BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST MASTER AGREEMENT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #882

AND

EDUCATION MINNESOTA - MONTICELLO BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST, Local #8168

Effective Dates: Through June 30, 2026

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ARTICLE I

Purpose

<u>Section 1.</u> Parties: THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between Independent School District No. 882, Monticello, Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as the School District, and Education Minnesota-Monticello Behavior Interventionist, referred to as the exclusive representative, pursuant to and in compliance with the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the PELRA to provide the terms and conditions of employment for Behavior Interventionist during the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

Recognition of Exclusive Representative

<u>Section 1.</u> Recognition: In accordance with the PELRA., the School District recognizes Education Minnesota-Monticello Behavior Interventionist as the exclusive representative of Behavior Interventionist employed by the School District of Independent School District No. 882, which exclusive representative, shall have those rights and duties as prescribed by the PELRA and as described in the provisions of this Agreement.

<u>Section 2.</u> Appropriate Unit: The exclusive representative shall represent all the Behavior Interventionist of the District as defined in this Agreement and in said Act.

ARTICLE III

Definitions

<u>Section 1.</u> Terms and Conditions of Employment: "Terms and conditions of employment" means the hours of employment, the compensation therefor including fringe benefits except retirement contributions or benefits other than employer payment of, or contributions to, premiums for group insurance coverage of retired employees or severance pay, staffing ratios, and the employer's personnel policies affecting the working conditions of the employees. "Terms and conditions of employment" is subject to PELRA.

<u>Section 2.</u> Description of Appropriate Unit: For the purposes of this Agreement, the terms "employees" shall mean all persons in the appropriate unit employed by the District in such classifications excluding the following: confidential employees, supervisory employees, essential employees, part-time employees whose services do not exceed the lesser of 14 hours per week or 35 percent of the normal week in the employees bargaining unit, employees whose positions are basically temporary or seasonal in character and: (i) are not for more than 67 working days in any calendar year; (ii) are not working for a Minnesota school district or charter school;

<u>Section 3.</u> School District: For purposes of administering this Agreement, the term "School District" shall mean the School Board or its designated representative.

<u>Section 4</u>. Year: The term "year" shall mean contract year unless otherwise stipulated.

<u>Section 5.</u> *Probationary Period:* All new employees, hired after July 1, 2024, shall serve a ninety (90) calendar day probationary period.

<u>Section 6.</u> Other Terms: Terms defined in this Agreement shall have those meanings as defined by the PELRA.

ARTICLE IV

School District Rights

Section 1. Effect of Laws, Rules and Regulations: The exclusive representative recognizes that all employees covered by this Agreement shall perform the services and additional activities as prescribed by the School District in this contract and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, and by School District rules, regulations, directives and orders, issued by properly designated officials of the School District. The exclusive representative also recognizes the right, obligation and duty of the School District and its duly designated officials to promulgate rules, regulations, directives and orders from time to time as deemed necessary by the School District insofar as such rules, regulations, directives and orders are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and recognizes that the School District, all employees covered by this Agreement, and all provisions of this Agreement are subject to the laws, rules, regulations, and orders of the State of Minnesota and Federal Government. Any provisions of this Agreement found to be in violation of any such laws, rules, regulations, directives, or orders shall be null and void and without force and effect.

<u>Section 2.</u> PELRA Rights and Obligations of Employers:

<u>Subd. 1.</u> School District or its representative is not required to meet and negotiate on matters of inherent managerial policy, which include, but are not limited to, such areas of discretion or policy as the functions and programs of the School District or its representative, its overall budget, utilization of technology, the organizational structure and selection and direction of personnel.

<u>Subd. 2.</u> School District or its representative must afford reasonable time off to elected officers or appointed representatives of the exclusive representative for the purposes of conducting the duties of the exclusive representative and must, upon request, provide for leaves of absence to elected or appointed officials of the exclusive representative.

<u>Section 3.</u> Reservation of Managerial Rights: The foregoing enumeration of rights and duties shall not be deemed to exclude other inherent management rights and management functions not expressly reserved herein, and all management rights and management functions not expressly delegated in this Agreement are reserved to the School District.

