salary, wages and hours of employment, the Board will make no changes without prior negotiations with the Federation.
- O. The Federation will be granted a place on the regular Board agenda upon written request of the Federation, delivered to the superintendent's office not later than 11:00 a.m. of the Wednesday immediately preceding the meeting, consistent with Board policy. This deadline will be waived for grievance requests, if the superintendent's answer in Step 2 of the grievance procedure is required by contract, the Thursday immediately preceding the meeting.
- P. A bulletin board will be provided in each building including central office exclusively for Federation use. Notice placed on the bulletin board and in the teacher's mailboxes will bear the written approval of a Federation building representative as shown by his initials or by his signature.
- Q. A visiting Federation representative will notify the principal of his presence in the building.
- R. The Federation will be provided with five (5) copies of any Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District bargaining unit agreement within ten (10) days of distribution.
- S. The Board shall give to the Federation president a draft copy of the full minutes of any Board meeting eight (8) days after the Board Meeting (electronic form is acceptable).
- T. The Board shall give in writing to the Federation president the list of extra-contractual positions as listed in Appendix E and personnel who hold those positions within twenty (20) days following the placement. After the start of each program, the Board shall give in writing to the Federation president within fifteen (15) days a list of any change in the above list.
- U. Conformity to Law Clause – Should any provision of this Agreement be or become contrary to law such provision shall not be performed or enforced except to the extent allowable by law, and the Parties

shall seek to negotiate a substitute provision to comply with the law while preserving the original intent of the provision. All other provisions of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

- V. Law Saving Clause – The contract may only be altered by a final decision of the highest State court or a lower court when no appeal has been made. The Board and Union will immediately negotiate for substitute language in accordance with the decision of the court on the relevant section(s).
- W. Negotiation Procedure - By mutual agreement or upon written request of either party, but no later than ninety (90) days before the expiration of the existing contract, negotiations will be undertaken for a successor contract.

ARTICLE VIII TEACHER RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

A. INJURIES AND ILLNESS

1. During the first days of disability involving Worker's Compensation, arising out of and in the course of employment by the Board, the Board will pay a teacher his full salary until Worker's Compensation insurance benefits for loss of income commence. Thereafter, a teacher sustaining any injury arising out of and in the course of employment by the Board will be compensated in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Worker's Compensation Act. Further, the Board will pay to the teacher a sum which, inclusive of Worker's Compensation and other disability benefits, will total not to exceed eighty percent (80%) of the teacher's regular salary, while the teacher is unable to return to work, for not to exceed one (1) calendar year. Provided, however, that if the teacher's disability is the result of a student assault that occurs on school property and arises out of and in the course of the teacher's employment, the teacher may draw upon the CTO/leave without waiting for ten (10) days to expire, and whether the teacher has worked a minimum of thirty (30) days for the School District, a sum which inclusive of Worker's Compensation and any other disability benefit provided, will equal 100% of the teacher's straight regular salary according to the Salary Schedule, for not to exceed one (1) calendar year. Absences will not be chargeable against a teacher's sick bank until the teacher has been absent for one (1) calendar year.
2. Before returning to work after an operation, injury or serious illness, a teacher will present to the Board Central Office a statement from his doctor stating that the teacher has satisfactorily recovered and is able to return to work. The Board may direct that the doctor's statement be corroborated by a statement from a doctor selected by the Board. If the dispute still exists, at the request of the Federation, the school physician and the employee's doctor will agree upon a third doctor to submit a report to the Board and to the teacher and the decision of such third party will be binding on both parties. The expense of the third doctor will be shared equally by the Board and the teacher.
3. A teacher who suffered a school-connected injury or any sickness which causes him to be disabled, will be reinstated with all pay increments he would otherwise have normally earned during the time of disability during the first year following the commencement of the disability. Upon return, the teacher will be assigned to his original position or to a position of like nature, seniority, status and pay.

4. In case of partial disability resulting from either illness or injury, verified by medical certification, which may incapacitate a teacher from discharging his full duties, his position and assignment will be adapted to the disability whenever possible. In such case, salary will be mutually agreed upon by the Board with the teacher and the Federation and nothing herein will preclude such agreement being reached.

B. INSURANCE

1. The Board of Education will provide Life Insurance equal to \$50,000.00 with Accidental Death and Dismemberment (Double indemnity for accidental death).
2. The Board will provide Health Alliance Plan (HAP) medical insurance and prescription coverage with \$10.00 co-pay. (See benefit summary attached (Appendix H.) and Part d. below.)
 - a. The Board will pay a pro-rated portion of the hospitalization and medical coverage for a regular part-time teacher desiring hospitalization (50% of Full Day and up).
 - b. Hospitalization, prescription and life insurance premiums will be paid by the Board for two (2) months following the use of all CTO/disability days to which a teacher is entitled (See part d. below.)
 - c. DCCR-Dependent Child Rider will be in effect. (See benefit summary attached in Appendix H.)
 - d. Any other provision of this agreement notwithstanding, all teachers shall be liable for a portion of the premium payment for their hospitalization, medical and prescription insurance. For the duration of this agreement and until changed by the parties; all teachers will pay twenty percent (20%) of the total cost of their hospitalization, medical, and prescription insurance.
 - e. In an effort to contain costs, both parties agree that the district's health care coverage will be reviewed annually. The Director of Finance will obtain such alternatives to the existing plan as may be necessary to provide affordable insurance, while at the same time providing comparable coverage. The Director of Finance will share said alternatives with the Union President and work to obtain mutually-agreeable coverage.

3. Dental Insurance

100% paid dental insurance policy will be provided to a full time teacher by the Board. The full benefit summary is found in Appendix H.

The Board reserves the right to name the carrier.

4. Long Term Disability and Managed Sick Leave Policy

The Board shall provide at no cost to the teacher or bargaining agent a policy which will guarantee disability income benefits to a teacher who is unable to perform his or her duties because of illness or conditions physical or mental (excluding the following conditions of Appendix A.) See Appendix A. The Board reserves the right to name the carrier.

The teacher is responsible to use leave days (CTO and sick days) to be paid through the first sixty (60) calendar days of the illness. If the employee does not have leave days to use, these days will be unpaid (docked). On the sixty-first (61st) day of illness the insurance program will start and continue payments, according to the specifications of the policy, providing the teacher provides a statement from the doctor stating the illness and that the employee is unable to perform his/her duties.

The coverage and benefits of Appendix A will remain the same; the benefits are of the minimum allowed by the contract and only an increase of benefits will be accepted. All other procedures, definitions and requirements will not be changed or altered. All future policies cannot deviate from the specifications detailed in Appendix A. The carrier will be the sole decision of the Board providing the Federation has the guaranteed right to eliminate or refuse any carrier which does not meet all the specifications in Appendix A before Board adoption of the carrier.

- a. A teacher receiving benefits from the insurance company will be considered on sick leave for the length of the disability. Upon return, seniority and pay step to be determined by Article VIII, Section E (Leave of Absence).
- b. Any forms filled out by the teacher in order to collect benefits from the company or any other processes or procedures required by the insurer, will not be used by the Board or its agents to negate or modify any of the teacher's contractual or statutory rights with the Board of Education, other than those financial rights replaced by the policy. It will be clear that such requirements are being followed for financial benefits only.
- c. Hospitalization and group life insurance premiums will be paid by the Board for two (2) months following the use of all sick leave days to which the teacher is entitled.
- d. The teacher will be able to participate fully in all contractual group fringe benefits at his own expense at the group rate, once the contractual obligations of the Board contributions for these group benefits expire.

Failure of the carrier to meet the provisions of this contract will result in the Board and Federation initiating appropriate legal action to protect this provision of the contract. Costs to be shared equally.

5. The Board will provide vision insurance with the full benefit summary found in Appendix H.

Benefits are available once every twelve (12) months.

