

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT



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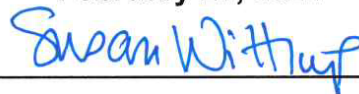
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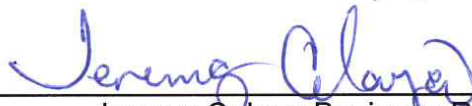


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ARTICLE 1 – AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PROVISIONS

1. The Fresno Unified School District (“District”) and the Union acknowledge that both parties have a legal obligation to consider reasonable accommodation for qualified disabled employees.
2. If the District determines that it must reasonably accommodate a disabled employee, that legal obligation shall supersede all sections of this agreement in conflict with the duty to reasonably accommodate.
3. The Union recognizes that the District has the legal obligation to meet individually with qualified disabled employees to discuss reasonable accommodation. If the District determines that reasonable accommodation is required, prior to any implementation the District will give the Union written notice and an opportunity to meet with the District to review the options for accommodation. The Union may use the Complaint Procedure if the proposed accommodation by the District is perceived to be detrimental to the Union. The Association agrees to keep medical information related to the reason for the reasonable accommodation confidential, unless the affected employee signs a release.
4. Any reasonable accommodation provided under the ADA shall not establish a past practice, nor shall it be cited or used as evidence of a past practice in the grievance/arbitration procedures. Any actions taken pursuant to this article shall not be subject to Article 12 - Grievance Procedure.
5. For the purposes of this article “employee” includes current unit members, employees from other bargaining units whose reasonable accommodation involves assignment to a position in this bargaining unit, and new employees whose employment in the bargaining unit will involve reasonable accommodation.

ARTICLE 2 – AGREEMENT

This is an Agreement effective upon ratification of this agreement between the FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as “District”) and INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS (hereinafter referred to as “Union”).

ARTICLE 3 – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

I. General Provisions

1. The parties agree that the union may withdraw from the FUSD – provided health plan administered by the JHMB only under the following conditions
 - a. The union may withdraw during an annual window period by providing written notice to the District and to the JHMB by certified mail not later than 90 (ninety) calendar days prior to June 30th of its decision to withdraw effective June 30th of that year.

- b. As a precondition to withdrawal, the union may certify to the District's satisfaction that it has secured alternate and uninterrupted health coverage for its members and retirees such that the District and the JHMB are absolved of any present or future responsibility to provide such coverage.

2. Health and Welfare Benefits:

FUSD shall provide a fully paid health plan (less the applicable employee contribution) for employees and eligible dependents and a dental, life and vision plan for eligible employees. The current monthly employee contribution for the health plan is based upon a tiered structure.

Employees and eligible dependents must enroll within thirty (30) days of employment. The District shall provide one (1) 60-day open enrollment period each year beginning approximately January 10 for all bargaining unit members and eligible dependents not currently enrolled in the existing FUSD Employee Health Care Plan. Unit members enrolling or adding dependents shall affect coverage on the first day of the month following enrollment, provided properly completed enrollment materials are received by the District by the 10th of the preceding month before benefits are to be effective.

3. The District's fringe benefits shall include the following programs for all applicable employees.

- a. Health Insurance: The District shall provide District-paid coverage for bargaining unit members and eligible dependents as specified in the FUSD Health Care Plan. Additionally, the District shall not prohibit any unit member from enrolling all eligible dependents as defined by the eligibility requirements of the FUSD Employee Health Care Plan.
- b. Dental Insurance (Delta Dental): Employees only. Eligible dependent(s) coverage available at employee expense. Employees/dependents' coverage shall conform to benefits specifications as in the FUSD Employee Health Care Plan.
- c. Vision Insurance: Employees only. Eligible dependent coverage available at employee expense.
- d. The Healthnet Vision and PUD Dental Plans are an additional option to the Vision and Dental Plans currently existing between the Fresno Unified School District and the Building and Construction Trades Union.
- e. Life Insurance: Employees only. Supplemental units of insurance and dependent coverage are available at employee expense.

- f. A bargaining unit member must be employed fifty percent (50%) or more to be eligible for the District's health and welfare benefits. Any increase in costs for the benefits described above during the term of this agreement shall be borne by the District.
- g. The current benefits (health, dental, vision, life) are subject to the (JHMB) Joint Health Management Board plan design selections and benefits determinations.

