



LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
of LONG BEACH

PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT
Child Development Centers
and
Head Start

Effective through
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1515 Hughes Way
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**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
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TEACHERS CONTRACT**

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- A. **PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT:** The articles and provisions contained herein constitute a bilateral and binding agreement (“Agreement”) by and between the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District (“District”) and the Teachers Association of Long Beach / California Teachers Association / National Education Association (“Association”), an employee organization.
- B. **ACCORDING TO “ACT”:** This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 10.7., Sections 3540-3549 of the Government Code (“Act”), the Educational Employment Relations Act.

ARTICLE II

Recognition of Exclusive Representative

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- 5 A. **ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED:** The District recognizes the Association as the sole and
6 exclusive bargaining agent for the certificated employees as certified by the Educational
7 Employment Relations Board (EERB) (LA-R-47, LA-R-113) on December 19, 1977, and
8 occupying classes listed below.
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- 10 B. **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS/HEAD START EMPLOYEES UNIT SHALL**
11 **INCLUDE:** All regular certificated employees under contract including teachers in the
12 Children's Center-based/Latch Key Program, California State Preschool Program, Educare
13 Program, Cal Safe Program and the Head Start Program, Head Start Head Teachers, Child
14 Development Center Coordinating Teachers, and District personnel assigned to Magnet
15 Child Care Programs.
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- 17 C. **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS/HEAD START EMPLOYEES UNIT SHALL**
18 **EXCLUDE:** All regular contract certificated K-12 classroom, JROTC, and specialist
19 teachers; program facilitators, nurses, librarians, school counselors, guidance counselors,
20 psychological services specialists, substitute teachers, and management, supervisory, and
21 confidential employees including Head Start and Child Development Center Program
22 Coordinators, Head Start Educational Specialists, and Head Start Assistant Directors.
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- 24 D. **TEACHER DEFINED:** "Teacher" refers to any employee who is included in the
25 appropriate unit as defined in Section A. above and therefore covered by the terms and
26 provisions of this Agreement.
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- 28 E. **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZED:** The Association, in turn, recognizes the
29 Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District as the duly elected
30 representatives of the people and agrees to negotiate exclusively with the District's
31 representatives through the provisions of the Educational Employment Relations Act.
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ARTICLE III**Reserved Rights of the District**

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5 A. The intention of this Article is to provide that the District retains all rights, powers, authority,
6 duties and responsibilities to direct, manage, and control conferred upon and vested in it by
7 the Laws and Constitution of the United States and the State of California. In delineating the
8 reserved rights of the District, it is not the intention of the parties to detract from or diminish
9 in any way the statutory right of the Association to represent unit members under the Act.
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11 B. It is agreed that all matters which are beyond the scope of negotiations as provided in
12 Government Code, Section 3543.2 and also all rights, powers and authority which are not
13 limited by the terms of this Agreement are reserved to the District. Such reserved rights shall
14 include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to:
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16 1. Determine its organization; determine the kinds and levels of services to be provided
17 and the methods and means of providing them;
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19 2. Maintain the efficiency of District operations; build, move, or modify facilities;
20 establish budget procedures and determine budgetary allocations; determine methods
21 of raising revenue; contract out work;
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23 3. Determine the times and hours of operation; determine staffing patterns and the
24 number and kinds of personnel required; direct the work of employees; hire, classify,
25 assign, evaluate, promote, discipline (pursuant to Education Code, Section 44944),
26 and terminate employees;
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28 4. Establish educational policies, goals and objectives; determine the curriculum, ensure
29 the rights and educational opportunities of students.
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31 C. The exercise of the foregoing rights, powers, authority, duties and responsibilities by the
32 District, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in furtherance thereof, and
33 the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the
34 specific express terms of this Agreement, by statutory rights of unit members and/or the
35 Association, and then only to the extent such specific and express terms are in conformance
36 with law. If there is a direct conflict between the aforementioned reserved rights of
37 management and the specific and express provisions of other articles of this Agreement, the
38 language of the latter shall prevail.
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40 D. The District retains its right to amend, modify, or rescind policies and practices referred to
41 in this Agreement for the duration of an emergency. An emergency shall be defined as those
42 unforeseen circumstances which substantially interrupt or threaten to interrupt the normal
43 District operation: natural disasters, epidemics, riots, police actions, national emergencies,
44 local exigencies.
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ARTICLE IV

Association Rights

- A. **ASSOCIATION USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES.** The Association and its members may utilize District school buildings and facilities.
1. Outside of operation hours, facilities and audiovisual equipment may be used for meeting purposes subject to the provisions of the Civic Center Act, except that under Section II, Article 7, of District Regulations for Use of School Facilities, the Association will not be subject to charge for meetings of their membership at which no admission is collected. However, if such meetings require the assignment of additional District personnel, the Association will be charged for such services.
 2. During operation hours, the District agrees, upon twenty-four (24) hour advance request, to grant the Association access to designated locations for the transaction of Association business with employees on non-duty time as provided in Section C. With regard to Child Development Centers the request shall be directed to the appropriate Program Coordinator; with regard to the Head Start Program requests shall be directed to the appropriate Education Specialist. Upon receiving such a request, the manager shall, after verifying there would be no conflict created in the use of the facility on the date and time requested, provide approval of the request.
 3. The District agrees that upon advance request the immediate manager of a school or office may grant TALB the occasional use of District computers, copiers, and other communication or media equipment under the following conditions:
 - a. Use of equipment occurs on non-duty time of the employee who must also be qualified to use the equipment;
 - b. Use does not interrupt or interfere with the normal student educational program or work production of District employees who need to use the equipment;
 - c. On or before June 30 of each year, TALB agrees to remit to the District \$1,000 (K-12 and CDC/Head Start inclusive) as reimbursement for the occasional use of District equipment. It is understood that site copy machines may be used only for communications specific to individual centers.
 - d. TALB requests shall be made through building representatives or officers to the site manager;
 - e. TALB acknowledges that site managers may refuse the use of equipment defined above if use by the Association interferes with the educational program or violates other provisions of this Agreement.

1 4. **Use of School Telephones and Cell Phones:**

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- 3 a. During those times when the employee is not responsible for the instruction
- 4 and/or supervision of students or other assigned duties and provided no pay
- 5 phone or personal cell phone is available, the school telephone may be used
- 6 for calls concerning matters of serious and compelling personal importance
- 7 that cannot be made before or after the workday.
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- 9 b. In addition to 4.a., designated site representatives, when not
- 10 responsible for the instruction and/or supervision of students or other
- 11 assigned duties, will have reasonable use of a school telephone for local calls
- 12 involving representation matters. The conduct of Association business will
- 13 not interfere with the business of the District.
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- 15 c. The use of the District phone to conduct personal enterprise is prohibited.
- 16 Toll calls shall be charged to the employee’s home phone bill by the
- 17 employee.

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19 B. **ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS:**

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- 21 1. **Bulletin Boards.** If bulletin boards are available at Child Development Centers and
- 22 Head Start Program sites, the District authorizes the Association to use without
- 23 charge one board. The designated area will be designated for employee association
- 24 information. The location of such bulletin board, designation of space, and resolution
- 25 of disputes about use of space shall be determined by the appropriate Program
- 26 Coordinator at all Child Development Center sites and by the appropriate Education
- 27 Specialist at Head Start Program locations. The Association agrees monthly to
- 28 remove out-of-date materials.
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- 30 2. **Restrictions.** Any literature distributed or posted by the Association must meet
- 31 professional and ethical standards, be dated, identify the person(s) and/or
- 32 organization responsible for its promulgation, and conform to election/campaign
- 33 laws then in effect.
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- 35 3. **Faculty/Staff Mailboxes.** The District authorizes the Association to use faculty/staff
- 36 mailboxes and email subject to Appendix G. Distribution of communications shall
- 37 be by employees on non-duty time or by non-site representatives of the Association.

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- 39 C. **ASSOCIATION BUSINESS.** The Association agrees that its authorized staff and building
- 40 representatives shall not conduct Association business with employees during regular
- 41 working hours. It is agreed that non-duty times are as follows: before and after the scheduled
- 42 workday of each employee, the nutrition break, and the duty-free lunch period. Under no
- 43 circumstances shall any representative or unit member interrupt or interfere in any way with
- 44 normal work. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Child Development
- 45 Centers or the Director of Head Start Programs, as appropriate.
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1 D. **RELEASED TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS:**

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- 3 1. The Association will exclusively receive released time from duties for its
- 4 representatives to meet and negotiate with District representatives.
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- 6 2. Association members shall receive released time for negotiation sessions. Any
- 7 number in excess of five (5) shall be mutually agreed to by the District and the
- 8 Association.
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- 10 3. The Association shall submit in writing to Employee Relations Services the names
- 11 of the employees who are authorized to represent the Association in negotiations.
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- 13 4. Released time shall be arranged with the appropriate Child Development Center
- 14 Program Coordinator or Head Start Program Education Specialist at least twenty-
- 15 four (24) hours prior to release from duties.
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17 E. **ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY:**

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- 19 1. **Membership Dues Deduction.** Any unit member who is a member of the Teachers
- 20 Association of Long Beach, CTA-NEA, or who has applied for membership, may
- 21 pay a lump sum cash payment to the Association or sign and deliver to the District
- 22 an assignment authorizing deduction of unified membership dues, initiation fees and
- 23 general assessments in the Association. Pursuant to such authorization, the District
- 24 shall deduct one-tenth (1/10) of such dues from the regular salary warrant of the unit
- 25 member each pay period for ten (10) pay periods. Unit members who sign such
- 26 authorization after the commencement of the school year shall have deducted one-
- 27 tenth (1/10) the total amount of unified dues for each of the remaining ten pay
- 28 periods.
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- 30 2. **Remittance of Dues.** With respect to all sums deducted by the District, whether for
- 31 membership dues, the District agrees promptly within fifteen (15) days to remit such
- 32 monies to the Association accompanied by the alphabetical list of unit members for
- 33 whom deductions have been made, categorizing them as to membership or in the
- 34 Association, and indicating any changes in personnel from the list previously
- 35 furnished.
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- 37 3. **Provision of Information.** The Association agrees to furnish any information
- 38 needed by the District to fulfill the provisions of this Article.
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- 40 4. **Indemnification.** The Association shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the
- 41 District against any administrative action before the Public Employment Relations
- 42 Board and/or any court action challenging the legality or constitutionality of Article
- 43 IV, Section E. of this Agreement or its implementation.
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The Association shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine whether any such action or proceedings referred in the above paragraph shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed.

F. **DISTRICT DIRECTORY.** The District agrees to provide the Association with a digital copy of a District directory (names, addresses, phone numbers) when such a directory is published. The Association agrees to use such information for internal organization purposes only and not to disclose it to any third parties. Additional support service staff schedules and budget publication shall be made available to the Association.

TALB agrees to provide Employee Relations Services with the names of designated site representatives and to update the list as changes occur. The District agrees to provide the Association public documents distributed to school board members and the press in preparation for meetings of the Board of Education.

G. **NEW UNIT MEMBER INFORMATION**

Except for unit members who have submitted written request pursuant to Government Code section 6254.3(c) prohibiting the disclosure of their home address, home telephone number, personal cellular telephone number, personal email address, or date of birth, the District shall provide TALB with the unit member information on the new teach hires.

The unit member information will be provided to TALB electronically via a mutually agreeable secure FTP site or service, at TALB’s expense, within thirty (30) days from the date of hire. This contact information shall include the following items, if they are included in the District’s records, with each field in its own column:

- i. First name;
- ii. Middle initial;
- iii. Last name;
- iv. Suffix (e.g. Jr., III);
- v. Job title;
- vi. Department;
- vii. Primary worksite name;
- viii. Work telephone number;
- ix. Work telephone extension;
- x. Home street address (incl. apartment #);
- xi. City;
- xii. State;
- xiii. ZIP Code (5 or 9 digits);
- xiv. Home telephone number (10 digits);
- xv. Personal cellular telephone number (10 digits);
- xvi. Personal email address of the employee;
- xvii. Hire date

Periodic Update of Contact Information: Subject to prohibitions of disclosure outlined above, the District shall provide TALB with a list of all bargaining unit member’s names and

1 contact information on the last working day of September, January, and May of each school
 2 year. The information will be provided to TALB electronically via a mutually agreeable
 3 secure FTP site or service at TALB’s expense.
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5 TALB agrees to provide Employee Relations Services with the names of designate site
 6 representatives and to update the list as changes occur. The District agrees to provide the
 7 Association public documents distributed to school board members and the press in
 8 preparation for meetings of the Board of Education.
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10 **H. NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION**

- 11 a) “New employee orientation” means the onboarding process of a newly hired public
 12 employee.
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- 14 b) District Scheduled New Teacher Group Orientation: In the event of a District
 15 scheduled new Teacher group orientation, the District shall provide TALB with ten
 16 (10) days’ notice in advance of an orientation, except that a shorter notice may be
 17 provide for extenuating circumstances. At the closing of the scheduled orientation,
 18 TALB shall have an opportunity for TALB representatives to meet not less than sixty
 19 (60) minutes with new teachers who voluntarily opt to stay during non-duty time.
 20 TALB shall provide the District with the contact information (email and cell phone
 21 number) of the designated TALB representatives.
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 24 **I. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.** Upon annual written
 25 application, the Association president shall be granted a full-time leave of absence to conduct
 26 Association business. Following the District’s payments to the employee for such leave of
 27 absence, the District shall be reimbursed by the employee organization of which the
 28 employee is an elected officer for all compensation paid and for all sick leave granted to the
 29 employee because of such leave. Reimbursement by the employee organization shall be
 30 made within ten (10) days after its receipt of the District's certification of compensation and
 31 sick leave.
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33 Upon return from leave to conduct Association business, the Association president shall be
 34 assigned to his/her previous classroom position at the site assigned prior to the
 35 commencement of the leave.
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37 **J. ASSOCIATION LEAVE:**

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- 39 1. The District will grant to the bargaining unit as a whole a total of two hundred fifty
 40 (250) days per fiscal year (July 1-June 30) of released time for unit members to attend
 41 workshops, conferences, or other activities sponsored by the Association as identified
 42 by H.a and H.b. Whenever possible, association leave for Head Start teachers will
 43 be requested on Friday. The TALB president or his/her designee shall submit in
 44 writing the information and the names of unit members who are authorized to use the
 45 association leave days to Employee Relations Services prior to an employee's
 46 application for the released time. Written application for approval for such released

1 time must be submitted by the employee on the appropriate District form to the site
2 manager at least five (5) working days prior to the anticipated absence.
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- 4 2. The District will grant to each member of the TALB Board of Directors released time
5 per fiscal year to allow all members to participate in regularly scheduled meetings of
6 the Board of Directors. The TALB president or his/her designee shall provide to
7 Employee Relations Services the names of members of the Board of Directors and
8 the schedule of meeting dates.
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10 The Association agrees to reimburse the District for any substitute pay expended in
11 relation to Section 1. and 2. above.
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- 13 **K. EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.** Upon at least
14 twenty-four (24) hours advance notice, with the approval of the appropriate CDC/Head Start
15 manager and with substitutes available, a maximum of four (4) unit members acting as
16 designated Association representatives normally may have their work schedules adjusted so
17 as to allow attendance at Association meetings on non-paid time. No unit member may
18 exercise this option more than one (1) day per month. Additional days may be approved
19 upon special written request to the CDC/Head Start program manager.
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- 21 L. The District agrees to make reasonable effort to provide the Association with the opportunity
22 to review newly developed and/or revised forms related to the implementation of this
23 contract.
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- 25 M. The District agrees to make reasonable effort to provide the Association with a copy of
26 notices to CDC/Head Start employees which relate to the negotiated agreement and which
27 require the authorization of the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, Chief Business
28 and Financial Officer or the Director of Child Development Centers, or Head Start Director.
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ARTICLE V

Days and Hours of Employment

A. **WORK YEAR:**

1. **Child Development Center Teachers.** The work year for Child Development Center teachers shall be one of the following:

a. **Twelve Month Assignment** (fiscal year July 1 to June 30 inclusive). Teachers who have a twelve (12) month assignment work two hundred forty-seven (247) days. The thirteen (13) district holidays are unpaid. Teachers who have a twelve (12) month assignment also accrue twenty (20) vacation days during each fiscal year. Salary placements to employees in a twelve (12) month assignment are prorated over 12.0 pay periods.

b. **Ten Month Assignment:**

(1) **Abbreviated Traditional Calendar Assignment** (California Preschool Teachers). Teachers who have a ten (10) month traditional assignment annually work one hundred seventy-seven (177) days. Salary payments to employees in a ten (10) month assignment are prorated over 10.0 pay periods.