6. A teacher who receives hospitalization and prescription benefits from another source may decline hospitalization and prescription benefits under this contract. In lieu of said benefits, the teacher shall receive a stipend of \$2,000.00 per school year (payable in twenty [20] equal installments of \$100.00 each, starting in September). This option must be elected prior to the school year and cannot be revoked during the school year unless the teacher's current hospitalization benefits are changed or terminated (the stipend will then be prorated for the months that it was in effect).
7. The Board shall not provide dual hospitalization and prescription insurance coverage to spouses, both of which are employed by the Board. If both employees are covered by any contract, one spouse shall select the stipend provided in Section B. 6. above, or the cash in lieu of health insurance option in this contract.

C. TEACHER'S PROPERTY

1. The Board will reimburse a teacher within fifty (50) days of a claim made to the Board for the teacher's property loss sustained under the following conditions:
 - a. Personal property, used for educational instruction when written approval for such use is obtained in advance from the Principal.
 - b. Clothing torn or damaged by children in the classroom in school or on a field trip.
 - c. Teacher's automobile damaged on school property.
2. Three (3) descriptive copies of a claim will be given to the Board by the teacher within five (5) days upon receiving information that damage occurred on school property.
3. Decision by the Board will be made within thirty (30) days of their filing of the claim. If the claim is granted, payment by the Board will be made within twenty (20) days.
4. A determination by the Board relative to such a claim will be final.

D. MISCELLANEOUS TEACHER RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

1. Teacher will have an assigned desk and an adequate filing cabinet. A rotary pencil sharpener, computer, and dictionary will be provided in each classroom in both the elementary and secondary schools.
2. A teacher will not be required to transport students.
3. A teacher will have a duty-free lunch period. A teacher may leave the building to which he is assigned during his lunch period except that on inclement weather days, in the elementary schools, a teacher will be available for assigned duties after the lunch period. Inclement weather days will be defined as days when the temperature, rain, snow, mud or icy conditions on the playground present a hazard to the health or safety of the students.

The definition of inclement weather days shall be consistent throughout the district. All inclement weather days will be recorded at the school. This record will be available to the Federation upon request.

4. The regular duty day of teachers, including lunch period, shall consist of seven and one-quarter ($7\frac{1}{4}$) hours. Beyond the regular day, teachers will be required to be in attendance at least five (5) hours per year in the teacher's assigned building. It shall be the responsibility of the teacher to log his/her hours of attendance and report such hours to the building principal at the end of the school year on a form provided by the Superintendent.
5. a. The scoring and recording of standardized tests that are Board of Education assigned shall not be the responsibility of the classroom teacher.

The principal's office staff will complete the preparations of CA-60.

- b. Clerical help will be provided kindergarten teachers at the beginning and end of each year. Additional time for Parent-Kindergarten teacher conferences will be provided at the discretion of the principal.
6. Nothing in this section shall violate information whose confidentiality is provided for by law.
 - a. Teachers shall have the right to inspect, comment upon and shall be given a duplicate of the material in their own individual personnel file.
 - b. A copy of administrative or parental compliments, complaints, evaluations or any other material shall be given to a teacher whenever such material is placed in the teacher's personnel file. If there is a written follow-up to such material, the teacher shall receive a copy.
 - c. A teacher shall have the right to submit a written response to any material filed. Such response shall be included in the teacher's individual personnel file and attached to the copy of the related material.
 - d. The personnel file shall constitute the official employment record of the teacher. It is recognized that only material which has been placed in the teacher's personnel file following the above procedure may be used as a basis for official action against a teacher.
 - e. All documents, communications and records dealing with a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel file.
 - f. The teacher shall have the right to remove any material in his own individual personnel file that is four (4) or more years old providing the teacher is not currently involved in corrective action.
 - g. If the Board receives a Freedom of Information Act request concerning materials contained in a bargaining unit member's personnel file, it will notify the Federation and the bargaining unit member prior to or at the time of fulfilling the request of the materials requested and if requested by the bargaining unit member, furnish copies of the materials. The Board reserves the right to charge the Federation the same amount for copies as it charges the person making the request under the Freedom of Information Act. If other requested materials are not in the personnel file and the bargaining unit member is named in the F.O.I.A. request, then the foregoing shall also apply.
 7.
 - a. A teacher shall have at least five (5) preparation periods per week totaling not less than 275 minutes. Whenever feasible, the Board will provide for a location within each school that is private and equipped with a telephone for teachers to use in carrying out their professional duties requiring communications by telephone. Elementary classroom teachers will not need to be present during their scheduled library instruction time (20 minutes per week).
 - b. Elementary classroom teachers will group before and after school time in blocks of fifteen (15) minutes each.

- c. A secondary teacher will not be responsible for more than three (3) different class preparations per day without his consent.
8. A teacher will be assigned to work in his/her Highly Qualified certification per the No Child Left Behind regulations as adopted by the State of Michigan. A teacher will not be assigned to subject areas outside his/her major or minor certification except on a temporary basis (not to exceed the remainder of the school year.)
9. Building meetings will be scheduled on school time whenever possible, without infringing upon class time.
 - a. Building meetings, when called by the principal, will begin fifteen (15) minutes after school on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month.
 1. An agenda of the meeting shall be provided to each teacher no later than the end of the school day on the 3rd Monday of each month.
 2. An additional three (3) meetings may be called at the discretion of the principal.
 3. The meetings will not exceed one (1) hour in length.
 4. Teacher attendance will be mandatory.
 - b. The date of 'Open House' shall be at the discretion of the building principal but will not be held on the first or second Tuesday of the month because of Union meetings.
 1. On the day of 'Open House', school will be dismissed two (2) hours early.
 2. Teacher attendance will be mandatory.
 3. Teachers shall arrive no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start and shall remain at least fifteen (15) minutes after the close of the scheduled time.
 4. The scheduled duration of 'Open House' shall not exceed one and one-half (1½) hours.
10. Assignment and Transfer:

The first step in staffing the educational program in each year shall be through the assignment and/or reassignment of bargaining unit members within a building or department.

The second step in staffing will be the assignment and/or reassignment of “displaced” bargaining unit members. A bargaining unit member will be considered “displaced” if his/her position has been eliminated (i.e., the elimination of a program or reduction of a grade) or if s/he is scheduled to return from a leave of absence of one year or longer.

The bargaining unit members who are displaced because of the elimination of a program or reduction of a grade will be notified either by letter or by a meeting with administration regarding this change in status no later than the last teacher workday of each year.

If a current full time bargaining unit member wishes to be considered for a part time position in the following academic year, a request must be submitted to the building administrator no later than March 15. Likewise, if a full time bargaining unit member who voluntarily opted for part time status wishes to return to their full time position in the next academic year, a request must be submitted no later than March 15. A member who chooses not to return to their full time position, but remains in a part time position after one year, forfeits their rights to the original position and must wait until a full time position is posted.

Bargaining unit members who are displaced and/or laid off and can only accept a part time position shall accumulate seniority at a full-time rate unless the member has chosen a part time position as described above.

- a. Vacancies will be posted as they arise in grades K-12 within five (5) days after the Board is made aware of the vacancy. A final posting will be emailed on or about August 1st. Vacancies occurring after August 1st will be posted on web site and via e-mail at www.melnap.k12.mi.us.
- b. A request to fill a vacancy or transfer will be obtainable from the superintendent's office or the web site. In order for a request to be considered, a teacher will state the school-requested position and/or assignment. The completed form will be sent to the superintendent's office. Posting will be made available within fifteen (15) days from the date a vacancy is filled as to whether the request was granted or denied.
- c. No teacher will be transferred against his will without valid and demonstrable reason.
- d. If there is more than one applicant equally qualified to fill a vacancy, the applicant with the greatest seniority will be granted the transfer.
- e. A teacher will be informed of his tentative teaching assignment for the following school year prior to summer recess.
- f. No teacher shall hold two or more extra contractual positions that require his supervision or presence at the same time.
- g. When an appropriate room is vacated by a leaving teacher or a transfer, teachers in the building will be allowed to request the room. The teacher with the most seniority will be given the room unless circumstances make the move unfeasible.
- h. The interim openings are to be filled at the discretion of the Board.

A decision as to the individual to fill the permanent position will be made within a reasonable time.