II. Joint Health Management Board (JHMB)

1. A Consultant and Plan Administrator shall be selected and funded by JHMB, who will remain in a contractual and/or employment relationship with the District.
2. Contracts and Compensation for the Consultant and Plan Administrator shall be recommended by JHMB, but subject to approval by the Board of Education. Such approval shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.
3. Reporting, reports and disclosures of the Consultant and Plan Administrator shall be as established by the JHMB.
4. The JHMB will, as soon as possible, establish written procedures for conducting its functions as set forth in this Agreement. Such procedures shall include:
 - a. Voting procedures, including absentee voting.
 - b. Establishing regular meeting dates.
 - c. Establishing subcommittees.
 - d. The agendaing and prioritizing of JHMB activities.
 - e. The establishment of terms for JHMB members. Such terms shall promote stability and continuity of membership in order to foster expertise in the subject matter of the JHMB.
5. Labor and Management shall each have one (1) vote on the JHMB.
6. Labor representation shall be proportional to membership in determining the one (1) labor vote. Management representation shall be determined by the District. The decision-making process of the JHMB shall be:
 - a. Consensus: if consensus cannot be reached, section (B) applies
 - b. If consensus is not reached, the following is an example of the weighted vote for employee groups.

EXAMPLE: The voting structure is weighted with each group maintaining a percentage of the weighted vote based on the number of eligible active employees in the unit as a portion of all represented eligible active

employees in the District. For example, based on IAM&AW representing approximately 115 represented eligible employees, (out of a total of 6756), IAM&AW's voting weight would be 1.7 percent.

7. There shall be binding arbitration of any JHMB deadlocked votes; provided however the arbitrator(s) shall have no authority to increase the District's contribution to the Health Fund. Rather, such an increase can only occur, if at all, through subsequent negotiated agreements and ratification thereof by all parties. Upon agreement by Labor and Management (i.e., each casting its single vote in the affirmative), such arbitration may be "Expedited arbitration" on a case-by-case basis. The cost of arbitration is to be borne by the Health Fund. Arbitrators shall be selected from a list provided by the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service.
8. All Plan Design modifications, including but not limited to co-pays, deductibles, premium contributions and assessments, and selection, addition, or termination of health plans/providers for all active and retired employees (regardless of age) shall be made by the JHMB (unless a deadlock goes to arbitration), and implemented upon JHMB action/arbitration decision without the need for further negotiations and/or ratification by the parties. Any premium contributions shall be accomplished through automatic payroll deduction for employees and through direct contributions from retirees.
9. All vendor Contracts are to be negotiated by JHMB, subject to approval by the Board of Education. Such approval shall not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld.
10. The JHMB will assume full responsibility for all retiree health benefits, including the funding of unfunded liability as required by law, and the maintenance of prudent IBNR's, both of which shall be in accordance with actuarial recommendations. The JHMB will set as a target allocation of \$2 million annually and will allocate not less than \$1 million annually from the Health Fund toward such unfunded liability.

III. Withdrawal From FUSD/JHMB Benefits Coverage:

1. The current negotiated agreement between the District and the union requires the District to provide health coverage to eligible employees pursuant to a District-provided health plan as summarized in the Medical Plan document.
2. As a result of 2004-2005 negotiations, the parties have agreed to delegate governance and administration of the District-provided health plan to a labor-management Joint Health Management Board ("JHMB").
3. The union agrees to the establishment of the JHMB and agrees to participate thereon pursuant to the negotiated agreement and any related memoranda of understanding or side letters to which the union is a party. However, the union wishes to set forth

conditions under which it may elect to withdraw from the JHMB-administered FUSD-provided health plan in the future.