2. **Head Start Program Teachers.** The work year for Head Start teachers shall be one of the following:

a. **Twelve Month Assignment** (fiscal year July 1 to June 30 inclusive). Head Start teachers who have a twelve (12) month assignment work two hundred forty-seven (247) days. The thirteen (13) district holidays are unpaid. Teachers who have a twelve (12) month assignment also accrue twenty (20) vacation days during each fiscal year. Salary payments to employees in a twelve (12) month assignment are prorated over 12.0 pay periods.

b. **Eleven Month Assignment** (198 Day Employees). Head Start teachers who have a eleven (11) month assignment annually work one hundred ninety eight (198) days. Salary payments to employees in a eleven (11) month assignment are prorated over 11.0 pay periods.

B. **HOLIDAYS.** The District agrees to grant all twelve (12) month and eleven (11) month employees in paid status those legal and Board-designated holidays which occur during calendar year.

1. Legal non-paid holidays shall include Independence Day, Admission Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day and Juneteenth.

2. In addition, the District agrees to grant two (2) non-paid holidays to be designated by the Board of Education. One of these holidays shall be the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.
3. The District reserves the right to designate additional non-paid holidays and agrees that the number of non-paid legal and designated holidays for twelve (12) month employees in paid status shall not total fewer than thirteen (13).
4. Eleven (11) month and ten-month employees shall be scheduled for recess periods during winter and spring in conformity with the K-12 school session calendar.
5. When a legal holiday falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. When a legal holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.
6. The CDC and Head Start programs shall not be in operation on a day that has been declared a holiday by the Board of Education.
7. Consistent with the above provisions, the date of each holiday shall be set forth in the calendar (see Appendix A).

C. **WORK WEEK AND WORKDAY:**

Child Development Center Employees. The work week and workday for Child Development Center teachers shall be as follows:

1. Full-time CDC teachers shall be employed for eight (8) hours a day, inclusive of thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period, preparation time, and breaks. The teacher shall have three hundred (300) minutes of program preparation per week as directed by the coordinating teacher for purposes approved by the CDC manager.

During the program preparation, the teacher shall be in such physical proximity to the children that his/her presence may be applied to the state-mandated teacher-child ratio. In addition, the teacher shall have a duty-free fifteen (15) minute rest break for each four (4) hour period worked. Exceptions shall be allowed for field trip days and emergencies as determined by the coordinating teacher.
2. Teachers working an eight (8) hour split-shift (two separate shifts at one or more site) do not have a thirty (30) minute paid lunch period nor is travel between sites accomplished on duty time. Teachers working an eight (8) hour split-shift assignment receive one additional amount (Schedule H).
3. Part-time employees shall work the number of hours specified in their employment contracts. Any employee working four (4) hours or more shall have a fifteen (15) minute break for each four (4) hours of employment and a planning period prorated

1 from the three hundred (300) minutes per week of a full-time employee in ratio to the
 2 number of hours employed. During the program preparation period, the teacher shall
 3 be in such physical proximity to the children that his/her presence may be applied to
 4 the state-mandated teacher-child ratio. Reasonable effort will be made to schedule
 5 planning periods in time blocks of one-half hour or longer. Any teacher working a
 6 six (6) hour day shall have a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period included within
 7 the six (6) hour day.
 8

- 9 4. The work schedule in each center shall be prepared by the Coordinating Teacher in
 10 consultation with the teaching staff and approved by the CDC program manager
 11 responsible for the site. The Coordinating Teacher shall include provision for make-
 12 up time in the schedule if the major portion of a teacher's rest break, lunch period or
 13 program preparation period is interrupted by unanticipated activities related to the
 14 site program.
 15
 16 5. Coordinating Teacher duties will be mutually agreed upon by Coordinating
 17 Teacher/Program Coordinator and the Director.
 18
 19 6. Coordinating Teacher assignments at more than two sites with more than three
 20 programs will not be scheduled without first consulting with the Association
 21 regarding the necessity for such assignment.
 22

23 D. **VACATIONS.** Twelve (12) month employees accumulate earned vacation at the rate of
 24 .081 hours for each paid hour of service - approximately twenty (20) days per year. In
 25 computation of the amount of vacation earned, leaves of absence with pay are not considered
 26 as breaks in service.
 27

- 28 1. Earned vacation may be taken after three (3) calendar months following the date of
 29 first service.
 30
 31 2. Employees are permitted to carry forward to the next fiscal year not more than one-
 32 half of a year's earned vacation.
 33
 34 3. **Vacation Schedules:**
 35
 36 a. Vacation schedules for CDC teachers shall be arranged in advance by the
 37 Coordinating Teacher with the approval of the appropriate CDC manager
 38 after consultation with affected employees. Vacation requests should be
 39 submitted to the CDC manager at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of
 40 absence.
 41
 42 b. For Head Start teachers vacation schedules shall be arranged in advance with the
 43 approval of the appropriate manager after consultation with affected employees.
 44 Vacation requests should be submitted to the manager at least two (2) weeks
 45 prior to the date of absence.
 46

1 E. **REQUIRED MEETINGS:**

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3 1. **Required Meetings for Child Development Center Teachers:**

4
5 a. Unless required to meet state licensing mandates, employees shall be in paid
6 duty status to attend any meetings, workshops, or activities required of the
7 employee by CDC management outside their scheduled work time.
8 Employees shall be notified of required meetings, workshops, or activities by
9 CDC management.

10
11 b. Twice per month during the school year and once per month during the
12 summer, there shall be, on paid duty time, a site planning session for available
13 certificated staff. The opening meeting and professional development days
14 shall be approximately eight hours or less in length. Meetings shall be
15 scheduled for a maximum of two (2) hours. Such meetings shall be scheduled
16 upon request of the site staff and upon approval, as to scheduling, by the CDC
17 manager.

18
19 2. **Required Meetings for Head Start Teachers:**

20
21 a. Unless required to meet state licensing mandates, employees shall be in paid
22 duty status to attend any meetings, workshops, or activities required of the
23 employee by Head Start management outside their schedule work time.
24 Employees shall be notified of required meetings, workshops, or activities by
25 Head Start management.

26
27 b. Site planning meetings will take place weekly and Center team meetings take
28 place monthly. Classroom and site meetings may take place as requested by
29 the Head Teacher, or Early Learning Center Manager.

30
31 F. **EXTENDED SERVICE:**

32
33 1. With approval of the appropriate CDC or Head Start manager, contract teachers may
34 have work hours extended beyond the contract hours to meet mandated teacher/child
35 ratios or program needs. Teachers whose hours have been extended beyond an eight
36 (8) hour workday will be compensated at time and one-half compensating time and
37 this time will be taken within a year from the date compensating time was accrued.
38 Use of compensating time will be scheduled at a time when the needs of the District
39 will be least affected and is mutually agreeable to both the teacher and the
40 coordinating teacher. It is the responsibility of both the teacher who has accrued
41 compensating time and the coordinating teacher to agree on dates when this time may
42 be used sufficiently early to allow management to make scheduling adjustments
43 which shall minimize the impact on the program. Such accrued compensating time
44 shall not be carried over from one work year to the next. Twelve-month four (4) hour
45 contract teachers will receive compensation at the regular contract hourly rate but not
46 less than the CDC/Head Start long- term substitute hourly rate. This Section shall

1 not apply to compensation rates for contract teachers who are voluntarily substituting
 2 for other teachers.
 3

- 4 2. When a twelve (12) month contract teacher's workday is extended for a
 5 predetermined period of one week or more, additional sick leave to be used only
 6 during periods of substituting and/or extended service will accrue at the regular rate
 7 beginning with the first day of the extended service. In addition, accrued hourly sick
 8 leave may be used in the event of absence during the time employees work an
 9 extended workday over a predetermined period of one week or more. Vacation hours
 10 accrued during regular contract status may also be used while the employee is
 11 working an extended workday.
 12

13 G. **INTERSESSION SUBSTITUTE SERVICE.** Employees are eligible to apply to substitute
 14 during their recess periods. When serving as a substitute teacher at any Educare, Head Start
 15 or CDC site other than the site to which they are regularly assigned, they shall be paid as per
 16 Schedule O. When serving as a substitute teacher at the site to which they are regularly
 17 assigned, they shall be paid at a premium rate.
 18

19 H. **DAYS AND HOURS ISSUES UNIQUE TO HEAD START:**
 20

- 21 1. The traditional work year for Head Start employees will be 198 days.
 22
 23 2. Full-time Head Start teachers are employed for eight (8) hours a day, including
 24 preparation time and breaks, exclusive of a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch period.
 25 The teacher shall have a minimum of one hundred and fifty (150) minutes of program
 26 preparation per week as directed by the center manager.
 27
 28 3. With the approval of the Head Teacher and the Head Start Director, teachers whose
 29 hours have been extended beyond an eight (8) hour workday normally will be
 30 scheduled for compensating time off on the next student-free day.
 31

32 I. **Instructional Aides:**
 33

- 34 1. Currently the assignment of instructional aides is a District responsibility; and the
 35 evaluating of such aides is a teacher responsibility.
 36
 37 2. CDC and Head start programs will continue to comply with the law governing adult-
 38 to-student ratios. Housekeepers and/or student aides/interns will continue to be
 39 excluded from the ratio.
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ARTICLE VI

Compensation

A. SALARIES:

1. **Salary Schedules and Regulations:** The regular rate of pay for each employee in the bargaining unit shall be in accordance with the Salary Schedules available at each work site of the Child Development Centers and Head Start Program offices and on the District web site. The Provisions for Administration of Salary Schedules are incorporated in Appendix B of this Agreement.
2. **Biweekly Salary Advance:** Upon submission of a timely request, an employee may be advanced not more than one-half of his/her net pay after deductions every two (2) weeks.
3. **Payroll Errors:** Proper salary class and step placement is a joint responsibility of the employee and the District. All employees are encouraged to review their salary placement annually and should they believe that they are improperly placed on the salary schedule, they should immediately bring this information to the attention of the District. In the event that an incorrect salary placement results in an underpayment, the District will issue a warrant for approximately ninety (90) percent of the net underpayment from the revolving fund within ten (10) working days from the day the error has been verified and Payroll receives written notification. Full adjustment will be reflected in the employee's next regular pay warrant. Should the incorrect salary placement result in an overpayment, the employee will reimburse the District the full amount of such overpayment on a repayment schedule developed by the District and the employee. In the event of an error favoring the employee or the District, the error shall be corrected retroactively for a period of up to three (3) years dating from the discovery of the error. "Discovery of the error" is defined as the date the District or the employee first receives written notification.
 - a. When an employee requests an audit of payroll records beyond the immediately preceding thirty-six (36) months, the employee will be charged for this service at the rate of \$20 per hour. The service fee will be waived if the audit reveals an actual error. The employee may request an estimate of the time involved in the audit prior to authorizing Payroll to proceed.
 - b. Within two years of receipt of the annual service credit statement from the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)/Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), as applicable, employees may request review of a perceived discrepancy in annual service as reported in that statement.
4. **Pay Warrant Adjustments.** (Education Code, Section 45051) Contract employees hired after the beginning of the contract year shall be notified at the time

1 of employment that they will receive a pay adjustment in their first warrant.
 2 Contract employees who resign, retire, go on unpaid leave, or are terminated prior
 3 to the end of their work year may have their last pay warrant adjusted.
 4

5 5. **Mileage.** Employees who are authorized by the Board of Education to receive
 6 reimbursement for mileage will be reimbursed at the rate per mile established by the
 7 Internal Revenue Service for business mileage.
 8

9 6. **Head Teachers (Head Start).** Head teachers shall receive two (2) increments in
 10 addition to their regular step and column placements described in the current salary
 11 schedule.
 12

13 7. **403(b) and 457 Plans.** Unit members may participate in the District approved tax
 14 sheltered annuity plans, including the 403(b) 457 plans, through voluntary payroll
 15 deduction. The District shall pay the fees, if any, of a third-party administrator who
 16 will be responsible for plan administration and compliance. The District shall consult
 17 with TALB when considering a change in the 403(b) or 457 third party administrator.
 18

19 8. **Catalina Island Employees:**
 20

21 Full-time employees who actually work and reside on Catalina Island shall receive
 22 a salary addition as provided in the Certificated Non-Management Salary Schedule.
 23 In addition, effective the first school day each year, Catalina Island employees shall
 24 receive a travel expense allowance. For 2022-2023, the allowance is
 25 \$1366.78. Each year thereafter, the allowance will be adjusted by the same
 26 percentage as the salaries of K-12 unit members. Employees working less than full
 27 time shall receive a share of the travel expense allowance proportionate to the time
 28 worked.
 29

30
 31 **B. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS:**
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33 1. **Employee Eligibility.** All bargaining unit employees working fifty (50) percent or
 34 more of a full-time assignment as defined in Article V (Days and Hours of
 35 Employment), Sections A. and J., are eligible for health, dental, vision, and life
 36 insurance benefits as provided in this Article. Effective 2010-11, the employer
 37 contribution shall be pro-rated for less-than-full time unit members.
 38

39 a. All coverage is effective the first day of paid service or first paid day upon
 40 return from unpaid leave of absence.
 41

42 b. Any employee in unpaid leave status for a period in excess of thirty (30)
 43 calendar days may continue health and welfare benefit coverage as provided
 44 in this Article by personally paying the premiums. The percent of the annual
 45 premiums to be paid shall be the same as the percent of the contract year
 46 during which the employee is in unpaid leave status. (For example, a one

1 hundred seventy-eight [178] day employee on unpaid leave for one [1]
 2 semester, i.e., eighty-nine [89] days, is responsible for fifty (50) percent of
 3 the annual benefit premiums.)
 4

5 c. Effective 9/1/06, an employee who fails to enroll during open enrollment or
 6 within thirty (30) days of initial eligibility will be automatically enrolled in
 7 PPO, Delta Premier, Vision, and Life.
 8

9 d. Dependents of employees who, pursuant to paragraph c. above, are
 10 defaulted into the designated District group medical plans are not eligible
 11 to be enrolled except as follows:
 12

13 (1) During the next open enrollment period; and/or
 14

15 (2) Within thirty (30) days of becoming eligible by virtue of such
 16 qualifying events as birth, adoption, marriage or registering of a
 17 California Domestic Partnership.
 18

- 19 2. The 2013 District annual maximum contribution toward individual unit member
 20 insurance premiums for District medical plans for full time employees, employee
 21 plus one and family coverage shall be based on the 2013 District PPO rates as
 22 adjusted by the cost containment changes. The District's annual maximum
 23 contribution excludes District dental and vision insurance.
 24

25 Beginning the 2014 insurance year (January 1, 2014), and each year thereafter, the
 26 District shall increase the prior year's District annual maximum contribution
 27 toward individual unit member insurance premiums for District medical plans for
 28 full-time employees, employee plus one and family coverage by 3.5%. In the event
 29 the elected coverage in a District insurance program exceeds the above stated
 30 District maximum annual contribution, the cost difference shall be paid by the unit
 31 member through payroll deduction. Employees shall be required to pay the cost
 32 difference for each plan (except for the lowest cost HMO plan) and their selected
 33 tier (Employee Only, Employee plus one (1), and Family). The Health Benefits
 34 committee shall actively work to limit increases greater than 3.5%, through plan
 35 design modifications, vendor selection, wellness programs, and member education.
 36 In the event that the combination of the annual PPO rate increase and/or cost
 37 containment results in premiums below the District maximum annual contribution
 38 described above, that difference will mitigate future rate increases.
 39

40 Effective January 1, 2016, change the health and welfare plan year from the current
 41 calendar year (January 1 to December 31) to match the District's fiscal year (July 1
 42 to June 30). The change shall be managed in the following manner:
 43

- 44 a. Effective July 1, 2016 the new plan year shall be based on the fiscal year (12
 45 months). Open enrollment shall take place in May of each year with all plan
 46 changes being effective on July 1.