- i. Where transfers are required because all or part of the student body is moving to a new or different school, the staff of the school being closed or reduced shall have the first choice of any vacant positions created by the movement of the students (choice to be based on seniority, the most senior person to choose first).

11. When a teacher leaves the building during the school day, he must first notify the principal or designee, except at regularly scheduled lunchtime.
12. On any day during which a teacher is engaged in activity or business under the direction and approval of the Board, he will not be regarded as absent, even though such activity might require the teacher to be present in a place other than that of his regular assignment. The following items are listed as examples (inclusive but not exclusive).
 - a. Attendance at institutes or conferences.
 - b. Serving on educational committees or commissions such as those established by the Legislature or State Department of Public Instruction.
 - c. Visiting days to other schools or school sponsored trips.
 - d. Absence occasioned by programs of the Michigan Federation of Teachers and the Melvindale Federation of Teachers for educational activities.

13. CLASS SIZE

- a. A week beyond Count Day, if the maximum number of students in a regular classroom exceeds the limits stated in paragraph d. (below), except for specialized instruction or subject matter which permits larger class sizes such as chorus, band, and physical education, the affected classroom teacher will receive one (1) hour of secretarial help on a cumulative basis each week per student in excess of the limits.
- b. A Federation representative may meet with the principal to review class size and the schedule. The principal shall make self available within two (2) days of notification by the Federation.
- c. In reimbursable Special Education classes, class size will not exceed Michigan Department of Education standards.
- d. It is recognized by the Board and the Federation that the pupil-teacher ratio is an important aspect of an effective program. Therefore, they agree that every effort will be made to keep class size at an acceptable number taking into consideration the building and classroom facilities available and the best interest of the district as deemed administratively and educationally feasible.

The maximum number of students in a teacher's class during the term of this agreement shall be:

1. The kindergarten classes will be held within a range of 25-31 with an overall class average between 28 and 29 students.
2. The 1-6 classes will be held within a range of 26-31 for grades 1 through 3 and 26-32 for grades 4 through 6 with an overall class average per building between 29 and 30 students except in the areas of chorus and band.
3. In cases where split classes are unavoidable, the class size will be held within a range of 20-26 students.

4. All secondary schools with a six (6) hour day will hold the classes within a range of 18-36 with a maximum of 160 students assigned to any teacher except physical education, chorus, band and study hall. If a teacher has fewer than five (5) classroom teaching periods, then the maximum per day shall be thirty two times the number of teaching periods. All secondary schools with a seven (7) hour day will hold ELA classes within a range of 18-36 with a maximum of 180 students assigned to any teacher and all other classes except physical education, chorus, band and study hall will be held within a range of 18-36 students with a maximum of 190 students assigned to any teacher. If a teacher has fewer than six (6) classroom teaching periods, then the maximum per day shall be thirty two times the number of teaching periods. These class sizes may be exceeded with consent from the teacher. During the school year, special efforts will be made to equalize class counts in similar areas (example - 6th grade, Basic Math, Typing I, Advanced English, etc.)

14. A payroll schedule will be distributed at the commencement of the school year giving a full-time teacher the option of choosing a ten or twelve month pay plan. This option will be available no later than Friday of the first week of school and will be irrevocable for that year. In the absence of such a timely election, a teacher will be paid according to the ten-month pay plan.

15. Whenever possible, the Board will provide for the handling, by non-certified personnel, of lunchroom responsibilities. The Board will provide for the handling of non-teaching duties (such as playground supervision, money collection and routine clerical chores) by non-certified personnel.

16.
 - a. A teacher will furnish the Central Office his address and telephone number and promptly notify the office of any change. The teacher's telephone number will not be published in the directory if a teacher so requests.

 - b. The Board will issue an identification card to a teacher which will serve as a pass for the teacher and his family to all athletic events and other events sponsored by the School District.

17.
 - a. No position will be permanently filled by a substitute teacher.

 - b. A substitute will be provided for a special teacher who is scheduled for one building, while another building at which he teaches is having a workshop applicable to him.

 - c. A teacher will not have his normal class load increased by acting as substitute for an absent teacher unless he agrees to do so and no other substitute is available. If a teacher relinquishes his regular preparation period on a continuous basis for financial remuneration, he must make up his preparation time on a daily basis immediately following the regular school day. A teacher may substitute only during his designated preparation period. In the case of emergency, counselors may be used as substitutes at any time. A teacher's regular assignment shall not be canceled to act as a substitute.

18. A kindergarten pupil will receive a minimum of thirty (30) minutes of gym instruction each week.

19. Requisitioning and budgeting will be categorized as follows:

- a. K through 1
- b. 2 through 5
- c. 6 through 8
- d. 9 through 12

Upon reasonable request, daily teaching supplies (pencils, staples, Scotch tape, folders, chalk, etc.) shall be given the teacher within budget limits.

20. Regularly scheduled testing will be scheduled at times which are least disruptive to the instructional program.
21. A student teacher will be assigned only to a tenured teacher who is permanently certified for the grade level and subject, who voluntarily accepts the assignment.

No teacher will be assigned more than one (1) student teacher in a period of four (4) consecutive semesters when other teachers in that subject are willing and available. The Federation will be provided with a list containing all assignments.

22. The Board will provide a copy of the Collective Bargaining Contract to each teacher within forty-five (45) days after execution. An electronic copy will be acceptable.
23. Elementary and middle school report cards will be distributed every ten (10) weeks. High school report cards will be distributed three (3) times in a semester. It will be the professional responsibility of the teacher to notify the parents in advance if the student is not meeting the class requirements. A standardized form will be available in the office.
24. The Board of Education agrees to use and maintain a district wide call-in system for absences.
25. The Board shall provide a safe working station, free of hazards, to the health and safety of the teachers and students.
26. Monitoring - All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a teacher shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the teacher. The use of eavesdropping, closed circuit television, public address or audio systems and any similar devices, shall not be used without the full knowledge and consent of the teacher.
27. During the period of a teacher's employment and thereafter, a teacher shall have and retain all property and copyright interests in and to any book, article, publication, motion picture filmstrip, recording musical composition, curricular outline, teaching materials, or other creative or copyrightable work, written, composed, created or devised by such teacher. The Board reserves the right to use the material without cost or royalties which might be incurred due to copyright interests.
28. In the absence of the principal or secretary, or in exceptional situations, a teacher may be required to administer medication to a student. The teacher must have access to a form minimally indicating parental consent, physician's signature, amount to be given at school, and a description of the medications. The Board will carry a minimum of \$1,500,000 liability insurance for members of the bargaining unit.

29. a. The Board will provide one (1) one-half (1/2) day to hold Parent/Teacher Conferences in both the fall and spring and offer two (2) evening teacher/parent conference sessions with one (1) full day of no instruction as compensation for evening sessions at the elementary and middle school levels (see calendars for determined date.) The Board will provide two (2) one-half (1/2) day sessions in both the fall and spring and offer one (1) evening teacher/parent conference session with one (1) full day of no instruction as compensation for the evening session at the high school level. The teacher/parent conferences shall occur the last three days of the 2nd week following the end of the 1st and 3rd marking periods. Teacher attendance will be mandatory.

The three (3) days for elementary and middle school schedule of teacher/parent conferences shall be as follows:

- 1st day: Regular day of student instruction.
Evening available for teacher/parent conferences from 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- 2nd day Regular day of student instruction.
Evening available for teacher/parent conferences from 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.
- 3rd day Professional Development in AM.
One (1) hour lunch period.
Afternoon available for teacher/parent conferences until regular dismissal time.

See calendar for determined date of no student instruction/no teachers report (as compensation for two (2) evening conference sessions.)

The two (2) days allotted for high school teacher/parent conferences shall be as follows:

- 1st day: Morning with regular student instruction.
One (1) hour lunch period.
Afternoon available for teacher/parent conferences until regular dismissal time.
- 2nd day: Morning with regular student instruction.
One (1) hour lunch period.
Afternoon available for teacher/parent conferences until regular dismissal time.
Evening available for teacher/parent conferences from 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.

See calendar for determined date of no student instruction/no teachers report.