ARTICLE V

Behavior Interventionist Rights

<u>Section 1.</u> PELRA. Rights and Obligations of Employees:

<u>Subd. 1.</u> Pursuant to the PELRA nothing contained in this act shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any employee or their representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment or circumvent the rights of the exclusive representative if there be one; nor shall it be construed to require any BI to perform labor or services against their will. If no exclusive representative has been certified, any public employee individually, or group of employees through their representative, shall have the right of expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or their betterment, by meeting with their public employer or their representative so long as the same is not designed to and does not interfere with the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment.

<u>Subd. 2.</u> Pursuant to the PELRA, Behavior Interventionist shall have the right to form and join labor or employee organizations, and shall have the right not to form and join such organizations, Behavior Interventionist in an appropriate unit shall have the right by secret ballot to designate an exclusive representative for the purpose of negotiating grievance procedures and the terms and conditions of employment for such employees with the employer or such unit.

<u>Subd. 3.</u> The exclusive representative hereby warrants and covenants that it will defend, indemnify and hold the School District harmless from any and all actions, suits, claims, damages, judgments and executions or other forms of liability, liquidated or unliquidated, which any person may have or claim to have, now or in the future, arising out of or by reason of the deduction of dues that an employee has agreed to pay through payroll deduction.

<u>Subd. 4</u>. Employees shall have the right, through their elected representatives, to meet and confer with the School Board or its representatives regarding policies and matters not included

in the Master Agreement.

<u>Subd. 5.</u> Employees through their certified exclusive representative, have the right and obligation to meet and negotiate in good faith with their employer regarding grievance procedures and the terms and conditions of employment, but such obligation does not compel the exclusive representative to agree to a proposal or require the making of a concession.

<u>Subd. 6.</u> When a bargaining unit member has authorized a dues deduction, such authorization shall continue in effect for that year and from year to year, and cannot be canceled except by written notice from the Union President. A member seeking cancellation must provide written notice to the Union President.

Any bargaining unit member, or new hire who has applied for membership in the bargaining unit, authorizes the school district to deduct one sixteenth (1/16) of such dues from the regular pay check of the bargaining unit member for each pay period for 16 consecutive pay periods. The deductions will begin the first pay period on or after October 30. For bargaining unit members employed after the commencement of each school year, deductions of dues shall be made by the School District. The dues will be deducted equally between existing pay periods between the date of the bargaining unit members first pay date and June 15.

By October 1 of each school year, and every 120 days thereafter, the District shall provide in electronic form to the Union the names, home and work addresses, home and work telephone numbers, home and work e-mail address, birthday, not including the year of birth, salary, worksite location and assignment of all bargaining unit members employed. Additionally, the District must provide the Union with the names of any individual hired or who has transferred out of the bargaining unit within 20 days of the hire or transfer. Upon request, the District shall provide the Union with a current bargaining unit list. Such requests shall be filled within five days.

<u>Section 2:</u> Access to worksites: Representatives of the Union shall have reasonable access to worksites and school facilities to investigate employee complaints, communicate with members, hold meetings, and conduct other business. Additionally, a representative of the Union shall be permitted to meet with newly hired bargaining unit members for at least 30 minutes within 30 days of the employee's hire. Unions may elect to have such meetings at the employee's designated worksite. Upon arrival at a worksite, Union representatives shall make their presence known to the worksite supervisor or his/her designee. Such visits shall not interrupt normal work responsibilities.

<u>Section 3.</u> Union leave: Members of the Union authorized by the Union president shall be granted up to 10 (10) days of paid union leave per school year, to conduct union business. Union leave by Union members for negotiations and/or mediation sessions with the District shall not be deducted from these union leave days. The Union agrees to notify the employees immediate supervisor and District administration by e-mail at least three days prior to the use of any union leave.

<u>Section 4.</u> Personnel Files: All evaluations and files generated within the School District relating to each individual employee shall be available during district business hours to each individual employee upon their written request. The employee shall have the right to reproduce any of the contents of the files and to submit for inclusion in the file written information in response to any material contained therein. However, the School District may destroy such files, as provided by law. Information that is false and inaccurate may be challenged through the grievance procedure.