- 1 b. Flexible Spending Accounts will match the District’s fiscal year (July 1 to
2 June 30) with open enrollment taking place in May of each year and all plan
3 changes being effective on July 1. In the initial transition year, the
4 deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums that have accrued during the
5 “short” plan year shall carry over for the first plan year based on the fiscal
6 calendar. The accrued deductible and out-of-pocket maximum then shall
7 reset back to zero on July 1, 2017.
- 8 c. The District Annual Maximum (DAM) shall be converted to the fiscal year
9 by taking the arithmetic average of the DAM for 2016 and 2017 calendar
10 years.
11 Example:
12 $2016-2017 \text{ DAM} = [(2016 \text{ DAM}) + (2017 \text{ DAM})]/2$
13 Effective July 1, 2017 the DAM will increase each July 1 by 3.5%.
- 14
- 15 3. The lowest cost District HMO medical plan offered unit members in any given
16 insurance year shall not be subject to the District annual maximum contribution
17 described in Section 2 above. In the event that the District anticipates that the
18 premiums for the lowest cost District medical HMO plan may exceed the District
19 annual maximum contribution as described in Section 2 above in the succeeding
20 year, negotiations will automatically be initiated to address the excess cost during
21 the next round of negotiations.
22
- 23 4. All eligible unit members retiring from the District after August 31, 2013 shall
24 receive the same District annual maximum contribution for District medical plans
25 provided to active unit members. The retiree, or un-remarried spouse including
26 registered domestic partners of deceased retiree, shall pay the difference to remain
27 in the District medical plan through the duration of benefit eligibility, as defined in
28 Article VI, Section C. Spouses who remarry and those who register with a new
29 domestic partner would not maintain eligibility.
30
- 31
- 32 5. The District shall apply any health benefit cost containment changes, including plan
33 design changes, implemented for active employees to retirees.
34
- 35 6. **Health Insurance.** Employees may choose coverage for themselves and their
36 eligible dependents or same gender domestic partners for whom a Declaration of
37 Domestic Partnership is currently on file in the office of the Secretary of State for
38 the State of California. A choice shall be made from any one of the approved plans
39 described below during the enrollment period announced by the Risk Management
40 Branch. The District will pay no dollar amount greater than the maximum premium
41 equivalent paid to fund the comprehensive plan carrier. The employee must pay
42 any additional premium cost. This arrangement is consistent with federal
43 regulations concerning health maintenance organizations (HMO).
44
- 45 a. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan.
46 Brief description of coverage: Unlimited lifetime maximum.

1 Continuation of existing plan without modification of benefits, except as
2 noted.

3
4 Annual out of pocket maximums are \$1,500 Individual and \$3,000
5 Family

6
7 Physician Visit: \$10 co-pay, effective 7/1/2017.

8
9 Emergency Room Visit: \$100 co-pay, effective 3/1/2013. The fee is waived
10 if the person is admitted to the hospital.

11
12 Chiropractic Care: \$5 co-pay and 30 visits per year, effective 1/1/07.

13
14 Prescription Plan: (100 Day Supply): Retail Generic and Non-Formulary
15 co-pays are \$5; Retail Brand co-pay is \$10 effective 7/1/17.

16
17
18 **b. HMO Plan.**

19 Brief description of coverage: Effective March 1, 2013, this plan will be
20 referred as the HMO TALB plan. The ability to move between the HMO
21 and Comprehensive Major Medical is no longer available. Continuation of
22 existing plan without modification of benefits, except as noted.

23
24 HMO. Office visits, \$10; no deductible; hospitalization 100% covered.
25 Unlimited lifetime maximum. Continuation of existing plan without
26 modification of benefits, except as noted effective 7/1/17.

27
28 Emergency Room Visit: \$100 co-pay, effective 3/1/2013. The fee is waived
29 if the person is admitted to the hospital.

30
31 Chiropractic Care (HMO): \$5 co-pay, up to 30 visits per year, effective
32 1/1/07.

33
34 Prescription Plan: Effective 7/1/18, the HMO prescription plan will revert
35 to a three (3) system by the provider. Retail co-pay per thirty (30) day
36 prescription: \$10 formulary; and \$35 non-formulary. Mail order co-pay
37 for up to ninety (90) day prescription supply: \$5 generic; \$5 generic, \$10
38 formulary; and \$35 non-formulary.

39
40 **c. PPO. COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL.** Continuation of
41 existing plan without modification of benefits, except as noted.

42
43 (a) Effective January 1, 2016, \$300/\$600 deductible; 20% co-insurance;
44 \$1,000 individual/\$2,000 family per year out-of- pocket limit (in
45 addition to deductible).
46

1 (b) Effective January 1, 2016, \$500/\$1,000 deductible; 40% co-insurance;
 2 \$5,000 individual/\$10,000 family per year out-of-pocket limit (in
 3 addition to deductible).
 4

5 (c) Chiropractic Care PPO: Up to 25 visits per injury. Extra visits must
 6 be deemed medically necessary as of 1/1/22.
 7

8 Emergency Room Visit: (In-Network/Out of Network) \$100 co-pay,
 9 effective 7/1/2017. The fee is waived if the person is admitted to the
 10 hospital; subject to plan specifications.
 11

12 Prescription Plan: Effective 7/1/2017 the PPO plan will include a
 13 comprehensive prescription program with the following co-pay structure:
 14

15 National Formulary: The District shall participate in the National Formulary
 16 to the extent offered by the district PPO Plan’s Pharmacy Benefit Manager
 17 effective July 1, 2016.
 18

19 Retail Pharmacy (30 Day Supply): \$5 co-pay for generic; \$20 co-pay for
 20 formulary; and \$50 co-pay for non-formulary.
 21

22 Mail Order (90 Day Supply): \$0 co-pay for generic; \$20 co-pay for
 23 formulary; and \$50 co-pay for non-formulary.
 24

25 Effective 7/1/2017, all diabetes medications shall be filled in a 90-day
 26 supply through Mail Order or 90-day supply through Walgreens (no other
 27 drugs outside the diabetes category in a 90-day supply at Walgreens).
 28

29 d. Hearing Aids. Any active employee who is insured under any one of the
 30 District sponsored medical plans may request reimbursement for the costs
 31 of hearing aids. The maximum amount of reimbursement shall not exceed
 32 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) within any three (3) year period. The cost of
 33 hardware, fitting tests, and other tests related to the hearing aids purchased
 34 shall be included for reimbursement purposes.
 35

36 7. **Dental Insurance.** The District agrees to provide eligible employees with District
 37 payment of premium costs. Employees may choose between approved plans
 38 described below:
 39

40 a. Delta Dental, PPO Plus Premier. This is a continuation of the
 41 present plan and the District shall continue to pay premium costs
 42 under this plan for the employee only. The employee may choose
 43 to pay premium costs for eligible dependents. Maximum amount
 44 paid by plan per person per calendar year:
 45

46 In-Network PPO Dentists: \$2,200.

Premier and Out-of-Network Dentists: \$2,000.

b. Delta Care USA Dental Health Plan. This is a continuation of the present plan. Coverage for both the employee and his/her eligible dependents is provided for by this plan.

8. **Life Insurance.** Employees whose regular annual salary exceeds fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) shall be insured for the amount of the annual salary but not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); employees whose regular annual salary is fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or less shall be insured for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The amount of coverage shall be based upon the salary rate on the last day of actual service to the District by the employee.
9. **Vision Care Insurance.** The District agrees to provide vision care insurance for eligible employees. The EyeMed plan provides one (1) comprehensive examination every twelve (12) consecutive months; two (2) pairs of lenses in any twenty-four (24) consecutive months. Employee is responsible for paying a ten-dollar (\$10) deductible per calendar year. Prior enrollment in the plan is required.
10. **Mental Health Care Service.** Employees and eligible dependents shall be provided outpatient mental health care service through the same Health provider in which the unit member is enrolled through the District (i.e. If medical is provided by the PPO, the mental health care is provided through the PPO.)
11. **125 Plan – Flexible Spending Accounts.** Upon securing the appropriate government approval, the District will provide employees the opportunity to participate in a 125 Plan at no administrative cost to the employee. Attendance at informational meetings shall be voluntary.

C. **DURATION OF BENEFITS:**

1. **Retiring Employees After Seventeen Years of Service.** Employees shall be eligible for District-paid premiums for health insurance provided that (a) the employee is age fifty-five (55) or older upon retirement and has seventeen (17) or more service years in the District or (b) the employee has at least thirty (30) years of service credit with STRS or PERS and seventeen (17) or more service years with the District. This benefit shall end when the retiree reaches age sixty-seven (67) on the condition that the retiree, if eligible, applies for coverage under Medicare Part A and B coverage at age sixty-five (65). Eligible employees who fail to apply for such coverage will not receive District-paid premiums for health insurance from age sixty-five (65) to age sixty-seven (67). (Article VI, C, 1, Lines 13-16) The retiree, or unremarried spouse of deceased retiree, may remain in the District plan by paying personally the insurance premiums without any limit on age.

Medicare coverage will be primary for those employees who are eligible; the District's plan will provide secondary or umbrella coverage over Medicare

1 payments. Additional information is available from the Risk Management Branch.
 2 (For health insurance benefits, unit member employees compensated for fifty [50]
 3 percent or more of a full-time assignment will receive one [1] year of credit toward
 4 the required seventeen [17] years of service.)
 5

- 6 2. **Resigning/Retiring Employees.** Employees who do not qualify under Section 1.
 7 above and who resign as of the last day of the school year and after having served
 8 a complete contract year immediately prior thereto shall be eligible for District-paid
 9 health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits through September 30 following
 10 the school year of service.
 11

12 Retirees age fifty-five (55) or older may remain in a District plan by paying
 13 personally the insurance premiums beginning the first of the month after the
 14 employee's retirement date. There is no limit on age. Medicare coverage will be
 15 primary for those employees who are eligible; the District's plan will provide
 16 secondary or umbrella coverage over Medicare payments. Additional information
 17 is available from the Risk Management Branch.
 18

- 19 3. **Temporary Contract Employees.** Persons with temporary contracts who receive
 20 a letter of assurance for future employment shall have continuous health, dental,
 21 vision, and life insurance benefits through the months of July, August, and
 22 September following receipt of the letter of assurance.
 23

- 24 4. **Employees on STRS/PERS Disability.** Employees who otherwise qualify and
 25 who are disabled and begin drawing STRS/PERS disability payments after June 1,
 26 1979, shall be eligible for District-paid health insurance for the term of the
 27 disability but not more than thirty-nine (39) months from the dates of approval of
 28 the disability allowance.
 29

- 30 5. **Health Insurance Extension.** For employees who do not qualify for benefits as
 31 described in Sections C.1. or C.2. or C.3. above, District-paid
 32 health, dental, vision, and life insurance coverage shall be extended to the end of
 33 the calendar month in which employment is terminated.
 34

- 35 6. **Dental Insurance Extension.** Employees who retire from the District may remain
 36 in a District plan by paying personally the insurance premiums as provided for in
 37 Education Code, Section 7000. Employees who terminate employment with the
 38 District may extend their dental insurance at employee expense as provided in the
 39 Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Information should
 40 be requested from the Risk Management Branch.
 41

- 42 D. **TUBERCULOSIS EXAMINATION.** Required examinations for tuberculosis shall be
 43 provided by the District at no cost to employees only if District-designated service
 44 providers are utilized. The TB testing procedures has added a TB risk assessment
 45 questionnaire and, if risk factors are identified, the District shall require TB testing and
 46 examination to determine the unit member is free of infectious tuberculosis. The

1 examination shall consist of an approved intradermal tuberculin test (Mantoux), which, if
 2 positive, shall be followed by an x-ray of the lungs.

3
 4 E. **CONSULTATION MEETINGS.** The Association shall be invited on an annual basis to
 5 consultation meetings with the District and other employee groups for the purpose of
 6 exchanging information on the implementation of health, dental, and vision plans. The
 7 District also shall provide the Association the following documents without cost: provider
 8 service agreements, financial reports, cost containment reports, and claims information
 9 summaries.

10
 11 F. **HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS COMMITTEE.** The Association and District
 12 agree to form a joint committee to meet on an as needed basis to address the current and
 13 projected increases in health care costs. All recommendations will be submitted for
 14 consideration to the respective collective bargaining teams for negotiating. The specific
 15 duties of the subcommittee shall include:

- 16
 17 a. Actively considering health and benefit cost containment measures relating to District
 18 PPO, HMO, vision and dental insurance plans for recommendation to the parties. The
 19 includes, but is not limited to, co-payments and plan design modifications, active rate
 20 bidding by health care vendors/providers and alternative plans. It is the intent that the
 21 subcommittee shall use every reasonable effort to maintain the premiums for the lowest
 22 cost District HMO medical plan below the District annual maximum contribution
 23 described in Section B.2 above.
 24
 25 b. Membership education intended to fully maximize health benefits in a manner that
 26 encourages cost containment and quality health care (e.g., use of emergency room for
 27 non-emergency matters, use of generics, etc.).
 28
 29 c. Ongoing data sharing regarding comparable costs and health plans with similar
 30 districts.
 31
 32 d. Timelines for meetings consistent with making necessary recommendations for
 33 ongoing negotiations and health benefit renewal dates.
 34

35 Committee representation shall be limited to a maximum of four representatives from each
 36 party. The parties shall utilize consultants and/or facilitators as mutually agreeable. Team
 37 members shall agree to joint training on labor-management facilitation, health benefit
 38 design and how to assess benefit plans and look for cost savings while maintaining quality
 39 health care.
 40

41 Subject to state or federal regulations, the parties agree that all data and communications
 42 regarding health and welfare benefit programs shall be shared openly between the parties,
 43 including discussions regarding bidding and renewals.
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ARTICLE VII

Leaves of Absence

A. LEAVES OF ABSENCE (GENERAL):

- 1. All provisions of this Section are controlling for the specific leaves of absence identified in Sections B. and C. of this Article.
- 2. Except for illness or other equally grave emergency as defined in this Article, a leave of absence is discretionary on the part of the District and will be granted only if it has been determined that a competent substitute is available.
- 3. Discretionary leaves of absence, including personal leaves, will not normally be granted during the first and last week of any school year. Exceptions shall be made for approved leaves for illness, grave emergency or religious observance.

Any leaves which might be granted during periods described above will be on a case-by-case basis and will not be precedent in future cases.

- 4. When approved, leaves of absence without pay for personal business, vacation or recreation shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) consecutive workdays.
- 5. The District shall determine procedures on employee responsibilities for application, notification, and verification regarding use of all authorized leaves of absence. Employees shall be advised of such procedures. The District shall consult with the Association prior to modification of such procedures. Upon request, the District shall annually provide to the Association a copy of all forms, procedures and Board of Education adopted policies related to this Article.

6. **Return from Leave of Absence:**

- a. Any employee returning within the same work year from sick leave, bereavement leave, statutory leave, judicial leave, personal necessity leave, or Family and Medical Leave Act FMLA or California Family Rights Act (CFRA) shall return to the same position assigned previous to the commencement of the leave.
- b. Any employee returning from a leave of absence other than as described in 6.a., shall be assigned to a position where an opening exists and within the credential area and division/special service area assigned previous to the commencement of the leave. Notification of intent to return to service must be submitted on or before the first day of March by the employee who plans to return at the beginning of the first semester of the following school year, or ninety (90) days before the expiration of the leave if an employee is

1 returning at another time during the year. Priority consideration for
 2 assignment will be given to those meeting the March 1 deadline.
 3

4 **B. LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY:**
 5

- 6 1. Leaves of absence without pay may be granted to employees for the following
 7 purposes and when granted shall be governed by the conditions specified:
 8
- 9 a. **Advanced Professional and Academic Training.** Leave shall be for no
 10 more than twelve (12) consecutive months nor more than one such leave in a
 11 seven (7) year period and this period must be coterminous with an
 12 intersession, a semester, or year.
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 - 14 b. **Service** as a member of the Peace Corps, the Job Corps, or the Domestic
 15 Peace Corps (Volunteers of Service to America). Not more than twenty-four
 16 (24) consecutive months.
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 - 18 c. **Teaching in a Foreign Country.** Leave shall be for no more than twenty-
 19 four (24) consecutive months nor more than one such leave in a seven (7)
 20 year period and this period must be coterminous with an intersession, a
 21 semester, or year.
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 - 23 d. **Travel in Foreign Country.** Leave shall be granted for a period of no longer
 24 than twelve (12) consecutive months nor more than one such leave in a seven
 25 (7) year period and this period must be coterminous with an intersession, a
 26 semester, or year.
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 - 28 e. **Rest and Recuperation.** Requires a doctor's statement. No more than
 29 twenty-four (24) consecutive months.
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 - 31 f. **Rest and Recreation.** No more than twelve (12) consecutive months.
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 - 33 g. **Child Care.** May be granted to either or both parents only immediately
 34 following paid parental leave for child bonding/child care under section C.10
 35 of this Article, for a period coterminous with a semester or a school year,
 36 provided the employee notifies Certificated Personnel at least three weeks
 37 prior to the beginning date of the leave. A second consecutive year of unpaid
 38 child care leave may be granted upon the request of the employee.
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 - 40 h. **Military Service.** As provided in the Education Code and the Military and
 41 Veterans Code.
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 - 43 i. **Work Experience.** No more than twelve (12) consecutive months. The
 44 work experience must be directly related to the employee's job
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- j. **Disability.** Granted to an employee who has been approved by the State Teachers Retirement System to receive a disability allowance. The period of such leave will be the term of the disability but not more than thirty-nine (39) months from the date of approval of the disability allowance.