- b. Any and all IEPs, METs, REEDs or any meeting pertaining to the Special Education Program or 504s may be held during fall and spring teacher/parent conferences. (The teacher will have the 15 minute allotted conference time to discuss the student with the parents/guardians and the 15 minutes after will be handled by the case manager without the general education teacher present.) Scheduling will be done by the teacher and case manager.

- c. Any and all IEPs, METs, REEDs or any meeting pertaining to the Special Education Program or 504s that are not able to be held in sections “a” will be scheduled either before or after school.
- d. Any and all IEPs, METs, REEDs or any meeting pertaining to the Special Education Department or 504s will be scheduled by the administration in two ways:
 - 1. During regular teaching time with a substitute teacher being provided for the classroom teacher.
 - 2. Mandatory before or after school with 24-hour notice.

Every effort will be made to schedule all IEPs, METs, REEDs or any meeting pertaining to the Special Education Program, or 504s so that all parties involved can easily attend the meetings. Meetings held after school shall begin with fifteen (15) minutes after teacher dismissal time, unless a member of the bargaining unit is not present.

The administrator will log in the time the IEP, MET, REED or meeting pertaining to the Special Education Program or 504 begins and ends.

Teachers will be paid for any time spent beyond the length of the regular teaching day.

E. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An extended absence will be applied for and granted in writing. The superintendent will submit teacher's application for leave to the Board for approval. A teacher returning from leave will be placed by the administration, but it cannot be guaranteed that he will be placed in exactly the same position or school he left, except as specifically provided infra as to 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10 infra. If a teacher gives written notice at least sixty (60) days before the commencement of school that he is returning from a leave at the commencement of school, he will be returned to the position he held at the commencement of the leave, providing the position is in existence, and if not, to a position of like nature, seniority, pay and status. If a teacher returns from a leave during the school year, he will be placed in a position of like nature, seniority, status and pay, as the position he held at the commencement of the leave. At the commencement of the next school year, he will be returned to the position he held at the commencement of the leave, providing the position is in existence, and if not, to a position of like nature, seniority, status and pay. In categories 4, 5, and 7 below, not more than 2% of the members of the bargaining unit may participate in any one school year.

A teacher on leave who wishes to return will notify the Central Office of his intent to return, at least sixty (60) days (calendar) before the commencement of the school year.

The Family Medical Leave is available for leaves regarding personal illness or injury, care for a sick member of the immediate family, and maternity leaves. In reference to the Board Policy, the FMLA may be used by employees with at least one full year of service and at least 1,250 hours of work in the last 12 months. These requirements entitle the employee to a leave of up to 12 weeks in any rolling year period. The leave may be continuous or intermittent contingent on the agreement between the employee and the CEO/Superintendent.

During the FMLA, the employee must use accumulated sick leave and/or personal leave prior to going on an unpaid status. Benefits will continue during the FMLA upon payment of appropriate contributions.

At the expiration of a leave of absence, including FMLA, if an employee has not notified the district of his intent to return to work and no extension has been granted, the Board shall hold a hearing and determine if the teacher has abandoned the employment of the district.

1. Care for a sick member of the immediate family:

Not more than one (1) school year for the care of a sick member of his/her immediate family, without pay and without increment ("Immediate family" is defined under the section on CTO/Leave). Sufficient proof that such leave is necessary, such as certification by attending physician, will be required by the superintendent before such leave shall be granted.

2. Personal illness or injury:

The Board will grant a leave of absence to a teacher who is unable to perform his regular duties for an extended period of time, not to exceed one (1) school year, for personal injury or illness, without increment and without pay, providing written certification of illness is received from a physician.

3. Childcare leave/Maternity leave:

Childcare leave without pay shall be granted for up to one (1) full year (unless mutually extended) to all full-time tenure teachers who desire to return to employment in a similar capacity at a time consistent with the needs of the District as determined by the Board. Each approved childcare/maternity leave of absence shall be of a reasonable duration required to meet the purpose of the leave consistent with a reasonable continuity of instruction of students. Leaves of absence for the purpose of childcare shall be granted under the following conditions:

Request for childcare leave must be made in writing to the Superintendent at least ninety (90) calendar days before the leave is to begin, stating the beginning and ending dates of the requested leave.

Requested dates of departure and return must be acceptable to the administration and the Board. Such leave shall not be allowed after the first day of school following the child's first birthday, or in case of adoption, the first day of school following the anniversary date of the adopted child's reception into the family.

In case of adoption the Superintendent of Schools will be notified in writing within ten (10) days of filing an application for a child with an adoption agency.

In the case of adoption the Superintendent of Schools will be notified in writing immediately upon notification to the teacher that child placement or custody is about to take place. (Specific date, if known, must be indicated.)

4. Advanced Study:

The Board of Education will grant a leave of absence for one (1) year or one (1) semester, without pay, but with increment, for advanced study in an educational institution of recognized rank upon written request.

5. Work Experience:

The Board of Education will grant a leave of absence, without pay but with increment, for work experience directed by the Board of Education (i.e., teaching in governmental programs as a foreign exchange teacher).

6. Military Leave:

A tenure teacher, who may enlist for one (1) period not to exceed four (4) years or to be conscripted into the defense forces of the United States for service or training, will be re-employed, but not necessarily in the same position, with full credit for annual increments under the salary schedule.

If not fulfilling previous reserve commitment, he/she will be on a leave of absence with pay after severing teacher duties during the first twenty (20) teaching days after severance.

7. Travel Experience:

The Board will grant a leave of absence, without pay or increment, for cultural travel, unless such absence will adversely affect the instructional program.

8. Federation Position:

Teacher who is appointed or elected to a full time position with the Federation will be granted a leave of absence without pay but with salary increment upon return. Such leave will be limited to one (1) staff member not to exceed two (2) school years.

9. Central Sick Leave Bank (CSLB)

a. The purpose of this bank is to provide income continuation of any participating MFT member who has suffered a catastrophic illness and/or injury after exhausting his/her CTO/disability bank. Participating members will be defined as any member having contributed to the CSLB as determined by the Melvindale Federation of Teachers. Those receiving the CSLB benefits will be treated as if using days from their personal CTO/disability bank until that employee can begin a disability sick leave.

b. Criteria for the CSLB benefits are:

i. A person is eligible for these benefits only if he/she is a participating member of CSLB prior to suffering a catastrophic illness or injury.

- ii. Any participating member suffering a catastrophic illness or injury (approved for CSLB) will immediately become eligible to draw from the CSLB once his/her personal CTO/disability bank has been exhausted.
 - iii. To be eligible for consideration to receive CSLB benefits, the participating member must submit a statement of verification from two (2) health care professionals, one of whom is the doctor, describing the nature of illness or injury, the treatment required, and duration of care.
 - iv. This illness/injury is so disabling or life threatening that the personal requires extensive treatment or convalescence.
- c. The CSLB will be funded by voluntary contributions from existing CTO/disability banks of the Federation Members. Each member of the Melvindale Federation wishing to participate will be able to do so in writing annually. The Melvindale Federation of Teachers will be responsible to establish, maintain and administer the CSLB. The CSLB records will be shared with Central Office.
 - d. The CSLB distribution ends immediately upon the start of a disability sick leave.
 - e. Denial of access to the CSLB benefit is not subject to the grievance procedure.
 - f. The Melvindale Federation of Teachers agree to indemnify and hold the District harmless, and to release and forever discharge the District and its Board Members, officers, agents, employees and assigns from any and all complaints, expenses, claims for damage or injury, contribution and/or indemnification, judgments and causes of action of any kind, at law or in equity, including the payment of damages or judgments, and the provision of legal services or the payment of fees and costs incurred therefore, arising out of, or in consequence of this provision.