- k. **Position Leave.**
 - (1) Granted to an employee assigned to serve in a specially funded program.

 - (2) Granted to teach in the K-12 program of the LBUSD, not more than one (1) school year.

- l. **Teach in Another School District** No more than (24) twenty-four consecutive months nor more than one such leave in a seven (7) year period.

- m. **Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) / California Family Rights Act (CFRA).** As provided in statute; for example, to care for him/herself, a child, parent, or spouse with a serious health condition. Health care provider certification may be required. See employee notification at work site for additional information.

Eligible employees are entitled to twelve (12) workweeks of FMLA/CRFA leave in a rolling year beginning on the first date leave is taken and counting forward from that date.

- n. **Other reasons** which are deemed sufficient by the Board of Education.

- 2. Probationary, and special contract employees are eligible for only the following unpaid leaves: rest and recuperation; child care; military service; disability; FMLA/CFRA leave (if employed at least twelve months, which need not be consecutive); and in the most extraordinary circumstances, leaves for other reasons deemed sufficient by the Board of Education.

- 3. Current STRS regulations state that employees who are on unpaid leave of absence do not earn retirement credit. Use of reduced pay or unpaid leave of absence reduces the employee’s STRS service credit for that year. STRS service is credited in proportion to the amount an employee actually receives in compensation compared to the amount that employee would have received had he/she been compensated for the full year (earned divided by the total earnable).

- 4. Current PERS regulations state that an employee must be in paid status for 1,740 hours to receive one (1) year of service credit.

1 C. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITH PAY:**

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3 1. **Bereavement Leave.** Employees are entitled to leaves of absence, not to exceed
4 five (5) days as a result of the death of any member of the immediate family or
5 reproductive loss. Bereavement leave is non-cumulative and shall be taken only
6 sequentially and immediately following the death of a member of the immediate
7 family or reproductive loss. No deduction shall be made from the salary of the
8 employee, nor shall the leave be deducted from leave granted in other sections of
9 this Article. Members of the immediate family include mother, step-mother, father,
10 step-father, grandmother, grandfather, or grandchild of the employee or of the
11 spouse of the employee or registered domestic partner; and the spouse, son, son-in-
12 law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in law of the
13 employee or of the spouse of the employee; or any person having a principal place
14 of residence in the immediate household of the employee. Employees who take
15 bereavement leave shall be responsible for following all notification procedures as
16 per Section A. 5. of this Article.

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18 2. **Imminent Death Leave.** Certificated employees under contract are entitled to two
19 (2) days (non-cumulative) imminent death leave at full pay during each fiscal year.
20 This type of leave may be authorized in case of accident or critical illness of a
21 member of the immediate family (as defined in paragraph one [1.] of this Section)
22 when death of the family member is imminent.

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24 3. **Sick Leave:**

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26 a. Sick leave entitlement shall be deducted using the following procedures

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28 a. Absent from work for the entire school day will be charged for eight (8)
29 hours of leave
30 b. Absent for part a school day will be charged in half-hour increments only
31 for the time, within their duty day, that they are off site.

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33 For payroll computation:

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35 .5 day = 4 hours leave
36 1.0 day = 8 hours leave

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38 b. For each school year of service every employee employed five (5) days a
39 week (1.00 FTE) shall be entitled to the following leave of absence with full
40 pay for illness or injury:

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42 177 work day employees: 9.98 days (79.36 hours)
43 198 work day employees: 11.09 days (88.77 hours)
44 247 work day employees: 12.0 days (96.00 hours)

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46 Sick leave may be deducted in one-half (1/2) hour increments.

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- c. An employee in less than a full-time assignment and/or employed for less than a full contract year shall receive and have sick leave deducted in direct proportion to the percentage of the assignment; e.g., an employee with a fifty (50) percent assignment shall earn fifty (50) percent of what a hundred percent assignment shall earn.
 - d. **Kin Care Leave (Labor Code § 233):** Full time unit members shall be entitled to use six (6) days of accrued and available sick leave each school year to attend to an illness of or take to a doctor for preventive care a child, parent, parent in law, spouse, registered domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the employee. This leave shall be prorated for part-time unit members. The District may require a statement of verification from a physician or a recognized practitioner verifying the illness of the employee's family member.
 - e. Sick leave accrues at a rate of .056044 for each hour an employee has worked in an hourly assignment. Accumulated hourly sick leave may be used for absences in any hourly assignment. Contract sick leave may not be used for absences in an hourly assignment. If an employee serving in a contract assignment has exhausted his/her contract sick leave, accumulated hourly sick leave may be used prior to statutory sick leave.
 - f. An employee who claims sick leave may be required to execute a certificate or declaration to the effect that he/she was actually ill or injured on that day(s) before such sick leave may be paid.

Sick leave shall not normally be taken for minor elective or cosmetic surgery. Exceptions may be approved by the District physician.
 - g. When the District determines that an employee's health condition may be impairing job performance, Human Resource Services shall have authority to direct the employee to have a medical examination by the district physician, by a District-appointed physician at District expense, or by an employee-selected physician approved by the district physician and to be paid by the employee.
 - h. If a certificated employee under contract does not take the full amount of sick leave allowed in any school year, the amount not used is accumulated from year to year and accrued sick leave is credited toward time served for retirement purposes.
 - i. An employee's sick leave record is open to the employee's inspection upon request to the site payroll clerk. Sick leave accumulation shall be reported on each pay period.

1 j. Any bargaining unit member suffering from a catastrophic illness or injury
 2 who has exhausted all accrued sick leave may request sick leave donations
 3 under the Sick Leave Donation Program. A request to participate is
 4 submitted to the employee's principal/site administrator. Procedures for
 5 both the receipt and distribution of donated sick leave are provided as part
 6 of the Sick Leave Donation Program, which is Appendix E in this contract.
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8 4. **Personal Necessity Leave:** (Use of Sick Leave for Personal Necessity)
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10 a. Every employee shall be permitted to use not more than seven (7) days (12-
 11 month CDC teachers not more than eight (8) days) of sick leave per fiscal
 12 year for personal necessity (Education Code, Section 44981) consisting of the
 13 reasons listed in (1) through (8) below.
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15 (1) Death of a member of the immediate family as defined in Section C.1.
 16 above. (This is in addition to normal bereavement leave.)
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18 (2) Accident involving the employee's person or property, or the person
 19 or property of a member of the immediate family, as defined in
 20 Section C.1. above. Such accident must a) be serious in nature, b)
 21 involve circumstances the employee cannot be expected to disregard,
 22 and c) require the attention of the employee during assigned hours of
 23 work.
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25 (3) Appearance in court as a litigant. (The employee must return to
 26 work in cases in which it is not necessary to be absent more than
 27 half of the regular workday.)
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29 (4) Appearance as witness under an official order for which salary is not
 30 allowed. Each date of necessary attendance under such an order,
 31 other than the date specified in a subpoena, shall be certified by the
 32 clerk or other authorized officer of the court or governmental
 33 jurisdiction. In any case in which a witness fee is payable, such fee
 34 shall be collected by the employee remitted to Financial Services.
 35 (The employee must return to work in cases where it is not necessary
 36 to be absent more than half the regular workday.)
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38 (5) Illness in the immediate family of the employee as defined in Section
 39 C.1. above.
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41 (6) Home protection in the event of a natural catastrophe, such as
 42 flood or fire.
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44 (7) Compelling Personal Reasons. Maximum of five (5) days per fiscal
 45 year upon twenty-four (24) hours prior approval of the absence to the
 46 appropriate manager; for business or other legal activity of serious
 47 and compelling personal importance that cannot be conducted before

1 or after the workday. Such absences will not be approved on days
 2 immediately before or immediately after a District calendared holiday
 3 unless the employee notifies the appropriate manager at least forty-
 4 eight (48) hours in advance and provides the job number and the name
 5 of the person who has been confirmed to substitute for them.
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- 7 b. Where possible, and with the exception of (7) above, employees shall notify
 8 the site manager not later than 2:00 p.m. on the day prior to the workday when
 9 leave is to be taken.
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- 11 5. **Statutory Sick Leave.** If all regular and cumulative sick leave has been exhausted
 12 and a certificated employee under contract continues to be absent on account of
 13 illness or accident, the employee shall be entitled to an additional period of five (5)
 14 school months (one hundred [100] days) per each illness or accident. Compensation
 15 to the employee for each of these one hundred (100) days shall be at a rate of one-
 16 half (1/2) of the employee's daily rate. An employee shall not be provided more than
 17 one five (5) month period per illness or accident. However, if a school year
 18 terminates before the five (5) month period for the same illness is exhausted, the
 19 employee may take the balance of the five (5) month period during the subsequent
 20 school year. If an employee, having exhausted all available sick leave, continues to
 21 be absent on account of illness or accident beyond the five (5) month period and the
 22 employee is not medically able to resume the duties of his or her position, the
 23 employee, if not placed in another position shall be placed on a reemployment list for
 24 a period of twenty-four (24) months if the employee is on probationary status or
 25 for a period of thirty-nine (39) months if the employee is on permanent status.
 26 The twenty-four (24) month or thirty-nine (39) month period shall commence at the
 27 expiration of the five (5) month period. When the employee is medically able during
 28 the twenty-four (24) or thirty-nine (39) month period, the employee shall be returned
 29 to employment in a position for which he or she is credentialed and qualified.
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31 The District may require an employee to be examined by an independent licensed
 32 physician selected by the District to determine whether the illness or injury related to
 33 the same illness or injury previously claimed by the employee for the statutory sick
 34 leave.
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- 36 6. **Holidays.** A schedule of non-paid holidays shall be as set forth in the school
 37 calendar.
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- 39 7. **Industrial Injury and Illness Leave:**
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- 41 a. Certificated employees who are absent from duty because of industrial injury
 42 or illness and who qualify under the provisions of the workers' compensation
 43 insurance law are allowed, for each injury or illness, full salary from the first
 44 day of absence to and including the last day of absence for the illness or
 45 injury, except that not more than sixty (60) working days of leave are allowed
 46 for any one injury or illness. Allowable leave under this Section may not be
 47 accumulated from year to year.

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- b. Payment on any day during industrial injury or illness, when added to compensation granted an employee under the workers' compensation laws of California, shall not exceed the normal wages for the day's primary assignment.
 - c. If an employee is still receiving workers' compensation insurance benefits after entitlement to industrial injury or illness leave is exhausted, he/she shall be placed on regular sick leave, vacation leave, or statutory leave.
 - d. Industrial injury or illness leave is reduced by one (1) day for each day of authorized absence, regardless of any compensation paid under workers' compensation.
 - e. If the employee is no longer receiving workers' compensation insurance benefits, but is still unable to return to work as determined by the district physician, he/she is then placed on regular sick leave or other leave, as provided by this Agreement.

When the employee goes on one of these types of leave while receiving workers' compensation insurance benefits, he/she is entitled to only such payment as will provide full pay for the primary assignment when added to workers' compensation insurance benefits.
 - f. Before salary payments are made to an employee absent because of industrial injury or illness, a report of the illness or injury must be filed in the office of Risk Management.
 - g. After expiration of paid leave, an employee who is unable to return to work as determined by the district physician may be granted additional leave without pay for one (1) year. Such leave may be extended for one (1) additional year for sufficient cause.
 - h. Periods of leave under this regulation, either paid or unpaid, shall not be considered to be a break in the service of the employee, except that unpaid service may cause a break in progress toward tenure.
 - i. During all paid leaves of absence, the employee must endorse benefit checks received under state workers' compensation laws to the District. The District will issue to the employee appropriate warrants and payments of wages or salary and shall deduct normal retirement and other authorized deductions. If combined payments under this regulation total less than the normal full salary, as in the case of an employee on statutory leave, the employee is not required to endorse to the District benefit checks received under workers' compensation laws. For income tax purposes, the District will notify employees of the amount of disability income paid to the employee for the year.

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8. **Pregnancy –Related Disability Leave.** A leave of absence for pregnancy-related disability shall be granted for the period of time that the employee is unable to perform the duties required of her position as certified by her personal physician and due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. Pregnancy-related disability leave is charged to sick leave balances; if current, accumulated, and statutory sick leave benefits are exhausted within the period of disability, the remaining time that the employee continues on pregnancy-related disability leave shall be in a leave-without-pay status. Additional leave without pay may be granted prior to or following the period of disability.

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The employee shall notify the appropriate manager of her pregnancy and furnish a doctor's statement which indicates the estimated date of leave commencement, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the due date. In the event that the District has a reasonable belief that the employee may be unable to continue to perform all duties related to her regular assignment at any time prior to the defined period of disability, the immediate manager may require the employee to provide a certification from her physician to her ability to perform her duties and any work-related restrictions.

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The usual period of leave following the birth of a child is considered to be six (6) weeks. If the employee's condition varies from the usual in that she is able to resume performance of all duties related to her regular assignment at an earlier date (or if it is necessary to extend the leave beyond six [6] weeks), the employee shall present the appropriate manager with a statement from her attending physician which either releases her to return to work or certifies her continue inability to work and anticipated duration of the leave of absence. The employee must obtain and furnish appropriate forms from her physician, and deliver them completed by the physician, to the appropriate manager. Prior to returning to work, the employee shall provide a release from her physician, identifying work-related restrictions, if any.

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9. **Parental Leave for Child Bonding/Child Care**

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- a. Pursuant to Education Code section 44977.5, unit members may use parental leave as set forth in this section.
- b. For purposes of this section, “parental leave” means child-bonding leave within the first 12 months after the birth of the unit member’s child, or the placement of a child with the unit member for adoption of foster care.
- c. Unit members are entitled to use current and accumulated sick leave for parental leave, for up to 12 workweeks. If a school year terminates before the 12-week period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the 12-week period in the subsequent school year.
- d. When a unit member has exhausted all current and accumulated sick leave and continues to be absent on account of parental leave under the California Family

Right Act (Government Code § 12945.2), he/she shall be entitled to statutory half pay for the remainder of the 12-workweek period. Such half pay shall be paid as set forth in Section VII.C.5, but shall not count against the leave entitlement set forth in that section. In order to use statutory half-pay during parental leave, the unit member must be eligible for leave under the California Family Rights Act, except that he/she is not required to have worked 1,250 hours in the 12 month immediately preceding the leave.

- e. Parental leave taken under this section count against any entitlement to child-bonding leave under the California Family Rights Act and the aggregate amount of leave taken under this section and CFRA shall not exceed 12 workweeks in any 12-month period.
- f. A unit member shall not be entitled to more than one 12-week period for parental leave in any 12-month period.
- g. Leave under this section includes any leave under Section VII.C.9 for the adoption of a child.
- h. Leave under this section shall be in addition to any leave taken for childbirth-related disability.
- i. Parental leave must be taken in increments of at least two weeks’ duration except on up to two occasions of shorter periods of leave.
- j. When the need for parental leave is foreseeable, the unit member shall give the District at least 30 days’ advance written notice of his or her intention to use parental leave and the anticipated dates of the leave. In all other cases, the unit member must give the District as much advance notice of the need for parental leave as practicable under the circumstances.

10. **Judicial Leave.** A paid leave of absence shall be granted to an employee required to render jury service. If an employee is summoned to appear for jury duty during his/her work year, the employee shall, upon verification of service, be compensated. Employees who receive compensation from the court for jury service performed during a regular duty day, shall reimburse the district that exact amount. In the interests of supporting continuity of instruction, both the Association and the District encourage employees to postpone jury duty during non-work days. If an employee receives such a postponement, the District, upon receipt of verification, shall compensate the employee at the daily rate indicated below for jury duty served during non-work days.

Head Start Teachers	\$48.00
Child Development Center Teachers with less than sixty (60) units	\$48.00
Child Development Center Teachers	\$55.00
Child Development Center Teachers who are ten-thirteen (10-13)	\$66.00

1 month employees with sixty (60) or more units

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3 Paid leave shall be granted to an employee required to appear as a witness in a court
4 in a manner prescribed by law, except when required to appear as a litigant, for
5 reasons brought about through connivance or misconduct of the employee, or as a
6 result of current employment outside the Long Beach Unified School District.

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8 The employee shall submit a written request for an approved leave of absence as soon
9 as practical after her/his knowledge of such required service.

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11 Employees who are subpoenaed to represent the District or required to be deposed
12 on behalf of the District shall be released during the school day or be provided their
13 hourly rate after their duty day.

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15 Employees who are released from appearance in court as witnesses, jurors, or
16 following appearance to explain financial hardship shall report for the balance of the
17 workday, allowing for reasonable travel time.

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19 12. **Personal Leave.** (applicable to 12-month employees only) Employees may be
20 granted up to one (1) day per fiscal year (non-cumulative) at half pay for purposes of
21 any lawful activity, provided that a qualified substitute is available and that the
22 written request is approved by the appropriate manager at least two (2) days in
23 advance of the absence.
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25 13. **Educational Meeting Leave.** Upon application and approval by the appropriate
26 manager, an employee may be granted leave of absence with pay to attend a meeting
27 directly related to the employee's job responsibilities.
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29 14. **Sabbatical Leave.** The District shall provide for granting sabbatical leaves of
30 absence to a limited number of full-time employees who have satisfactorily served
31 seven (7) consecutive years and otherwise qualify. An employee eligible for
32 sabbatical leave pursuant to Education Code, Section 44967, may make application
33 to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services.
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35 a. The applicant who requests sabbatical leave for study must submit a program
36 of study which includes a full academic load as defined by the institution of
37 residence but not less than nine graduate semester units or twelve
38 undergraduate semester units. Within sixty (60) days after returning to duty,
39 the employee must submit a transcript of work completed and grades earned.
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41 b. The applicant who requests a sabbatical leave to travel must submit a detailed
42 statement of a proposed itinerary in one or more foreign countries or travel
43 within the United States. Travel must be related to the school work of the
44 employee on sabbatical leave who shall submit a brief summary of his/her
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- c. An applicant who requests sabbatical leave shall agree in writing to render a period of service in the employ of the governing board of the District following his/her return from the leave of absence which is equal to twice the period of the leave.
- d. Compensation shall be paid to an employee while he or she is on sabbatical leave upon the furnishing by the employee of a suitable bond indemnifying the governing board of the District against loss in the event the employee fails to render the agreed upon service following the return of the employee.
- e. No sabbatical leave shall be granted until the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource Services, is satisfied that a suitable provision can be made for carrying on the applicant's work during his/her absence.
- f. The District shall provide for sabbatical leaves not to exceed one-quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the total number of bargaining unit members per year. The District may provide for sabbatical leaves not to exceed one-half (1/2) of one (1) percent of the total number of bargaining unit members per year.
- g. Compensation for teachers on leave shall be one-half (50%) of the salary the person would have received had he/she remained in active service.
- h. The District shall pay fifty (50) percent of the employee's health and benefit premiums for the one-semester or one-year period the employee is on leave.

ARTICLE VIII

Transfers

A. **DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS.** A transfer shall be a change in work location (from CDC/Head Start site to CDC/Head Start site) within the District and within the same job classification. Transfers may be requested by the employee or initiated by the District.

The transfer clause of the agreement does not apply to assignments and reassignments made from one year to the next; because of Head Start Teachers’ temporary status under a categorically funded program site assignments are frequently changed between school years without reference to the Transfer Clause. The Transfer Clause has for years been limited to Transfers occurring within the school year.

B. **TRANSFER AT TEACHER REQUEST:**

1. A teacher may submit to the CDC/Head Start office a transfer request in writing at any time during the year.

2. A transfer request shall remain active from the date the request is filed through June 30 of the same fiscal year.

3. Vacancies in existing positions shall be announced when the District has at least thirty (30) calendar days notice of the pending vacancy.

4. Two copies of each Notice of Vacancies shall be mailed to each CDC/Head Start site and the TALB office at least two (2) weeks before the positions are to be filled on an assigned basis. Coordinating Teachers, Education Specialists, or their designees shall have responsibility for posting notices at CDC/Head Start sites.

5. Vacancy notices shall include the following information: (a) site, (b) program assignment, (c) certification requirements, and (d) job description.

6. To facilitate implementation of this Article, teachers resigning their positions or requesting leaves of absence are urged to notify the CDC/Head Start Director in writing thirty (30) days prior to the intended resignation or leave.

7. **CDC Program.** Voluntary transfers shall be made on the basis of one or more of the following factors: (a) certification to perform the required services; (b) staffing needs of the center (gender, teaching experience); (c) special skills in areas that are specific to the identified program; e.g., School Age Care, Preschool Age Care, etc. When the above factors are substantially comparable, length of service in the CDC program will determine transfers except that, in the cases of equivalent length of service in the CDC program, additional consideration will be given to the employee's length of service at the present center. Employees may request to transfer to a different site and/or shift for the subsequent school year. Employees who are granted their transfer requests shall not be eligible to apply for a subsequent transfer until the next fiscal

1 year except with the consent of the District and/or if the new position would result in
 2 an increase of hours/calendar year for the employee.

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 4 **Head Start Program.** Voluntary transfers shall be made on the basis of one or more
 5 of the following factors: (a) certification to perform the required services; (b) staffing
 6 needs of the center (gender, teaching experience); (c) special skills in areas that are
 7 specific to the identified program; e.g., Early Head Start, Head Start, Combination,
 8 etc. When the above factors are substantially comparable, length of service in the
 9 Head Start program will determine transfers except that, in the cases of equivalent
 10 length of service in the Head Start program, additional consideration will be given to
 11 the employee's length of service at the present center.

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 13 8. Teachers who have requested a transfer shall be notified in writing of the receipt of
 14 their request.
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 16 a. If the transfer is granted, the teacher and the Coordinating Teachers
 17 concerned will be notified in writing of the new assignment no later than one
 18 (1) week prior to the effective date of the transfer.
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 20 b. If the request for transfer is denied, the teacher submitting the request may
 21 ask for a conference with an appropriate CDC/Head Start manager to discuss
 22 the matter.
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 24 9. Nothing in this Article shall prevent a teacher from amending or withdrawing a
 25 transfer request at any time without establishing precedent.

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 27 **C. TRANSFERS INITIATED BY ADMINISTRATION:**

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 29 1. Transfers other than Section B. above that result in relocating a teacher to another
 30 site normally shall be made when an appropriate CDC/Head Start manager
 31 determines that (a) there is a need to reduce staff because of enrollment loss; (b) there
 32 is a need to balance the staff according to mandated federal or state requirements; or
 33 (c) there is a specific written program or a personnel need as determined by an
 34 appropriate CDC/Head Start manager in consultation with the Coordinating Teacher;
 35 or (d) there is a closure of a site/program.
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 37 2. No teacher shall be transferred involuntarily more than one time in any fiscal year
 38 unless significant loss of funding, closure of a program, or a personnel need causes a
 39 transfer to be necessary. The need shall be discussed by a CDC/Head Start manager
 40 with the Coordinating Teacher and the transferee. If requested, the transferee may
 41 have TALB representation at the meeting.
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 43 3. **CDC Program.** When a transfer is necessary because of enrollment or funding loss,
 44 a CDC manager shall first seek a volunteer from among qualified teachers. If no
 45 teacher volunteers, the teacher with the least districtwide seniority shall be transferred
 46 unless bypassed for a specific personnel/program need. The need shall be determined
 47 by the CDC manager after consultation with the Coordinating Teacher. In this

1 instance, the teacher with the next least seniority shall be transferred, subject to the
2 same specific personnel/program needs.

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4 **Head Start Program.** When a transfer is necessary because of enrollment or
5 funding loss, a Head Start manager shall first seek a volunteer from among qualified
6 teachers. If no teacher volunteers, the teacher with the least districtwide seniority
7 shall be transferred unless bypassed for a specific personnel/program need. The need
8 shall be determined by the Head Start manager. In this instance, the teacher with the
9 next least seniority shall be transferred, subject to the same specific
10 personnel/program needs.

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12 4. Any teacher transferred involuntarily may request a conference with an appropriate
13 CDC/Head Start manager to discuss the possibility of a transfer to a future vacancy.

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15 5. The procedure for arranging such a transfer shall be as follows:

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17 a. A conference will be held between the teacher to be transferred and an
18 appropriate CDC/Head Start manager prior to effecting any involuntary
19 transfer. The conference will cover reasons for the transfer and options, if
20 any as well as effective dates of transfer.

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22 b. A written notice of any involuntary transfer will be sent simultaneously to the
23 teacher to be transferred and site principal with a copy to the site. The notice
24 of transfer shall also include the effective date of the transfer. This notice
25 shall be given not less than one (1) week prior to the effective date of transfer
26 except in emergencies.

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28 c. The teacher may request a conference with an appropriate CDC/Head Start
29 manager to discuss the success of the transfer.

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31 D. **PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER.** A teacher being transferred will be given one
32 assigned working day with no teaching duties in order that on-site orientation and moving
33 tasks may be completed.

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35 E. Employees shall not be subject to involuntary transfer if they are fifty-nine (59) years of age
36 or older with twenty (20) or more years of service to the District.

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38 F. Employees who are granted their transfer request shall not be eligible to apply for a
39 subsequent transfer at least (3) years except with the consent of the District.

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41 G. **REASSIGNMENTS:** Every reasonable effort will be made to notify teachers of the
42 reassignment on or before May 1. In the event that notification is not possible, every
43 reasonable effort will be made to notify teachers at least fourteen (14) days before the
44 reassignment begins. During the period of leveling classroom enrollment at the start of the
45 school year, every reasonable effort will be made for reassignments to be completed within
46 the first twenty (20) days. Reassignments will not be made mid-year except in cases of

1 opening or closing classes, needs of the program with regard to specific state (licensing)
2 requirements, and/or potential negative impart to contract earnings.
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ARTICLE IX**Safety Conditions of Employment**

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- 5 A. The District shall be responsible for providing and maintaining buildings/facilities for unit
6 members consistent with state health and safety regulations.
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- 8 B. Employees shall report potentially unsafe or existent unsafe conditions of the physical
9 building/facility in writing to their immediate manager.
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- 11 C. The site manager or his/her designee shall investigate physical conditions at the site which
12 are alleged in writing to be unsafe or hazardous. When the manager determines that an unsafe
13 or hazardous physical condition exists, he/she shall take reasonable steps to temporarily
14 prevent accidents and shall within forty-eight (48) hours also take action he/she deems
15 necessary to correct the condition. Upon request, the unit member will be notified of the
16 status of the repair.
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- 18 D. Employees shall be responsible for complying with published District safety standards
19 applicable to each employee's job responsibility and for practicing basic safety measures.
20 Each site shall test emergency bells through scheduled drills. The dates of the drills will be
21 available upon request in the sit office or review. The District agrees to provide on-going
22 opportunity for unit members to make suggestions, recommendations and collaborate with
23 the site manager regarding the safety of employees through site safety committees.
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- 25 E. When conditions constitute an obvious and immediate danger to the physical well-being of
26 the employee and/or students for whom the employee is responsible, the employee shall
27 immediately report the situation to the manager who in conjunction with the employee will
28 render prudent and reasonable assistance in alleviating the problem. Safety committees at
29 each site shall develop and/or review emergency communication procedures to address
30 classroom and site emergencies.
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- 32 F. Employees shall immediately report serious threat of physical harm or cases of actual
33 assault and/or battery suffered by them in connection with their employment to their
34 immediate manager, and to the Director, and CDC or Head Start Coordinator, and submit
35 a report via the electronic submission process developed by the District. Site managers
36 and human Resources will receive a copy of the report. All such reports shall be forwarded
37 to the appropriate local police agency by the District in compliance with state law. If police
38 action is desired by the employee, the employee file a separate complaint. The District
39 recommends that employees file such complaints with the police.
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- 41 1. As provided in Education Code, Section 44807, certificated employee of a school
42 district shall not be subject to criminal prosecution or criminal penalties for the
43 exercise, during the performance of their duties, of the same degree of physical
44 control over a pupil that a parent would be legally privileged to exercise but which
45 in no event shall exceed the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to

- 1 maintain order, protect property, or protect the health and safety of pupils and
 2 employees, or to maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.
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- 4 2. As provided in Education Code, Section 35208(2), the District shall insure against
 5 the personal liability of the members of the Board and of the officers and employees
 6 of the District for damages for death, injury to a person, or damage or loss of property
 7 caused by negligent act or omission of the member, officer, or employee when acting
 8 within the scope of his office of employment.
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- 10 G. The District agrees to meet the requirements of Education Code, Section 35208, relative to
 11 liability insurance and to communicate to employees on the subject within the first four (4)
 12 weeks of each work year.
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- 14 H. The District shall compensate a bargaining unit employee for loss or damage to personal
 15 clothing or personal property as defined in Labor Code, Section 3208, arising from an
 16 accident while acting within the scope of his/her employment. Claims for compensation
 17 must be submitted to the Chief Business and Financial Officer on the appropriate form for
 18 approval.
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- 20 1. The District shall provide for the reimbursement to employees for the loss,
 21 destruction, or damage by arson, burglary or vandalism of personal property used in
 22 the schools of the District, as follows:
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- 24 a. Reimbursement shall be made only when approval for the use of the personal
 25 property in the schools was given before the property was brought to school
 26 and when the value of the property was agreed upon by the employee bringing
 27 the property and the school administrator or person appointed by the
 28 administrator for this purpose at the time the approval for its use was given.
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- 30 b. When granted, such approval and agreed-upon value shall be in writing.
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- 32 c. Reimbursement for non-insured value shall be limited to a maximum of \$600
 33 per employee per year.
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- 35 d. It is the employee's responsibility to provide reasonable precautions and
 36 security for the approved item(s).
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- 38 2. The District shall provide for the reimbursement of any employee's watch and other
 39 jewelry that was damaged or destroyed as a result of an assault or intervention in a
 40 fight while acting within the scope of employment. Reimbursement will be limited
 41 to a maximum of \$600.
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- 43 I. Written District guidance and discipline code and due process provisions normally will be
 44 distributed to and/or reviewed with employees at the first staff meeting of the school year but
 45 no later than the end of the fourth week of the school year. Employees shall be responsible

1 for being familiar with these provisions, including the appropriate application of due process
2 for students.

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4 J. When the site administrator has been officially notified that the court has authorized the
5 release of information and such release of information does not violate the legal rights of the
6 individual student, the teacher shall be informed of any student placed in his/her class who
7 has been convicted of a violent crime. The teacher is responsible for maintaining such
8 information in strict confidence.

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10 K. The District agrees to make available to employees information on the specific statutory
11 provisions referred to in this Article.

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13 L. Affected teachers shall be notified of extensive non-routine maintenance projects to be
14 conducted at the school site. It is the intent of the parties that these projects will be scheduled
15 to be as non-intrusive on the instructional program as is practical. Operations schedules tree
16 trimming, grass cutting and using blowers; copies of such schedule shall be posted in
17 locations accessible to Bargaining Unit Members. [Note: Such schedules may be impacted
18 by holidays, weather, equipment and emergencies.]

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20 M. It is not the intent of the District to require any non-medical unit member to perform
21 specialized health care services; e.g., tracheostomy care, catheterization, insulin injections.
22 If the District contemplates a change with respect to this issue, the District and Association
23 shall meet and negotiate the conditions under which such services shall be performed.

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25 N. With the exception of temporary malfunctions, all existing classrooms will have a working
26 intraschool phone or intercom. New classrooms will have intraschool phones or intercoms
27 installed as quickly as possible but no later than twelve (12) months after the classroom is
28 utilized for instruction. During the period when no phone or intercom has been installed,
29 teachers shall be provided with cell phones within a reasonable time.

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31 In those situations in which students are instructed in non-traditional interior areas, the
32 teacher will have access to some type of device to ensure emergency communication with
33 the school office.

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35 O. While on District business, in the event an employee's vehicle is damaged as a result of
36 vandalism or theft, the District will reimburse the employee for the insurance deductible
37 payment in an amount not to exceed \$600 per incident.

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39 The above is contingent upon all of the following:

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41 1. The employee secures a police report regarding the vehicular vandalism or theft
42 within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.
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44 2. The damaged vehicle was parked at an appropriate location in a legal manner on or
45 near school district property while the employee was required to be engaged in
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3. The employee provides the Risk Management Branch with evidence of the amount of insurance deductible payment actually made by the employee to his/her insurance company.

P. The District will continue to work on providing technological capabilities to sites subject to funding constraints.

PARKING: A joint committee at each interested site consisting of two administrative representatives (1 school site; 1 CDC/Head Start) and two teachers will study local parking with the goal of recommending options and alternatives which will maximize adequacy and security of parking for staff. If meetings are scheduled for working time then the teacher representatives will be provided release time. If the local committee is unable to provide an adequate solution and/or need District level assistance, the committee may refer their information and recommendations to the respective Directors of the CDC and Head Start Programs and the Association.

FACULTY LOUNGE: A joint committee at each interested site consisting of two administrative representatives (1 school site; 1 CDC/Head Start) and two teachers will study availability of space. If meetings are scheduled for working time then the teacher representatives will be provided release time. If the local committee is unable to identify adequate space, the committee may refer the matter to the CDC and Head Start Director. Wherever space permits, the Director will work with the local site to provide space for a faculty lounge.