10. CTO/Leave:

- a. A teacher covered by this agreement will accumulate one and one-fifth (1.2) days of CTO/leave allowance, as defined herein, for each month the teacher receives pay in his regular yearly position but not to exceed twelve (12) days per year. Unused CTO leave days will accumulate and after the current year be designated as "Sick Bank." A teacher's absence will be first chargeable to his/her current CTO leave allowance, then "Sick Bank." A teacher, while on CTO leave, will be deemed to be on continued employment for the purpose of computing all benefits referred to in this agreement, except as herein stated.
- b. CTO leave will be advanced at the beginning of the school year. A deduction will be made from a teacher's final salary check for CTO leave used in excess of earned CTO leave if a teacher's employment is terminated prior to the end of the school year.
- c. The superintendent, or if s/he directs, each building principal, will establish a procedure for reporting expected absences to a central reporting point. The procedure will set forth the number of hours notice the teacher must give before returning to duty.

- d. A statement of his/her accumulated (CTO allowance/sick bank) days will be given to all teachers by the first pay period in October.
- e. No deduction in pay will result from absence from duty while a teacher is on CTO leave until his absence exceeds his CTO leave allowance and Sick Bank.
- f. Upon proper notice, indicating the cause, a teacher's absence, due to the following, may be charged against CTO leave:
 - i. Absence occasioned by a teacher's illness or injury;
 - ii. Absence occasioned by an emergency, illness or injury in the teacher's immediate family: "Immediate family" means spouse, child, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents, and any other relative or non-relative living or making his home in the household of the teacher. Nursing and babysitting services are not covered by this provision. This leave will not exceed three (3) consecutive days nor ten (10) days in a school year.
 - iii. Religious observance:

All teachers shall be granted such days as shall be required by their religion for holy observance and abstention from work. Such days shall be deducted from CTO day accumulation. The teacher shall give five (5) days notice to his administrator.
- g. CTO leave allowance will not accrue, be used or granted for additional service such as night school, summer school, and supplemental positions and/or assignments. If a teacher's employment is terminated, all accumulated CTO leave allowance and Sick Bank will be forfeited. However, if a teacher resumes his employment and his absence has been through approved leave of absence or reduction of personnel, accumulated sick leave allowance will be restored.
- h. In case of absence, the teacher will notify the superintendent, or the principal, of his absence and return as noted in the contract. Failure of proper notice when a substitute has been placed on duty will result in deduction of one (1) day from the teacher's accumulated CTO leave allowance or Sick Bank.
- i. A teacher will not accumulate CTO leave during any month in which the teacher receives pay for less than the majority of the scheduled working days in that month.
- j. Any unused CTO days will be converted and placed into a bank from one contract year to the next contract year. This bank will be called the Sick Bank. Once a day is in this bank it can only be used for illness or injury. If three (3) or more consecutive days are used out of this Sick Bank, a doctor's script shall be required. No compensation or severance will be paid for any of these days.
- k. Any teacher that has exhausted all CTO and sick bank days must submit a doctor's script for each day of absence upon returning to work.

11. Involuntary leave:

A teacher may be requested to take Involuntary Leave when it has become apparent to the superintendent that the teacher is no longer able to physically and/or mentally discharge the duties of his position in a competent professional manner.

- a. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent and the approval of the Board, the superintendent may request in writing that a teacher take a physical or mental examination at Board expense, the results of which may be used for determining Involuntary Leave.
- b. When an examination is requested, a report of three (3) physicians will be required; one (1) physician will be selected by the teacher, one (1) selected by the Board and a third will be mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- c. Should the examination prove sickness, the teacher will be entitled to apply for personal illness or injury leave.
- d. A teacher requesting return from Involuntary Leave may return only upon the recommendation of the superintendent following a re-examination according to the procedures outlined (b) above and by approval of the Board, within the provision of the State Tenure Act.
- e. Reinstatement will occur no later than the beginning of the semester following the approval of the superintendent's recommendation by the Board.

12. Public office leave

The Board will grant a leave of absence up to two (2) years, or the length of the term of office, without pay or increment, to any teacher to campaign for himself or serve in a public office.

13. Funeral leave

A teacher will be allowed four (4) consecutive days as funeral leave days, not to be deducted from sick leave, for a death in the teacher's immediate family. The funeral shall be within the four (4) consecutive days. The immediate family will be defined as spouse, child, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchild and other individuals living in the household of the employee being included in the definition under funeral leave.

14. Additional leave of absence will be granted for participation in: Armed Forces Dependents, school programs Peace Corps, or Department of Health, Education and Welfare Teachers exchange programs, with prior Board approval.

15. If the Board can find certified replacements, the Board shall grant up to two members leave of absence for one year, without pay or increment, or seniority to a teacher wishing to seek an alternative career outside the field of education. Seniority will be the basis for awarding. Employment, during the leave, in the field of education will result in disciplinary action. Applications must be received no later than March 15th for Board consideration.

16. Leave extension in difficult times

During a period of staff reduction or possible layoff of bargaining unit members, a teacher currently on an approved leave may be asked by the Superintendent to remain on leave for one year. The teacher who voluntarily chooses to remain on leave will receive one year seniority as compensation.

**ARTICLE IX
SALARY AND OTHER PAY BENEFITS**

- A. Consideration of outside classroom teaching experience on the salary schedule shall only be given for actual work experience in the field of education but the salary step which shall be no greater than work experience will be at the discretion of the Board.
- B. After commencement of school, if a teacher earns credit, before January 31st, that entitles him /her to additional salary. According to the salary schedule, he/she will receive the additional salary at the termination of the school year, retroactive to February 1st of that year. An additional earned degree must be from a Michigan-recognized fully-accredited university. Any teacher who begins an advanced degree program must notify the Board of Education of the estimated completion date for budget purposes.
- C. A teacher (including counselors) may substitute only during his/her designated preparation period. The rate of pay will be \$35.00 per designated preparation periods during which a teacher substitutes. Requests for substitute teaching during a teacher's preparation period will be made upwards from the bottom of the seniority list.
- D. Salary Schedules for the duration of the contract. (See Salary Appendix D.)

The Director of Finance has established a Tier 2 Salary Schedule for all teachers hired after 09/01/2010 containing the following added steps:

- Step A. 85% of BA minimum salary
- Step B. 90% of BA minimum salary
- Step C. 95% of BA minimum salary
- Step 1. BA minimum salary

Current teachers who are below the top step on the Salary Schedule on the effective date of this contract will advance a full step in each year of this contract. Teachers already at the top of the Salary Schedule will receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% stipend on the second (2nd) pay of October during both years of this contract.

If a teacher hired on or after 06/19/2006 earns any additional degrees after their first Masters, additional salary will not be granted. The maximum compensation for these teachers will be the single Masters level. Currently employed teachers hired prior to 06/19/2006, and already enrolled in a 2nd Masters/Ed Specialist program with at least ten (10) hours completed (official transcripts must be furnished) as of the effective beginning date of this contract, will be paid the 2nd Masters/Ed Specialist salary provided the program is completed no later than 09/01/2011. Any teacher hired prior to 06/19/2006 who completes a second Masters Degree/Ed Specialist after

09/01/2011 will receive \$2,000.00 as a 2nd Masters/EDS Step. Any teacher earning a Doctorate degree after 06/19/2006 will not receive additional compensation for that degree.

For recognition on the degree salary scale, the teacher must be certified and furnish official transcripts as required.