Q. Each school year, the District shall post updated maps indicating the name, location, and telephone extension of each employee at the site.

R. In order to provide a safe, caring and orderly environment, the District expect civility from individuals engaging in school activities. Mutual respect, professionalism and common courtesy are essential qualities in promoting an educational and work environment free from disruptions, harassment, bullying and aggression. School district employees are expected to act in a manner that demonstrates their personal commitment to the highest ethical standards. The District Code of Ethics, are contained in Board Policy 4119.21., however in a joint effort to ensure civility, the District and Association agrees that a Joint Committee will be charged to the responsibility of developing civility language that will be proposed for consideration of the Board.

ARTICLE X

Class Size

- A. The District and TALB agree that state or federal mandated pupil-teacher and adult-pupil minimum/maximum ratios shall be maintained in CDC and Head Start programs. CDC and Head Start managers will consult with TALB prior to implementing changes in minimum/maximum ratios.

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ARTICLE XI

Evaluation Procedure

- 5 A. **FREQUENCY.** Evaluation and assessment of the performance of employees shall be made
6 on a continuing basis at least once each school year for temporary and probationary personnel
7 and at least once every other year for employees with permanent status.
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9 **CDC Teachers**

10 Effective with the 2008-09 school year, CDC unit members with permanent status shall be
11 evaluated at least every five (5) years if they have been employed by the district for ten
12 (10) years or more as a CDC teacher and if the evaluator and the unit member consent to
13 such time line. Upon completing the final evaluation, the administrator will indicate if the
14 unit member is recommended for the 5-year cycle. In order to be eligible for the five year
15 cycle a unit member's most recent evaluation must contain an overall rating of at least
16 Effective.
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18 Either the evaluator or the unit member may withdraw from this cycle at any time and such
19 withdrawal shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. Upon request the evaluator
20 will meet with the unit member to explain the reasons for withdrawal.
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22 **Head Start Special Contract Teachers.** Teachers will be formally evaluated annually.
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- 24 B. **EVALUATOR.** The evaluator shall be the employee's immediate manager and/or another
25 administrator designated by the manager, by the Superintendent, or by his designee.
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- 27 C. **DEADLINES.** It is agreed that deadlines specified in this Article, except for the date of the
28 final evaluation, may be extended by the number of days the evaluatee or the evaluator is
29 absent from the work site during the identified time periods. Any change in specified
30 deadlines will be noted in writing by the evaluator along with reasons for the change in
31 deadline.
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- 33 D. **NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES.** Employees to be evaluated shall receive a copy of
34 the evaluation procedures within four (4) weeks after the beginning of the ten (10) month
35 traditional or year-round school session work year, as appropriate. Those employees will be
36 advised of the evaluation policy, procedures, standards, and expectations by their evaluator
37 no later than the end of the fifth school week.
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39 Standardized test norms shall not be used for teacher evaluation. Personnel shall be judged
40 on the District-adopted evaluation objectives and performance standards. Such objectives
41 and standards shall be in writing and made available to the evaluatee prior to any period in
42 which he/she is evaluated.
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- 44 E. **SETTING OF OBJECTIVES/ACTION PLAN.** By the end of the sixth school week each
45 evaluatee shall be responsible for proposing in writing to the evaluator specific action plans
46 and standards to be achieved within areas of performance. The evaluator may propose and/or
47 require additional components in the action plan and standards for each evaluatee in

1 accordance with the position and assignment. Employees will be advised if there is to be a
2 specific area(s) of concentration.

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4 Within the maximum of seven (7) weeks of the first working day of an assignment all
5 objectives and performance standards shall be finalized, reduced to writing, and
6 signed by the evaluator and evaluatee.
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8 F. **CONSTRAINTS.** When the total length of teaching experience, the length of duty at one
9 site, the length of time in the assignment, or other factor is considered to be a constraint by
10 the evaluator or the evaluatee, it may be so noted on the appropriate form.

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12 G. **OBSERVATIONS.** Observations shall be both formal and informal. The number of formal
13 observations shall routinely be three (3). With agreement of both evaluatee and evaluator
14 the number may be reduced to two (2) or one (1) in cases of obviously effective performance
15 by tenured employees. Additional observations shall be conducted when deemed necessary
16 by either the evaluatee or evaluator.

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18 1. An observation shall be based upon one (1) or more of the following components:
19 District goals and objectives, individual school/office goals and action plans,
20 individual employee goals and action plans and performance assessment criteria.

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22 2. Each formal observation will be followed by a conference which will take place
23 within five (5) working days.

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25 3. Formal observations will be summarized on an observation form with a copy given
26 to the evaluatee within ten (10) working days after the observation.

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28 4. Except by mutual agreement, formal observations shall not begin until after goals
29 and action plans have been agreed upon. In the event that goals and action plans have
30 not been agreed to, formal observations may begin following the seventh week of the
31 school year.
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33 H. **EVALUATION.** An evaluation shall be reduced to writing and transmitted to the employee
34 no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the last school day for K-12 students scheduled
35 on the adopted school calendar or thirty (30) calendar days prior to the last day for children
36 on the year-round track calendar, as appropriate. The evaluator will hold a conference to
37 review the written evaluation with the employee at the time of the transmittal of the written
38 evaluation. The evaluatee shall sign the evaluation form signifying that he/she has read the
39 form and shall be provided the opportunity to prepare a written response which shall become
40 a part of the employee's permanent record. There shall be only one (1) final evaluation form
41 per year which shall become part of an employee's permanent file. This form may be
42 supported by documentation deemed appropriate by the site manager.
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44 I. **IMPROVEMENT OF LESS THAN EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE.** No assessment of
45 "unsatisfactory" or "developing" performance shall be introduced on an evaluatee's
46 evaluation form which has not been first formally called to his/her attention in a written

1 report. Time shall be allowed, when practicable, from the date of the written report in which
 2 the deficiency is first noted and the date of the next evaluation when the deficiency is
 3 formally cited to allow for correction of said deficiency (ies). Upon formally citing a
 4 condition(s) of less-than effective performance, the evaluator shall thereafter confer with the
 5 evaluatee and during the conference make specific recommendations as to areas of
 6 improvement in the evaluatee's performance. In the case of instructional deficiencies, the
 7 evaluator will offer direct assistance and/or additional resources as the evaluator deems
 8 appropriate to implement the specific recommendations.
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10 Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as limiting the ability of the District to take
 11 immediate action in the case of an extremely serious or egregious circumstance as identified
 12 in Education Code, Section 44932.
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- 14 J. **PERSONNEL FILE.** Each employee shall have the right, by appointment, to review the
 15 contents of his/her personnel file. Such appointment will normally be scheduled within ten
 16 (10) working days of the request, except that during unusually concentrated work periods, it
 17 may be postponed with the approval of the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource
 18 Services. A representative of the Association at the teacher's request may accompany the
 19 teacher in this review. Such review by the employee shall be permitted twice per year before
 20 or at the end of the duty day when instructional duties have been completed.
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22 Negative or derogatory materials will be processed in accordance with Education Code,
 23 Section 44031, which states that information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered or
 24 filed unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment
 25 thereon. An employee shall have the right to enter, and have attached to any such derogatory
 26 statement, his own comments thereon.
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- 28 K. **GRIEVABILITY.** Any grievance arising out of the foregoing procedures shall be limited
 29 to a claim that the procedure has been violated.
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- 31 L. **PARENT/GUARDIAN COMPLAINT.** When a parent or guardian complaint regarding
 32 an employee filed pursuant to Education Code, Section 35160.5, is terminated at any level
 33 or is not sustained by the Board of Education, the Board shall direct that all written
 34 documentation relating to the complaint be destroyed pursuant to procedures provided for in
 35 Title V of the California Administrative Code.
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ARTICLE XII
Grievance Procedure

A. DEFINITION:

1. A "grievance" is a claim by a grievant that he/she has been adversely affected by an interpretation, application, or violation of the specific provisions of this Agreement. Informally, a grievance may be presented verbally; formally, it shall be presented in writing.
2. A "grievant" may be any employee in the bargaining unit covered by the terms of this contract. The District and TALB reserve the right to combine multiple like grievances upon mutual agreement. The Association may file grievances that relate to the explicit language contained in Article IV, Association Rights, of this contract.
3. A "day" is any day on which the grievant and the appropriate manager as part of their regular contract assignments are scheduled to be on duty.
4. The "immediate manager" is the lowest level manager who has authority to remedy the grievance.

B. INFORMAL LEVEL:

1. Within twenty (20) days after the alleged violation (except for payroll errors) and before filing a formal written grievance, the grievant shall attempt to resolve his/her claim by an informal conference with his/her immediate manager. If the employee requests, an Association representative may participate with the employee in the informal conference. It shall be the grievant's responsibility to inform the immediate manager that the conference is for the purpose of seeking to resolve the grievance at the informal level.
2. The immediate manager shall provide a response within five (5) days of the informal conference.

C. FORMAL LEVEL – STEP 1:

Within ten (10) days of the informal conference, should the grievance not be resolved, the grievant shall present his/her grievance in writing on the Teachers Unit Grievance Form to his/her immediate manager.

1. The statement of the grievance shall be a clear, concise statement of the circumstances giving rise to the grievance, shall include the specific article, section, and paragraph of the contract allegedly misapplied, misinterpreted, or violated, and shall specify the remedy sought.

- 1 2. The immediate manager shall communicate the decision to the employee in writing
2 within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance or within five (5) days following a
3 conference.

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5 **D. FORMAL LEVEL – STEP 2:**

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7 Upon receipt of the Step 1 response, and if the decision of the immediate manager is not
8 satisfactory, the grievant, within ten (10) days of receipt of the response may file an appeal
9 with Employee Relations Services which shall transmit it to the Superintendent or to another
10 district-level manager designated by the Superintendent.

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12 1. The statement of the grievance shall be a clear, concise statement of the
13 circumstances giving rise to the grievance, shall include the specific article, section,
14 and paragraph of the contract allegedly misapplied, misinterpreted, or violated, and
15 shall specify the remedy sought.
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17 2. The grievant or the respondent (Superintendent or designee) may request a personal
18 conference regarding the grievance. The respondent shall communicate his/her
19 decision in writing to the grievant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the appeal or
20 within five (5) days following a conference.

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22 **E. FORMAL LEVEL – STEP 3:**

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24 If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, he/she may within ten (10) days
25 after receipt of the decision at Step 2, submit to Employee Relations Services a written
26 request for mediation of the grievance. Employee Relations Services shall within five (5)
27 days after receipt of the written request submit to the California State Conciliation Service a
28 request for the immediate services of a mediator.

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30 The parties agree that Step 3 of this Grievance Procedure may be waived by mutual
31 agreement of the grievant and the District.

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33 1. The function of the mediator shall be to assist the parties to achieve a mutually
34 satisfactory resolution of the grievance by means of the mediation process.
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36 2. If a satisfactory resolution of the grievance is achieved by means of this mediation
37 process, both parties to the grievance shall sign a written statement of resolution to
38 that effect, and thus waive the right of either party to further appeal the grievance.

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40 **F. FORMAL LEVEL – STEP 4, BINDING ARBITRATION:**

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42 If resolution of the grievance is not achieved as a result of mediation (Step 3), or if Step 3
43 has been waived, the grievant may request the Association to submit the grievance to
44 arbitration.

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46 If the Association proceeds to arbitration, the statement of grievance shall be filed

1 with Employee Relations Services on the appropriate Step 4 form within ten (10) days
 2 following the conclusion of mediation. The form shall include the same information as
 3 cited in D.1. above and the response at Step 2 as well as the exclusive representative's
 4 endorsement of filing.
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6 **1. Selection of Arbitrator:**
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- 8 a. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Step 4 grievance form, Employee
 9 Relations Services and Association staff shall attempt to agree upon a
 10 mutually acceptable arbitrator and obtain a commitment from said arbitrator
 11 to serve.
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 13 b. In the event that the parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator within the
 14 specified period, a list of seven (7) arbitrators experienced in hearing
 15 grievances in public schools shall be requested from the State Conciliation
 16 Service or the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall select
 17 an arbitrator from this list by alternately striking names. The order of
 18 striking shall be determined by flipping a coin.
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20 **2. Powers of the Arbitrator:**
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- 22 a. The arbitrator shall have no authority to hear evidence and/or rule on any
 23 sections of this Agreement which were not present in the original grievance,
 24 Formal Level - Step 1.
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 26 b. The parties shall attempt to agree upon a statement of the issue(s) to be
 27 submitted to arbitration. If the parties cannot agree, the arbitrator shall
 28 determine the issue(s) by referring to the written grievance documents.
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 30 c. After a hearing and after both parties have had an opportunity to present
 31 written arguments, the arbitrator shall submit a decision within thirty (30)
 32 days.
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 34 d. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the findings of
 35 fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue(s) submitted. The arbitrator
 36 shall be without power or authority to make any decision which requires the
 37 commission of an act prohibited by law or which changes or is violative of
 38 the terms of this Agreement. Subject to the limitations specified in Article
 39 VI, Section C., it is agreed that the remedy of the arbitrator may include such
 40 financial reimbursement as may be necessary to make the grievant whole for
 41 any monetary loss resulting from a violation, misapplication, or
 42 misinterpretation of the specific provisions of this Agreement.
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 44 e. The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Association and the
 45 Director of Employee Relations Services, and shall be binding upon the
 46 parties.
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1 f. If any question arises as to the arbitrability of the grievance, such question
2 will be ruled upon by the arbitrator only after he/she has had an opportunity
3 to hear the merits of the grievance.

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5 3. **Areas of Exclusion.**

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7 The arbitrator shall have no power to recommend or resolve:

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9 a. Any issue arising out of the exercise by the Board or the Administration of
10 its responsibilities under Article III, Reserved Rights of the District, except
11 as modified by specific provisions of this Agreement.

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13 b. Issues involving evaluation other than procedures specifically identified in
14 Article XI, Evaluation Procedures.

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16 4. **Cost of Arbitration:**

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18 a. All cost of the services of the arbitrator, including but not limited to, per diem
19 expenses, travel and travel time, and the cost of any hearing room which is
20 not the property of the school district shall be borne equally by the District
21 and the Association.

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23 b. Either party may request that the hearing be recorded. The costs of a
24 certified court reporter shall be paid by the party requesting the reporter and
25 only the party paying for the reporter shall receive a transcript of the
26 hearing. Alternately, both parties may mutually agree to share equal the
27 costs of the reporter in which case both parties shall receive a copy of the
28 transcript.

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30 c. The grievant and required employee witnesses will be granted released time
31 as necessary to participate in any hearing required by the arbitration process.
32 The release of employee witnesses will be scheduled to minimize classroom
33 disruption.

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35 d. Each party shall bear the expense of the preparation and presentation of its
36 own case.

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38 5. **Expedited Arbitration.** The parties may mutually agree that arbitration may
39 proceed under the expedited Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

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41 G. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

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43 1. **Right to Representation.** The District and the Association recognize the right of the
44 employee to present grievances without involvement of the Association and of the
45 Association to represent the employee who so requests it. Both the grievant and the
46 respondent reserve the right to have representation at each of the steps.

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2. **Time Limits.** The District and the Association agree that time limits in this Article may be extended by mutual consent. If the respondent at any step fails to meet the deadline for a response, the grievance may be appealed to the next higher step. Failure of the grievant to request an extension or to meet time limits shall render the grievance null and void.
 3. **Conferences.** Upon request of either a grievant or a respondent, a conference shall be arranged for discussion of a grievance.
 4. **Released Time:**
 - a. An employee with a grievance shall be granted reasonable released time to process the grievance.
 - b. The Association may, upon request of the grievant, have released time for an authorized representative to participate in a grievance conference.
 - c. The Association shall designate in writing to Employee Relations Services the names of unit members who are authorized as grievance representatives prior to the District's approval of released time.
 - d. Except for the informal conference, an employee must request approval from the appropriate manager at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to being released from duties to participate as a grievant or representative in a grievance conference.
 - e. Released time shall be limited to one Association representative per grievance conference.
 - f. Released time for processing grievances at the site level shall be at times that do not disrupt direct service to students.
 5. **Bypass to Appropriate District-Level Manager.** If the Association and Employee Relations Services agree, and where the immediate manager would not be the appropriate respondent, Level 1 of the grievance procedure may be bypassed and the grievance brought directly to the appropriate district-level manager.
 6. **Group Grievance.** If more than one employee shares in the same allegation, only one grievance may be filed in their behalf upon mutual agreement of the Association and the district manager named in the grievance.
 7. **Filing of Materials.** All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.

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8. **Grievance Withdrawal.** A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without establishing precedent.
9. As per Government Code, Section 3543.5, the District shall not impose or threaten to impose reprisals, to discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their participation in the grievance procedure.
10. Issues properly addressed through the grievance procedure may not subsequently be considered through the District's complaint procedure.

ARTICLE XIII

Concerted Activities

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- A. Apart from and in addition to existing legal restrictions upon and remedies for work stoppages, the Association, an employee organization as defined in the Act, hereby agrees that it shall not call, sanction, or participate in any strike, walkout, slowdown, or other organized withholding of services during the life of this Agreement. In the event of any strike, walkout, slowdown, or other organized withholding of services, the Association and its officers will take all reasonable steps within their control to end or avert the same upon knowledge of such concerted activity.
- B. Any employee engaging in or assisting any strike, walkout, slowdown, or other organized withholding of services in any District educational programs in violation of this Article, or concerted refusal to perform duly assigned services in violation of the Article may be disciplined up to and including termination within due process procedures.
- C. It is further agreed that the Association, an employee organization as defined in the Act, shall not engage in any picketing at District school sites and shall not involve students in activities covered by this Article.
- D. Further, it is understood that in the event this Article is violated, the District shall be entitled to withdraw any rights, privileges, or services provided for in this Agreement, in District policy, or by Government Code Section 3543.1 from any employee and/or the Association for the duration of this Agreement.
- E. The District agrees that there will be no lockout of teachers during the term of this Agreement.

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ARTICLE XIV

Effect of Agreement

5 A. It is understood and agreed that the specific provisions contained in this Agreement shall
6 prevail over current and past District practices and procedures and over state laws to the
7 extent permitted by state law, and that in the absence of specific provisions in the Agreement
8 or in the law such practices and procedures are discretionary with the District.
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10 B. It is agreed that, with the mutual consent of the parties, any provision of this Agreement may
11 be waived if such waiver will support the educational mission of the school district. The
12 process and structure for obtaining such a waiver will be known as Educational Mission:
13 Innovation Advancement.
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15 1. **Educational Mission: Innovation Advancement Committee:**

16 a. The purpose of the committee is to consider contract waiver requests which
17 may be submitted from any CDC/Head Start site.
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19 b. The committee will have eight (8) members, four (4) appointed by the
20 Association and four (4) appointed by the District.
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22 c. The committee will meet during the duty day as needed throughout the
23 traditional schedule school year. The duration of each meeting will be
24 dependent upon the number of waiver requests to be considered. Substitutes
25 will be called through normal procedures.
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27 d. The committee will be responsible for its own procedures, including the
28 selection of a chairperson. Requested clerical support will be provided by the
29 District.
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31 2. **Requests for Contractual Waiver:**

32 a. Requests for an individual site waiver of a specific provision(s) of the
33 collective bargaining Agreement will be submitted to the Educational
34 Mission: Innovation Advancement Committee accompanied by (a) evidence
35 that the proposal is supported by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the affected
36 bargaining unit employees, (b) the endorsement of the program Director and
37 the Deputy Superintendent and (c) the endorsement of the TALB Board of
38 Directors. With respect to (a) above, it is understood that the voting process
39 will be of sufficient duration to enable all affected unit members the
40 opportunity to vote on the proposal.
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42 b. Waiver requests will contain such other information as may be required by
43 the Educational Mission: Innovation Advancement Committee (e.g.,
44 purpose, duration, effect, etc.). Any request which
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deals with curricular matters will include information regarding review through the District curriculum process.

- c. To be recommended to the Superintendent for presentation to the Board of Education the waiver request must receive the vote of at least six (6) of the eight (8) committee members.

3. **Continuation/Termination of Contractual Waivers:**

- a. An approved waiver will be reviewed annually by the program Director, the Deputy Superintendent, the TALB Board of Directors, and the affected bargaining unit employees to ensure that the Director, the Deputy Superintendent, the Association, and at least two thirds (2/3) of the affected bargaining unit employees wish to continue the waiver through the next semester or school year, as specified.
- b. If during this required annual review the program Director and Deputy Superintendent, or the Association do not wish to continue the waiver, or if more than one-third (1/3) of the affected bargaining unit employees do not wish to continue the waiver, the previously waived contract provision will be automatically reinstated in its entirety at the beginning of the next semester or school year, as specified.
- c. Except to the extent waived pursuant to this Article, the collective bargaining agreement will remain in full force and effect and have full application to the bargaining unit employees who are affected by an approved site waiver.

ARTICLE XV

Savings Clause

If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions will not be deemed valid except to the extent permitted by law; however, all other provisions will continue in full force and effect.

Subsequent to the final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction that any section, article, or provision is contrary to law, and at the request of either party, the parties shall meet within a mutually agreeable period of time to renegotiate the specific article, section or provision held to be contrary to law. (In no instance shall the period of time to open renegotiations be more than thirty (30) days from the date of the request of either party.)

ARTICLE XVI

Completion of Meet-and-Negotiate Sessions

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During the term of this Agreement, the District and the Association hereby waive and relinquish the right to meet and negotiate and agree that the District and the Association shall not be obliged to meet and negotiate with respect to any other subject or matter whether referred to or covered in this Agreement or not, even though each subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplations of either or both the District or the Association at the time they met and negotiated on and executed this Agreement, and even though such subjects or matters were proposed and later withdrawn.

ARTICLE XVII

Term of Agreement

This agreement shall take effect beginning July 1, 2022 and terminates Jun 30, 2025. Full Contract shall be open for 2024-2025, with reopeners for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 on Article VI and three articles elected by each party.

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APPENDIX A
CALENDARS

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The Long Beach Unified School District and the Teachers Association of Long Beach shall collaborate in the development of the calendars. Except in extenuating circumstances, these calendars shall be agreed to two calendar years in advance. Each calendar will be posted on the district website.

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APPENDIX B

Salaries

5 **Salary:**

6 4% increase to bargaining unit salary schedules, stipends, and rates of pay for 2023 – 2024
7 retroactive to July 1, 2023. An additional one-time off schedule payment of 4% for 2023 – 2024
8 based on the unit member’ earnings for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
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10 **PROVISIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CDC/HEAD START and EDUCARE SALARY**
11 **SCHEDULES:**

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13 **A. REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO INITIAL PLACEMENT ON SALARY**
14 **SCHEDULES:**

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16 1. Teachers in Child Development Centers and Head Start must hold a valid Children’s
17 Center Instruction or Child Development Center Permit; or in lieu of the permit, a
18 Standard Teaching Credential deemed by the Commission on Teacher Preparation
19 and Licensing to be equivalent to the Children’s Centers Permit.
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- 21 2. **Teaching Experience.** As authorized by Education Code, Section 45028, teachers
22 in Child Development Centers and Head Start and Educare not previously employed
23 by the District as a teacher during the five (5) years (60 calendar months) prior to the
24 date of hire are allowed credit for previous satisfactory teaching experience up to the
25 maximum step on the appropriate column on the salary schedule. If a teacher has
26 served under contract for fifty (50) percent or more of the total work year; has worked
27 as a substitute teacher for one hundred thirty-five (135) days in one (1) work year; or
28 has combined service of one hundred thirty-five (135) days in one (1) work year
29 under contract and as a substitute or hourly teacher, credit will be given for one (1)
30 year of experience. “Day” shall be defined as actual days worked.
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- 32 3. **Experience Other Than Teaching.** In evaluating an applicant’s experience other
33 than teaching, the District may allow a maximum of four (4) steps on the salary
34 schedule when this experience will contribute directly to the effectiveness of the
35 major assignment for which the applicant is being considered. Two (2) years of
36 experience under this provision are evaluated as equal to one (1) step on the salary
37 schedule. This experience cannot be concurrent with credit for teaching experience,
38 but part-time work experience might be combined with part-time teaching.
39 Verification of not less than eleven (11) months of consecutive work of not less than
40 twenty (20) hours per week may be computed as the equivalent of one (1) year toward
41 the two-for-one requirement for work experience credit. In computing work
42 experience on more than one (1) job, any interruption of service beyond one (1)
43 month shall break the consecutive requirement, unless the prospective employee
44 returns to the same position, with the same employer, within six (6) months without
45 having been gainfully employed by another employer during that time.
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- 1 4. **Military Service.** Military Service is credited as prior teaching experience only if
 2 the applicant actually taught while in the service in the field for which she/he is to
 3 be employed.
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 5 5. **Tentative Salary Placement.** Applicants who are considered favorably are asked to
 6 sign a statement relative to tentative salary placement that is mutually agreeable at
 7 the time of employment. Signing the “Tentative Salary Placement” form indicates
 8 that the salary stated thereon is mutually agreeable.
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10 Additional qualifying official verified salary information presented on or before
 11 November 1 or within sixty (60) calendar days after initial date of employment which
 12 might indicate a need for change will be considered. If a salary change is warranted,
 13 the adjustment will be retroactive to the first duty day of paid service in the school
 14 year in which the official verified information is received.
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16 6. **Salary Schedule Placement:**

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 18 a. Certificated employees who are given a contract are placed initially on the
 19 salary schedule in accordance with training completed at an accredited
 20 college or university before the first day of their contract year and verified
 21 within sixty (60) days after initial date of employment.
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 23 b. A teacher employed by the Long Beach Unified School District is placed on
 24 a step of the salary schedule in accordance with his/her experience. A teacher
 25 is advanced year by year until reaching the maximum step on the schedule,
 26 provided he/she is under contract a sufficient number of days each year and
 27 qualified for advancement.
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29 B. **CREDIT ON THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ADVANCED WORK:**

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 31 1. All college or university credit shall be from an accredited institution.
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 33 2. Placement on Column 302, 502, 124, 312, or 334 is dependent on verification of
 34 ninety (90) or more units; all units above sixty (60) to be upper division and taken at
 35 a four-year college or university.
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 37 3. Placement on Column 303, 503, 125, 313, 317, 323, 335 or 513 is dependent on
 38 verification of a Bachelor’s degree. As of April 24, 2005, placement on columns
 39 306, 316 (E3), 315, 319, 325, 336, 506, 516, or 126 is dependent on verification of
 40 twenty-eight (28) semester hours of upper division or graduate work beyond the
 41 Bachelor’s Degree. Extra units earned prior to receiving the Bachelor’s Degree shall
 42 not be accepted for placement on the scale on one (1) year above the Bachelor’s
 43 Degree unless extra units are of graduate standing, were not counted for the
 44 Bachelor’s Degree, and are so indicated on the transcript.
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- 1 4. It is the responsibility of the employee to submit official sealed transcripts to the
 2 appropriate office by November 1 in order to advance on the salary schedule and
 3 receive salary schedule placement retroactive to the first duty day of that contract
 4 year, for coursework and degrees earned prior to September 15. If verification is
 5 received after November 1, or for coursework or degrees completed after September
 6 15, salary schedule placement adjustment will be granted for completed units and/or
 7 conferred degrees effective the pay period following receipt of the official transcripts.
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9 The appropriate office for submission of official sealed transcripts will be the
 10 following:

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 12 CDC teachers must submit their official sealed transcripts
 13 to the CDC Office.

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 15 Head Start and Educare teachers must submit their official sealed
 16 transcripts to Human Resource Services.
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- 18 5. An employee must complete all requirements prior to the first day of the contract
 19 year in order to qualify for placement on a higher salary scale. The date shown on
 20 the transcript indicating conferral of the degree will be considered the official date
 21 for this placement.
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- 23 6. Travel in the United States or in foreign lands is not credited for advancement unless
 24 credit for the travel has been granted by a college or university recognized by the
 25 California State Department of Education.
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- 27 7 After the Bachelor’s Degree, courses for upgrading on the salary schedule must be
 28 of upper division or graduate standing. After election to the District and after the
 29 Bachelor’s Degree, exceptions may be made for prior approved lower division
 30 transfer credit courses and post baccalaureate professional courses provided they are
 31 related to the present assignment of the employee. The granting of salary credit to
 32 any employee for such lower division courses will be limited to a maximum of nine
 33 (9) semester hours during the entire time of the employee’s service with the District.
 34 Requests for exceptions must be received by the Director of Child Development
 35 Centers or the Director of Head Start Programs, depending on the program in which
 36 the bargaining unit member is employed.
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38 Receipt of such requests must be made six (6) weeks prior to the first day of
 39 attendance in the course and be approved by a Educational Mission: Innovation
 40 Advancement Committee (EM;IAC). The Association currently appoints four (4)
 41 bargaining unit member to this committee.
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- 43 8. Exceptions to the requirement that all course work (units) must be taken at an
 44 accredited college or university may be made by recommendation of the Educational
 45 Mission: Innovation Advancement Committee (EM: IAC) and the approval of the
 46 Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services.

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2 This committee is empowered to recommend the granting of credit on the salary
3 schedule for successful completion of in-service courses offered by the Long Beach
4 Unified School District which (a) involve attendance at sessions equivalent in time
5 to college or university courses at the same unit value; (b) involve participation and
6 related work equivalent to that required in college or university courses of the same
7 unit value; (c) provide needed in-service opportunities not otherwise readily
8 available; and (d) are found by the committee to be in the best interest of the
9 instructional program of the District. The Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource
10 Services, has final approval authority relative to the granting of salary credit.

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12 Upper division, graduate level or qualifying professional units will apply toward
13 salary schedule placement advancement with the submission of official transcripts.
14 “Qualifying professional units” refers to coursework that meets one of the following
15 requirement: 1) Professional coursework that is the required for a credential or
16 certificate (i.e., CLAD, BLCAD) issued by the California Commission on Teacher
17 Credentialing (“CCTC”); of 2) Upper division or graduate level courses which are
18 designated as professional courses for educators by the accredited college or
19 university.
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21 **C. SALARY INCREMENTS:**

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- 23 1. Increments are granted to certificated employees who have been compensated for
24 fifty (50) percent or more of the work year and under contract or who have combined
25 service of one hundred thirty-five (135) days in one (1) school year under contract
26 and as a substitute teacher. Any exception to this policy requires special approval of
27 the Board of Education.
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 - 29 2. A probationary employee who has earned an increment is entitled to said increment
30 provided the employee is re-elected any time during the immediate subsequent school
31 year. If, however, a school year or more intervenes, the employee is not entitled to a
32 salary that exceeds the maximum entrance salary.
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 - 34 3. An employee who at the time of resignation was classified as permanent and who is,
35 or has been, re-employed under contract within thirty-nine (39) months after the last
36 day of service, shall be classified as and restored to all rights of a permanent
37 employee, except as specifically limited by law.
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 - 39 4. A certificated employee who has a leave of absence (a) to serve as a member of the
40 Peace Corps outside the United States, the Domestic Peace Corps (Volunteers in
41 Service to America), or the Job Corps; (b) to teach in a foreign country; or (c) to take
42 advanced professional and academic training is entitled to an increment the same as
43 though he/she has been regularly employed. To receive such increment, the service
44 or study during the period of leave must be verified. In order to qualify for the
45 increment following a leave of absence for advanced professional and academic
46 training, an employee shall verify that he/she undertook a full load as defined by the

1 institution attended. A transcript of work taken and grade earned shall be filled within
2 sixty (60) calendar days of returning to duty. If verification is received after sixty
3 (60) calendar days, salary schedule placement adjustment will be effective the
4 following pay period.
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- 6 5. A certificated employee who is granted a military leave is entitled to such increment
7 as would have been received had the employee remained in active service with the
8 school district.
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10 **D. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS WITH CHANGE IN STATUS.**

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12 When an employee acquires the required number of approved professional credits or a
13 degree, the employee will be entitled at the next increment date to move from one preparation
14 column to another in the following manner:
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- 16 1. The employee will be moved horizontally to the new preparation column for which
17 eligibility has been earned.
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19 2. The employee will be moved to the next step on the new scale.
20 Note: Employees on Step H, Column 301 or 311, who are entitled to move to column
21 302 or 312, will remain on Step H; employees on Step I, Column 303 or 313, who are
22 entitled to move to Column 306 and 316, will remain on Step I.
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24 **E. ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT BEYOND THE CONTRACT POSITION.**

25 Employees in full-time contract positions shall not, during the period of time covered by the
26 contract, engage in other gainful occupations which impair the efficiency and character of
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APPENDIX C

**TRUST AGREEMENT
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If individual teachers or Center staff members are interested in exploring the possibility of flex time schedules, he/she/they will develop a sample schedule which addresses the issues of teacher and adult/student ratio, cost, consistent communication and identified benefits to the program. Following submission of the sample plan, the CDC Director will meet with the interested party/ies to clarify issues and determine the feasibility of implementation.