E. Extra Contractual Pay Schedule

1. The Board shall give in writing to the Federation president the list of extra-contractual positions as listed in Appendix E and the personnel who hold those positions within twenty (20) days following the placement. After the start of each program, the board shall give in writing to the Federation president within fifteen (15) days a list of any changes in the above list.
2. The following activities are to be paid on a prorated basis of the teacher's salary. Prior approval of the activity and its scheduled time must be obtained from the person in charge. The rate of pay will be based upon a pro-rata portion of the teacher's salary (Ex.: 6.75 hours per day times 200 days equals 1,350 hours, divided into his/her base annual salary).
 - a. Counseling (Saturday test program) - except when financial arrangements are made by an outside agency.
 - b. IEP meetings that extend beyond the regular working day.
3. Building School Improvement Teams/NCA will be eligible for "club" stipends as follows:
 - a. Five (5) teachers per building at Melvindale High, Strong Middle, and Allendale Elementary schools.
 - b. Three (3) teacher at Rogers Early Elementary School.
 - c. One (1) Chairperson at each building will receive an \$800 stipend per year.
 - d. Four (4) remaining teachers will each receive a \$500 stipend per year.
 - e. Three (3) days of School Business will be granted to building team members per year.
4. A teacher who is entitled to remuneration under items in Appendix E will be paid twice a year; the first pay of the second semester and the last pay of the second semester based on a 21 pay (payroll schedule). Only the last pay of the second semester will include the club stipends. A teacher who is entitled to remuneration under items E-8 a-d will also be paid during these two pays (payroll schedule).
5. In instances where released time is provided as in Robotics, Student Council, etc., the remuneration is for time spent above and beyond the released time.
6. Any regular contractual teacher position and/or assignment which extends beyond the school day will be paid on a prorated basis of the teacher's contractual salary.
7. The following will be paid a salary per hour as provided in this agreement.
 - a. Summer School Teachers
 - b. Federal Program Instructor (unless modified by the Federal Law or Regulation)
 - c. Seventh Hour Study Hall Teachers
 - d. After School Detention

The extra contractual hourly pay scale for members of this bargaining unit will be \$19.14. If no members of this bargaining unit choose to participate in the above mentioned Extra Contractual activities, the hourly pay will be \$11.85.

8. In the event a teacher is unable to complete an extra-contractual assignment, the remuneration received will be based upon the percentage of the activity completed and the amount allocated for the assignment.
9. Rates of pay and classification of new positions or functions related to instruction must be negotiated before positions can be filled.
10. All items in Article IX. E. will have the option of being paid as a 0-9 pay split on a regular paycheck. Teacher will select said option upon application for extra contractual remuneration.

F. Mileage Allowance

Regular duty within or outside the school district will be reimbursed at a rate per the Internal Revenue Service standard mileage allowance for that calendar year.

ARTICLE X SPECIAL CONFERENCE

An Administrator will meet informally with a Federation representative, or teacher, at a mutually agreed time to discuss a contract issue. A special conference for important matters will be arranged between the Federation President and a designated representative of the Board upon the request of either party. Such meeting will be between not more than two (2) representatives of each party unless additional representation is mutually agreed upon by the parties. Arrangements for such special conference will be made in advance and a written agenda of the matters to be considered will be presented at the time the conference is requested. A special conference may be held during the instructor's preparation period or after school. A Federation member will not lose time or pay for the amount of time spent in such special conference held during working hours.

The Federation has the right and responsibility to present matters which it believes are detrimental to the educational processes of the district to the Board after discussing the situation with the Superintendent of Schools.

ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. "Teacher" includes the Federation acting on behalf of a teacher. A grievance is defined as a complaint about an act or condition which a teacher conceives to be contrary to this contract. If a grievance arises, there will be no stoppage or suspension of work because of such grievance, but such grievance will be processed pursuant to the grievance procedures.

- B. A teacher may present a grievance to the Board or its designated representative, without the intervention of the Federation or its representatives, as long as any adjustment is not contrary to the terms of this agreement. However, when a teacher decides to process a grievance in his own behalf, the Federation will be entitled to have a representative present at any time.

A teacher will not be accompanied by, nor represented by an officer, executive, delegate or employee in any capacity of a teacher organization other than the Federation. An organization, other than the Federation, cannot lodge a grievance in its own behalf or in behalf of a teacher.

- C. The teacher with a grievance will discuss the matter with the principal informally.

D. Step 1:

In the event the matter is not resolved informally, the grievance, in writing, may be lodged with or submitted to the principal of the school in which the grievance arises, within five (5) days following the act or discovery of the act or condition which is the basis of the grievance.

Within three (3) days after receiving the complaint, the principal will answer the teacher, in writing with his reasons or reason therefore, with a copy to the Federation. The principal's reasons will not be legally binding on the Board.

Step 2:

Within five (5) days after the principal has delivered his answer, a written appeal from the decision may be made to the superintendent with a copy of the decision of the principal.

The grievance will be in writing and will set forth specifically the act or condition and the contract clauses allegedly violated on which the grievance is based, and signature of the teacher.

The superintendent, or acting superintendent, will give the teacher an answer in writing no later than five (5) days after the receipt of the grievance.

Step 3:

If the grievance is not resolved in Step 2, and the teacher within five (5) days after receipt of the answer from the superintendent requests a meeting, the Board and the teacher will meet within a reasonable time, not less than seven (7) calendar days nor more than fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the request. Three (3) days notice of such meeting will be given to the teacher, the Federation representative and the local Federation president and they will have an opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

The Board will mail or deliver its decision in writing, together with supporting reasons to the teacher and the Federation within ten (10) days of the date of the meeting.

Step 4:

If a satisfactory disposition of the grievance is not made as a result of the meeting provided for in Step 3 above, only the Federation will have the right to appeal the dispute to an impartial arbitrator. Such appeal must be filed with the American Arbitration Association within fifteen (15) days from the date

of the receipt of the Board's answer by the Federation. Arbitration will be conducted under and in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

1. The arbitrator will limit his decision strictly to the application and interpretation of the provisions of this contract, and he will have no authority to act in the following matters:
 - a. Where a complaint is being processed, at the initiation of the teacher through other legal procedures. (Example: Teacher Tenure Act).
 - b. Any matter stated in this contract in which the Board's decision is final.
2. The arbitrator's decision will be accepted as binding by the teacher and the Board. There will be no appeal by either party from an arbitrator's decision, if the decision is within the scope of the authority of the arbitrator. If the scope of the arbitrator's authority is litigated, the losing party will pay to the other party the cost of litigation and reasonable attorney fees.
3. In the event a case is appealed to an arbitrator and he has no power to rule, it will be referred back to the parties without decision or recommendation on its merits.
4. Expedited arbitration.
 - a. If the Federation is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the Board or if no disposition has been made within the period provided, the Federation may submit the grievance to expedited arbitration before an impartial arbitrator upon mutual agreement of the Federation and the Board. The arbitrator shall be selected by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its rules, which shall govern the proceeding. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of this agreement. Both parties agree to be bound by the award of the arbitrator.
 - b. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties.
 - c. Upon notification by the Federation of its intention to go to expedited arbitration, the Board will make its decision by the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

E. Time Limit

Any grievance not advanced to the next step within the time limit in that step will be deemed abandoned. If the superintendent or Board does not respond or perform any other required act relative to a grievance within the time specified, the grievance will be awarded without prejudice. Time limits may be extended mutually by the Board and the Federation, in writing, and if so, the new time limits will prevail. The time provisions are mandatory and are of the essence for this grievance procedure.

- F. Hearing held pursuant to this grievance procedure will be conducted at a time and place which will afford a reasonable opportunity for all persons, including witnesses, entitled to be present, to attend. If such hearings are conducted during school hours, all employees who are required to be present at the hearing will be excused with pay for that purpose.

- G. If a grievance arises from action by an authority higher than the principal or if it involves more than one building, the teacher or Federation may present a grievance at Step 2.
- H. No decision in any one case will require a retroactive salary or wage adjustment in any other case.
- I. If any probationary, tenure teacher, or bargaining unit member is excluded from coverage of the Tenure Act, for whom a grievance is sustained shall be found to have been unjustly discharged or unjustly denied renewal of his/her contract, he/she shall be reinstated with full reimbursement of all his professional compensation lost less proper deductions for wages earned in other positions. If any teacher shall have been found to have been improperly deprived of any professional compensation or advantage, the same or its equivalent in money shall be paid to him/her and his/her record cleansed of any reference to this action.

Notwithstanding the expiration of this agreement, any claim or grievance arising hereunder may be processed by the grievant through the grievance procedure until resolution.

ARTICLE XII STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- A. The teacher is immediately responsible for student supervision in the classroom, and except for emergencies and excused absences will be in the classroom.
- B. A child will be suspended from his class when, in the opinion of the principal and the teacher, the child is causing serious disruption. Within twenty-four (24) hours, a written report by the teacher will be delivered to the principal's office. The child may be readmitted by the principal after some adjustment has been made or the principal may hold a conference at which at least two (2) of the parties will be present:
 - 1. The principal or assistant principal
 - 2. A counselor
 - 3. Social worker, school psychologist or attendance officer
 - 4. The child
 - 5. A parent or parents of the child
 - 6. The teacher will be present at the conference if his presence is deemed necessary by the principal.

A teacher may temporarily suspend a pupil from a classroom when the grossness of the offense, the persistence of the misbehavior or the disruptive effect of the violation makes the continued presence of the student in the classroom intolerable. In such cases, the teacher will furnish the principal as promptly as his teaching obligations will allow, full particulars of the incident in writing. A teacher may use such restraints as necessary to protect himself from physical abuse or to prevent injury to another student so long as they are not inconsistent with existing legal statutes.

- C. The teacher will be informed of the results of the conference and/or adjustment by the principal. If the teacher disagrees with the principal's decision, the teacher may request an immediate hearing with the superintendent, who after hearing from both the teacher and principal, will make a decision which will be final and conclusive.

- D. If the Board determines that a teacher has been assaulted by a student on school property while the teacher is in the course of his employment, and if requested by the teacher, the Board will provide legal counsel as selected by the Board to advise the teacher of his rights. The Board's determination is final.
- E. If an action, civil or criminal, is instituted by a student against a teacher by reason of an act or acts committed by the teacher on school property and arising out of and in the course of the teacher's employment, and if requested, the Board will select and provide legal counsel to assist the teacher in his defense, provided the Board first determines that the teacher did not violate the rules, regulations or policies of the school district. The Board's determination is final.

**ARTICLE XIII
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS**

There will be no strikes by the Federation, its officers, representatives, or members. Nothing contained herein will be construed to limit, impair, or affect the right of any public employee to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint, or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment.

When the schools in the district are closed to the students because of severe inclement weather or an act of God, teachers shall not be required to report.

**ARTICLE XIV
WAIVER CLAUSE AND AMENDMENTS**

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Any amendment or agreement supplemental hereto will not be binding upon either party unless executed in writing by the parties hereto.

This agreement shall constitute a binding obligation of both the Board and the Federation and for the duration hereof may be altered, changed, added to, deleted from, or modified only through the voluntary, mutual consent of the Board and the Federation in written and signed amendment to this agreement.

**ARTICLE XV
VETERANS RIGHTS**

Veteran's reinstatement and re-employment rights will be governed by applicable Federal and State laws.

**ARTICLE XVI
JURY DUTY**

Notice of jury duty will be communicated immediately to the Central Office. If a teacher is compelled to serve, the Board will pay the difference between jury duty remuneration and his basic salary.

**ARTICLE XVII
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Rescheduled Instructional Days

1. If the number of hours or days of pupil instruction falls below the number of hours or days as required for State funding due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, then sufficient day(s) or hours of pupil instruction may be rescheduled on a day(s) mutually agreed upon between the District and the Federation.
2. On such day(s) when pupil instruction is not provided, Union members will not be required to work. Federation members will be required to work on the rescheduled day(s) as if it were a regularly-scheduled day(s).
3. On the rescheduled work day(s), the School District will not pay nor will Federation members receive any additional compensation, insurance benefits or fringe benefits under the contract.
4. It is understood and agreed that current/future legislation may mandate additional student instruction hours or days. Should legislation or rule increase days or hours beyond those required by this contract, the parties shall meet to negotiate all ramifications and compensations for said instructional days or hours.

ARTICLE XVIII REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL - FOR LAYOFF ONLY

Should changes in student population or financial conditions warrant an adjustment or reduction in staff the following procedures shall prevail:

- A. Before official action on layoff or reduction of bargaining unit members is taken by the Board, it will give notice to the Federation of the contemplated reduction and afford the Federation the opportunity to discuss it with the Superintendent. As soon as the names of the bargaining unit members to be laid off are known, a list of such names shall be given to the Federation.

A bargaining unit member who moves to an administrative or supervisory position shall retain, but not accumulate, seniority. Administrators hired from outside the bargaining unit employed shall not have seniority in the bargaining unit.

- B. In the event that reductions in staff are still required, then all such reductions shall be accomplished by terminating staff with the least seniority as that term shall be defined by this agreement. The procedure for reduction shall be as follows:
 1. Specially-certified teachers in specific positions being reduced or eliminated will be laid off first provided there are fully-qualified, fully-certificated teachers to replace and perform all of the duties of the laid off teachers.
 2. If reduction is still necessary, then probationary teachers in the specific positions being reduced or eliminated will be laid off, provided there are fully-qualified, fully certificated teachers to replace and perform all of the duties of the laid off teachers.
 3. The Board shall determine staff needs by job assignment. Upon a determination of which positions must be reduced, the teacher whose job has been eliminated may at his choice replace a teacher

with the least seniority teaching in that building, department and level. The teacher who must leave the building may at his choice replace a teacher with the least seniority teaching in the same department at the same level.

Each teacher left without a position will be placed in a district-wide pool and ranked in seniority order. The Central Office will supply to each teacher in the pool, a list consisting of the following information:

- a. All positions to be filled with required certification.
- b. For the purposes of staff adjustments and procedures described in this Article, State of Michigan and No Child Left Behind definitions of certification for subject areas in ALL grades will be the sole definition used.
- c. Members in the bump pool with current certification listed.

Starting with the most senior teacher, each teacher will be allowed to exhaust his valid Michigan Teaching Certificate or Certificates in all areas by replacing a teacher with the least seniority teaching at a level and in a department for which he is certified. Starting with the most senior teacher, each teacher will select a position to bump or transfer into, or pass his turn to the next senior teacher. The least senior teacher in the pool must elect a position or choose to be laid off. However, the teacher retains all other rights of the contract as stated in Article XVIII, Section "L". Each teacher bumped from a position will be immediately placed in the pool with all seniority rights as described above. At any time a teacher in the pool elects as position, the procedure begins again with the most senior teacher left in the pool. If more than one teacher bumps into a department and level, the choice of positions will be based on seniority, the most senior having the first choice.

- a. If a teacher holds more than one (1) valid Michigan Teaching Certificate, he will be allowed to exhaust each in all areas.
- b. For the purposes of staff adjustments and procedures described in this Article, State of Michigan and No Child Left Behind definitions of certification for subject areas in ALL grades will be the sole definition used.

- C. State and No Child Left Behind Federal laws as adopted by the State will govern teachers employed through annexation to the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District.

When a laid-off member of the bargaining unit acquires new certification, he will present his new credentials to the central office for verification. At the beginning of the school year or at the occurrence of a bump pool, he may issue a challenge to the most junior member of the bargaining unit holding a job for which he is now certified. He shall then be placed in the junior member's job. The junior member of the bargaining unit will be allowed to exhaust all options available in Article XVIII.

- D. A teacher on leave will be treated for purpose of layoff with the same consideration and seniority rights as if he were presently teaching in the classroom. His notice, if required, would have to be given at the same time as other teachers who would be laid off.