APPENDIX D

Budget and Personnel CDC/Committee (MOU)

The District and TALB agree that the Budget and Personnel CDC Shared Decision-Making Committees will work together for the purpose of developing, drafting, revising salary schedules for CDC/Head Start unit personnel. It is the intent of the parties that, to the extent feasible, the revised salary schedules, should

- reflect the current Child Development Permit matrix;
- recognize the unique roles and responsibilities of coordinating teachers;
- promote professionalism by rewarding attainment of educational milestones;
- address issues raised in the CDC/Head Start initial bargaining proposal;
- demonstrate a conscientious understanding of the constraints imposed by state CDC funding and federal Head Start funding.

The parties recognize that revision of salary schedules is a complex, time-consuming process. The goal is to have draft schedules developed within six (6) months of contract ratification; however, both parties are cognizant of the fact that the process may require additional time.

When draft and/or revised salary schedules are developed, copies will be provided to both the Teachers Association and Employee Relations Services for review and approval. When approved by both the Teachers Association and District administration, the schedules will be recommended to the Board of Education for implementation July 1, 2000, with the understanding that any salary adjustment for fiscal year 2000-01 will be applied to the newly adopted CDC/Head Start Salary Schedules.

Ratified 01.5.16

APPENDIX E

Sick Leave Donation Program

The District and the Teachers Association of Long Beach agree to the implementation of the following Sick Leave Donation Program. This program shall be available to all members of the bargaining unit. The District and the Association further agree to review and evaluate the effectiveness of this plan after a full year has elapsed following the ratification of this contract by both the Association and the Board of Education. The purpose of the Sick Leave Donation Program is to provide assistance to bargaining unit members suffering from a catastrophic physical illness or injury. The Sick Leave Donation Program provides employees with an opportunity to be restored to health so they can return to work.

Definitions

As used herein the following definitions are agreed to in reference to the Sick Leave Donation Program.

Work Day: A work day, for the purposes of this Article, is a day when designated parties to the approval process are at work for all or part of the day.

Donation Day: A donation day is defined as eight (8) hours for all employees.

Pay: Pay is defined as the employee's regular daily rate excluding compensation for additional hourly assignments.

Sick Leave: Sick leave available for donation is defined as the employee's accrued monthly sick leave pursuant to Article VII of the Agreement. Accrued hourly sick leave is excluded from any donations to the program.

Extended Sick Leave: These are additional days of sick leave which have been donated by other District employees, both bargaining unit members and employees who are not members of the bargaining unit, from their own accrued monthly sick leave balances. These days of additional leave may be used to extend the recipient's sick leave and this leave may be taken on either consecutive or non-consecutive dates. The extended absence of the recipient must be due to the same illness or injury, conforming to the requirements for use of statutory sick leave. Illness or injury which qualifies as Workers' Compensation Leave is excluded from this program.

Catastrophic Illness or Injury: Catastrophic illness or injury is defined as an illness or injury that has been concisely identified as such by the treating physician; the medical prognosis is the employee will be incapacitated for an extended period of time; and the employee's absence exceeds the individual's accrued paid leave.

1 **Eligibility Requirements for Leave Recipients:**

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- 3 1. A bargaining unit member is eligible for extended sick leave if
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- 5 a. he/she has exhausted all of his/her accrued paid leave, which includes but is not
- 6 limited to sick leave;
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- 8 b. he/she is suffering from a catastrophic illness or injury that is expected to incapacitate
- 9 him/her for an extended period of time;
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- 11 c. the incapacity suffered by the employee requires him/her to take time off from work
- 12 beyond the number of days covered by the employee's accrued paid leave, and a
- 13 financial hardship would result for the bargaining unit member.
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- 15 2. The maximum number of days which a recipient may receive for the same illness shall be no
- 16 more than the total number of duty days in the employee's work year.
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- 18 3. Sick leave accrued by the recipient during the time he/she is on extended sick leave shall be
- 19 credited against the employee's days of absence. These days are in addition to the maximum
- 20 number of days of extended sick leave which the recipient is entitled to receive.
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- 22 4. Unit members receiving remuneration under worker's compensation provisions shall not be
- 23 eligible to draw extended sick leave.
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- 25 5. Employees who may be eligible for disability payments under the State Teachers Retirement
- 26 System (STRS) or the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) shall apply for benefits
- 27 at the earliest opportunity. Upon approval for receipt of STRS or PERS disability payments,
- 28 the unit member's eligibility to continue to draw extended sick leave shall cease.
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30 **Guidelines for Donor Participants:**

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- 32 1. Any member of the bargaining unit who has available monthly sick leave balances may
- 33 donate to an employee who is in need of extended sick leave. The required minimum
- 34 donation shall be one day (eight hours).
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- 36 2. Employees who are not members of the bargaining unit may also donate to the employee
- 37 who is in need of extended sick leave, but under the provisions of this
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- 39 program, employees who are not members of the bargaining unit will not be eligible to draw
- 40 such leave.
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- 42 3. If an employee wishes to contribute more than one day, he/she may donate up to a total of
- 43 five (5) days per year to a specific employee who has been authorized for extended sick
- 44 leave. Employees donating more than one (1) day must have a balance of twenty (20) days
- 45 of accrued monthly sick leave at the time of donation.
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- 1 4. Donating employees must acknowledge in writing the donation is voluntary, irrevocable, and
 2 confidential and this written acknowledgement must be submitted to the Director of Payroll.
 3 Leave donated within the provisions of this program shall be deducted from the employee's
 4 accrued monthly sick leave days only.
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6 **Application and Approval Process for Extended Sick Leave:**
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- 8 1. In the event a bargaining unit employee suffers a catastrophic illness or injury, he/she shall
 9 notify his/her immediate supervisor or the payroll clerk at his/her work site as to the reason
 10 for his/her absence and identify said reason as a catastrophic illness or injury. A catastrophic
 11 illness or injury is defined as an imminent or potentially life-threatening illness or injury. A
 12 *Request to Participate in Sick Leave Donation Program*, shall be submitted by the affected
 13 employee to his/her principal/site administrator or his/her designee before paid sick leave is
 14 exhausted. Medical verification of the catastrophic illness or injury shall be provided by the
 15 requesting employee at the time the *Request to Participate in Sick Leave Donation Program*
 16 form is submitted.
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18 In the event the unit member is personally unable to request this extension of sick leave, the
 19 unit member's designee may make the request on behalf of the applicant.
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- 21 2. The principal/site administrator, or his/her designee, shall, within three (3) working days of
 22 receipt of the *Request to Participate in Sick Leave Donation Program* form and medical
 23 verification, review and fax and/or electronic mail both to Physician Services in the Human
 24 Resources Department for review and final approval/denial of the employee request who
 25 shall be responsible for the final decision to approve or deny the employee's request. Final
 26 approval or denial will be made and faxed to the principal/site administrator or his/her
 27 designee within three (3) working days following receipt in the office of Physician Services
 28 in the Human Resources Department.
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- 30 3. The principal/site administrator or his/her designee shall, within three (3) working days
 31 following notification of final approval, circulate by means of fax and/or electronic mail the
 32 *Donation of Sick Leave Hours* form to all schools and offices with a request to employees to
 33 donate sick leave days to the employee in need. The name of the employee shall be included
 34 in that request.
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- 36 4. In the event the principal/site administrator or his/her designee receives notification the
 37 *Request to Participate in Sick Leave Donation Program* form has been denied by the Human
 38 Resources Department, the principal/site administrator or his/her designee shall within three
 39 (3) working days notify the requesting employee or his/her designee of this decision. The
 40 employee may revise the request to add pertinent medical information and resubmit the
 41 application.
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- 43 5. Upon being informed of a need for a sick leave donation and having decided to make a
 44 donation, donor employees shall submit the *Donation of Sick Leave Hours* form directly to
 45 the Director of Payroll.

- 1 6. Upon receipt of the *Donation of Sick Leave Hours* forms from the donor employee, the
 2 Director of Payroll shall be responsible for processing these forms. This task shall include:
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- 4 a. Verifying that prospective donors have sufficient sick leave balances to allow for the
 5 donation indicated by the employee.
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 - 7 b. Crediting the receiving employee with donated sick leave. Donated sick leave will
 8 be provided in increments of no more than forty (40) total work days at any one time.
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 - 10 c. Maintaining a record of the names of donors, the number of days each employee has
 11 donated, and the dates the *Donation of Sick Leave Hours* have been received.
 12
 - 13 d. Monitoring receiving employees' extended sick leave balance to ensure that donated
 14 leave transferred does not exceed the total number of days in the receiving
 15 employees' regular work year.
 16
 - 17 e. Notifying payroll clerks and employees at those work sites/schools to which donors
 18 are assigned that donations have occurred and that donor employee sick leave
 19 balances need to be adjusted accordingly on records at the work site/school.
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 - 21 f. Notifying the payroll clerk at the work site/school to which the receiving employee
 22 is assigned that the employee has received an initial extended sick leave increment
 23 of up to forty (40) days. In the event that additional increments are provided, a similar
 24 notification shall be communicated to the payroll clerk.
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- 26 7. Donated sick leave days will be distributed to the recipient by the Payroll Department in
 27 increments of 40 days (320 hours) assuming that the number of days donated total forty (40)
 28 or more. If less, the final increment shall reflect the balance of those days donated.
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- 30 8. If the requesting recipient exhausts all paid sick leave before final approval is secured and
 31 is placed on statutory leave before the sick leave donation is approved, statutory leave
 32 charged to the employee shall be restored upon determination of approval and days
 33 previously charged to statutory leave shall be charged to the sick leave donation program.
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- 35 9. If the total number of days which are donated to a specific employee is not used by that
 36 employee, the balance of unused days shall be transferred to a designated sick leave
 37 depository. Depository records will be maintained by the Director of Payroll, and these
 38 records shall be available for review by TALB upon request. Days carried over will be
 39 available to recipients whose requests are approved at a later date.
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- 41 10. Receipt of extended sick leave benefits under this program shall delay the beginning of the
 42 period of eligibility for statutory leave. The employee will become eligible for statutory
 43 leave after all extended sick leave has been exhausted.
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- 45 11. The maximum number of days which may be designated for an employee's use at one time
 46 shall be forty (40). If the recipient needs additional days or if the number of days initially

1 donated is less than forty (40), the principal/site administrator shall renew the appeal for
2 additional days immediately prior to the depletion of the original donation.
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4 **Grievance Proceedings**

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- 6 1. This provision shall supersede any obligation of the District under Education Code Section
7 44043.5.
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 - 9 2. If any part of this provision is held to be unlawful, the entire provision shall be null and void.
10 TALB and the District shall meet as soon as possible to review and revise the provisions.
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 - 12 3. The provisions of this Section and the final decisions regarding approval or disapproval shall
13 be subject to the Grievance Procedure under Article XV of the Agreement.
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15 **Evaluation of the Program**

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17 This program will be reviewed and re-evaluated by the Office of Employee Relations Services and
18 the Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB) at the conclusion of one year of implementation.
19 The parties may agree to modifications in the program. Any major revision or adoption of new
20 language shall be discussed within the context of successor salary negotiations between the District
21 and the Association.
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APPENDIX F

District Technology Internet Guidelines and Procedures for Represented Certificated Staff

All access to the Internet is routed through a “technology protection measure” designed to filter out material that is in violation of the District’s Internet policies. This filter will block most objectionable material. Users should be aware that some objectionable material may be missed by the filter and users, upon discovering the presence of such material, shall report offending sites to the Technology and Information Services Branch Help Desk at extension 8411. Review processes are in place to block sites with objectionable material and to request the removal of blocks to sites that users believe contain material that has educational benefit. Finally, an adult filter is available if the user submits a request and receives approval from the appropriate Assistant Superintendent and the Executive Director of Information Services.

Represented certificated employees are responsible for following generally accepted social standards for use of a publicly owned and operated communication tool which includes various technology systems such as the Internet. Represented certificated staff will maintain high standards of ethical conduct while using all District technology systems. Examples of unethical, unacceptable use of District technology equipment include the following:

- Sending, displaying, or accessing pornographic, abusive, obscene, or other objectionable language, graphics, or other media
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information about students or employees
- “Hacking” or otherwise engaging in unlawful computer or technology-oriented activities
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Intentionally damaging computers, computer systems, data, files, information or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using or distributing another’s password
- Trespassing in another’s digital folders or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for outside business or commercial purposes
- Sending or requesting of unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate, or unacceptable information of any type
- Engaging in activities that cause disruption to District technology systems
- Attempting to bypass District technology security measures
- Reposting or forwarding without the permission of the sender a message sent to you privately which is of a confidential nature or one clearly designed to be read by a limited number of selected recipients
- Posting chain letters or engaging in “spamming” – i.e., sending an annoying or otherwise unnecessary message to a large number of people

1 District technology is provided for represented certificated staff to conduct research, to
2 communicate with others on academic topics, and to engage in legitimate District business.
3 Individual users of the District technology are responsible for their behavior and communications
4 on those networks. Users shall comply with District standards and will abide by the policies
5 specified herein. Violations of the District policy described may result in access privileges being
6 suspended or revoked, as well as other disciplinary action as warranted. Any commercial,
7 political, or unauthorized use of District technology systems or services, in any form, is forbidden.
8 All copyright laws must be observed.

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10 Members of the certificated teachers bargaining unit may engage in teacher association business
11 on the District computer networks. Such teacher association business shall be conducted during
12 non-duty hours which are defined in Article IV, Section C of this Agreement. Association use of
13 District e-mails shall be limited to the following: authorized Association representatives may use
14 District e-mails to provide notice of meetings, agendas for meetings, minutes of meetings,
15 confirmation of a meeting with a District representative, or a limited distribution communique`
16 between an authorized Chapter officer and a District representative; the Association will not use
17 e-mail to denigrate the District or its personnel and will observe the prohibitions of Education
18 Code, Section 7054.

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20 The Long Beach Unified School District respects the privacy of all certificated teacher users.
21 System administrators and their staff may not log on to a user's account or view a user's files
22 without explicit permission from the user. Exceptions arise when the user's account is suspected
23 either of disrupting or endangering the security or integrity of any District technology systems or
24 services or of violations of applicable school district policies, federal or state law. Even then, the
25 system administrator must normally obtain prior approval of the Executive Director of Information
26 Services or the Deputy Superintendent of Education Services unless grave danger to the continued
27 operation of the District's technology systems requires emergency action.

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29 This does not preclude Technology and Information Services staff from maintaining and
30 monitoring system logs of user activity which access District technology systems. Moreover,
31 automated searches for activities that endanger system security or integrity are preformed regularly
32 to protect all users. Technology and Information Services administrators may take appropriate
33 action in response to detection of such activity (typically removal of infected files and possibly
34 suspension of the user's accounts until the matter can be resolved).

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36 Use of District technology systems may be revoked at any time for inappropriate use. The
37 Technology and Information Services Branch, in collaboration with school administration, will be
38 the sole determiners of what constitutes inappropriate behavior according to local, state, and
39 federal law. The violation of any item contained in this policy may result in the loss of access
40 and/or to District technology systems other disciplinary action, as well as possible punitive action
41 as provided for by local, state, and federal law.

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43 The security of any information system is a high priority, especially any system that has many
44 users and/or Internet access. Represented certificated staff members shall not let others use his or
45 her account or password as he or she has a reasonable responsibility for all actions related to his
46 or her account. Certificated staff must notify school administrators immediately if their password

1 is lost or stolen or if they think someone has access to their account. Represented certificated
2 employees are to use only the network directories and resources that have been assigned for their
3 use. Unauthorized access to any other level of the system, or other system resource, is strictly
4 prohibited. Users will make no attempt to bypass the District anti-virus software, firewall, filtering
5 and safeguards. When finished with a computer represented certificated employees are expected
6 to logout where appropriate.

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8 Represented certificated employees are not allowed to install software or applications onto
9 computers the computer network, or any District technology systems without a valid purchase
10 order or other proof of District or personal ownership. Legal software and/or data stored District
11 technology devices are subject to removal with prior notification and consent of the represented
12 certificated staff member. Long Beach Unified School District shall take reasonable precautions
13 to ensure the security, integrity, or longevity of data and/or programs stored on District technology
14 systems.

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16 Represented certificated staff acknowledge that they share responsibility for any and all use of the
17 District’s technology systems and that misuse could lead to liability and/or consequences that
18 extend beyond the District’s authority. The Long Beach Unified School District and its
19 represented certificated staff members shall be held harmless from any use or misuse of District
20 technology systems by students. Long Beach Unified School District makes no warranty of any
21 kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service that it is providing. Long Beach Unified School
22 District will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer including, but not limited to, loss
23 of data or interruptions of service as a consequence of equipment failure, either on or off District
24 property. Long Beach Unified School District and its represented certificated employees are not
25 responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system.

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