- E. All teachers will be recalled in order of seniority. Starting with the most senior teacher, each teacher will be allowed to exhaust his valid Michigan Teaching Certificate or Certificates in all areas being recalled. Teachers being recalled will be given ten (10) days from the date of the mailing of a registered letter of recall (which will identify all positions available at the time of recall) to indicate their acceptance or rejection of reemployment and to indicate the positions desired in order of preference. Positions will be awarded in seniority order. If the teacher indicates rejection of reemployment, the teacher will retain all rights of this contract as stated in Article XIX, provided; however, a laid-off teacher may only reject a position for which he is certified but not qualified (as per most recent posting). Rejection of a position for which a laid-off teacher is certified and qualified will be treated the same as a failure to respond. Failure to respond within the ten (10) day period will end the employee's seniority rights, except that a teacher who is sick shall notify the Board of his intent to return as soon as possible and, from the date of his notifying the Board, shall be deemed to be on sick leave. A substitute shall be hired in his place until he returns from sick leave. A substitute position of this nature shall be offered first to any remaining teachers who are yet laid off.
- F. No new teacher shall be hired in a subject area until all laid off teachers from that subject area have been recalled or decline the opening.
- G. No new teachers shall be hired in a subject area before teachers who are laid off from other subject areas, who may be qualified and who possess the necessary certification, are recalled or decline the opening. If a current teacher and/or a laid-off teacher is offered a part time assignment and accepts the position, the teacher shall have the right to a full time position should a subsequent opening occur provided the placement is consistent with the provisions of Article XVIII.
- H. Layoff means removal from the payroll with no employment rights, other than retention of seniority status and recall rights as noted above. Such rights shall extend through the duration of this Contract.
- I. "Seniority" shall be defined as total years of contracted service to the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park School District computed from the first day they reported for work. Part-time contractual employment, and substituting while on layoff shall not interrupt years of service and shall be prorated. Laid-off contracted teachers on the preferred substitute list shall accrue seniority for each day worked as a substitute as per Article XVIII, "L". Advanced study, care for sick member of the immediate family, work experience, maternity leave, military leave, federation position leave, sabbatical leave, sick leave, personal business leave, funeral leave, suspension with pay and suspension without pay for ten (10) days or less shall not be considered as interruption of years of service. All other approved leaves, including suspension without pay for more than ten (10) days, shall not count as years of service but seniority is computed from the first day of employment minus the time of such leave. If a person resigns, or otherwise leaves the employ of the district other than on an approved leave of absence and subsequently returns, seniority is computed from the first day they reported to work after returning to the employ of the Board.
1. In the event two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the date of signing of contract by individual teachers will be used to establish the longest seniority.
 2. In the event two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the number of degrees will be used to establish the longest seniority.
 3. In the event that two (2) or more teachers have equal seniority as defined above, the number of hours beyond the bachelor's degree will be used to establish the longest seniority.

- J. The Board and MFT recognize that frequent transfers of teachers from one school to another is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with optimum teacher performance.

In making involuntary transfers, the convenience and wishes of the individual teacher will be honored to the extent that these considerations do not conflict with instructional requirements. In the case of an involuntary transfer to fill an opening at a different level or building the least senior teacher meeting the certification requirements of the opening to be filled will be transferred. The teacher will be returned to his original position at the end of one year.

- K. A teacher who has been bumped and then has bumped into a new position shall have the opportunity to remain in his present position or return to his previous position (any position he did not voluntarily leave) should his previous position become vacant. Once a teacher has chosen not to return to a previous position, he loses the right to return to that position by this method.
- L. Following any teacher layoff and/or at the beginning of each school year, all teachers who have been laid off will be placed on the preferred substitute list in order of seniority. These preferred list teachers shall be called for substituting on identified or mutually agreed upon days of availability before any other substitutes.

Starting with the most senior teacher on the list, each teacher will be given a complete choice of all positions available for substituting at that time, eliminating each one as it is chosen. As soon as it is known that a substituting job will become a limited contract position, that position will be offered to the most senior qualified teacher on the preferred list not already holding a limited contract position, in order of seniority.

Each teacher on the preferred substitute list will begin at \$100.00 per day at the beginning of each school year.

One day seniority for each day worked as a substitute will be earned only by a teacher on the preferred substitute list.

If a teacher has worked 5-days-a-week substituting, then at the end of the school year each teacher on the preferential substitute list who has worked 90% of the days he/she was needed to substitute shall be awarded 200 days seniority in that school year. Under no circumstances shall any teacher accrue more than 200 days of seniority for one school year.

- M. The Board shall direct the superintendent or his designee to keep the Federation fully informed of all matters involving any condition or conditions brought about by this Article.

ARTICLE XIX TEACHER EVALUATION

A joint meeting with the Federation and Superintendent will convene when Michigan Department of Education releases parameters and guidelines.

ARTICLE XX DISCIPLINE OF TEACHERS

Progressive Discipline is a system of discipline where the penalties increase upon repeat occurrences of an event. Progressive discipline is a process for dealing with job-related behavior that does not meet expected and communicated performance standards. The primary purpose for progressive discipline is to assist the employee to understand that a performance problem or opportunity for improvement exists.

No teacher shall be disciplined (including warnings, reprimands, suspensions, reductions in rank or professional advantage, discharges or other actions of a disciplinary nature) without just cause. Any such discipline, including adverse disciplinary evaluation of teacher performance shall be subject to the grievance procedure hereinafter set forth including arbitration. The specific grounds forming the basis for disciplinary action will be made available to the teacher and the Federation in writing.

A teacher shall be entitled to have present a representative of the Federation during any disciplinary action when such action will become part of the teacher's personnel file. When a request for such representation is made, no action shall be taken with respect to the teacher until such representative of the Federation is present.

The Board agrees to follow a policy of progressive discipline which minimally shall include the following steps:

1. Verbal warning and/or written warning if the infraction is of a very serious nature.
2. Written warning
3. Reprimand
4. Suspension with pay (less the cost of a substitute)
5. Suspension without pay

with discharge as a final and last resort. Any disciplinary action taken against a teacher shall be appropriate to the behavior which precipitates said action.

Any complaint made against a teacher or person for whom the teacher is administratively responsible, by any parent, student, or any other person will be promptly called to the attention of the teacher. Any complaint not called to the attention of the teacher may not be used as the basis for any disciplinary action against the teacher.

For the purpose of this contract, a loss of pay that is not the result of any step in Article XX, (Discipline of Teachers) shall not be construed as a suspension.

ARTICLE XXI
TIME-SHARED TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

A. PURPOSE

A time-shared teaching program is to allow pairs of tenured teachers to voluntarily share full time assignments in order to increase work options, prevent possible lay-offs, to enable the employees to better meet the dual responsibilities of work and family, and to bring greater educational experiences to the District's students.

B. PROCEDURE

1. Each time-share teaching team (known hereafter as TST) submits a plan to the Building Administrator, Curriculum Director, Superintendent and the Board of Education for review with the following considerations:
 - a. partnerships (names of the team)
 - b. when each will teach
 - c. how the curriculum will be divided
 - d. when joint planning will take place
 - e. various duties/responsibilities divided (teacher meetings, IEPs, report cards)
 - f. specify how parent/teacher conferences and open house will be handled
 - g. how the one benefit package will be distributed by the partnership
2. Each plan will be individually evaluated by the Board of Education, have the final authority, will grant or deny the implementation of each TST. The decision rendered by the Board will be final and is not grievable or reviewable.
3. One representative from administration (Curriculum Director, Principal) and one representative from the Melvindale Federation of Teachers will facilitate the implementation of the program, when the TST plan is approved. The building principal will have the opportunity to interview teachers wanting to time-share in his/her building.

C. CONDITIONS FOR TIME-SHARE TEACHING

1. Positions that are available for time-share teaching may be determined by the Representatives of the Administration and Melvindale Federation of Teachers.
2. All TST positions will be for one (1) year, unless a TST team requests a renewal for the following year and the same is approved by the Board of Education.
3. At the termination of TST, both teachers will be assigned to their former building, positions, departments or a comparable assignment as is available given their certification.

4. TST teachers will be able to share at a 50%/50% at the elementary level, or a 40%/60% at the secondary level, or as agreeable to the Board, to complete a full-time position.
5. For each teacher on a shared teaching assignment, the granting of seniority and experience on the salary schedule will be determined on a case by case basis. Retirement credit is prorated by the State Retirement Office in relation to the hours worked per day.
6. Full preparation time will be provided and divided as equitably as possible within the assigned position.
7. A teacher who becomes a TST will not be granted a transfer to an open position for that school year. It may be granted for the following school year.

**ARTICLE XXII
DURATION OF CONTRACT**

This agreement will become effective September 1, 2012, and will continue in force and effect through July 31, 2014. However, at any time during this agreement a duly authorized representative of the Melvindale Northern-Allen Park Board of Education or a duly-authorized representative of the Melvindale Board of Teachers may request a meeting to discuss the contents of the contract and the contract may reopen for consideration of health care for the second year. The results of that meeting may, in fact, result in changes of the contract with agreement between the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Board of Education and the Melvindale Federation of Teachers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto executed this agreement by their duly-authorized Representatives.

Dated: June 18, 2012

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