4. The parties agree that the union may withdraw from the FUSD-provided health plan administered by the JHMB only under the following conditions:
 - a. The union may withdraw during an annual window period by providing written notice to the District and to the JHMB by certified mail not later than 90 (ninety) calendar days prior to June 30th of its decision to withdraw effective June 30th of that year.
 - b. As a precondition to withdrawal, the union must certify to the District's satisfaction that it has secured alternate and uninterrupted health coverage for its members and retirees such that the District and the JHMB are absolved of any present or future responsibility to provide such coverage.
 - c. Upon withdrawal, and absent negotiated agreement providing otherwise, the District shall allocate to the withdrawing union, on an annual basis, an amount of money equal to the District's contribution per active participant (in effect on the June 30 effective date of withdrawal), multiplied by the applicable number of active participants in each future year. This amount shall be reduced as appropriate and legally required to account for any expenses and/or financial obligations, etc. that may remain with the FUSD/JHMB at and/or following the time of withdrawal.
 - d. Once the union withdraws, it shall be solely responsible for providing health benefits to its represented members and members and members who have retired or will retire from the District, including but not limited to any unfunded liabilities related thereto. Upon withdrawal, the union absolves the District of any future responsibility to provide benefits for employees and retirees of the District who were, are, or will be represented by the withdrawing union.
5. Any disagreements between the union and the District regarding whether the foregoing requirements for withdrawal have been met shall be subject to expedited binding arbitration through the California State Mediation Service. In such a case, any proposed union withdrawal from the FUSD health Plan shall not be implemented until such decision has been issued.

IV. Health Fund

Effective as of July 1, 2023, the District's annual per active employee contribution to the Health Fund is \$22,000 (the "Adjusted Baseline District Health Fund Contribution"). The District shall adjust on a monthly basis, its contribution to reflect the actual number of active eligible employees.

For the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, the District shall increase the annual contribution to the health fund in an amount no less than one million (\$1,000,000) dollars but no more than three million (\$3,000,000) dollars.

V. Health and Welfare

1. Effective as of July 1, 2023, and for the term of this Agreement (i.e., 2023-2026), the District's contribution to the Health Fund as set forth in Section IV. of this Article "Health Fund", shall be Adjusted Baseline District Health Fund Contribution. The parties acknowledge that the Adjusted Baseline District Health Fund Contribution reflects a \$2,370 decrease from the current guaranteed District contribution to the Health Fund (the "Original Baseline District Health Fund Contribution). On July 1, 2026, the District's contribution to the "Health Fund" as set forth in Article 3, Section IV. shall automatically increase using the Original Baseline District Health Fund Contribution by the percentage that is the effective, ongoing dollar increase to the District's base grant revenue ("BGR") actually received by the District for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years, and thereafter for the applicable school year, including any ongoing deficit reduction or equalization of the BGR, and/or any other ongoing adjustment to the District's funded BGR and accounting for declining or increased enrollment, except the annual contribution for each active eligible employee shall not decrease year to year. The District's contribution obligation provided for in this Section V.1. shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. For illustrative purposes only, if the BGR increases by 2% each year for years 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 and the Original Baseline District Health Fund Contribution is \$24,370, on July 1, 2026, the District Health Fund contribution baseline shall be \$25,354.55 plus any increase in the 2026-2027 BGR.

2. If the health and welfare costs exceeds the level of the District Health Fund contribution, then immediately upon such determination, the parties shall meet and confer in order address such deficiencies. Any health care plans changes agreed to be each party must be adopted by the JHMB.

3. The District's contribution per active eligible employee to the Health Fund shall not be less than the amount set forth in Section 3 of this Article "Health Fund."

VI. Retiree Benefits

Paid Health Insurance for Retirees: The district shall provide paid health and accident benefits for retirees in accordance with the following provisions:

1. An eligible retiree is one who:
 - a. Has been hired prior to January 1, 1982 and who has served ten (10) years of service in the Fresno Unified School district.
 - b. Has been hired after January 1, 1982 and has served sixteen (16) years of service in the Fresno Unified School District.
 - c. Has been hired prior to January 1, 1982 whether he/she resigned from the District and was rehired between January 1, 1982 and July 1, 1994 and who has at least a total of ten years of service in the Fresno Unified School District.
 - d. Has been hired after July 1, 1994, regardless of if he/she was hired before January 1, 1982 and who has served sixteen years of service in the Fresno Unified School District.
 - e. Retirement Benefits and Eligibility for Employees Hired on or After July 1, 2005. The following eligibility requirements and District-provided retirement benefits shall apply to employees hired on or after July 1, 2005.

Minimum age: **57 and ½**

Minimum years of service with the District: **20**

Benefit coverage for employee and spouse

Benefit coverage to age 65 or age Medicare eligibility if revised by law.*

* The District shall provide up to **seven and one half** years of retiree benefits regardless of whether the minimum age of Medicare eligibility is revised by law. In such event, the District's minimum age of eligibility for retiree benefits shall be amended accordingly. For example, if the Medicare age of 67 years of age, the District's minimum age of eligibility for retiree benefits shall automatically be increased to **59.5**. **After age 65 or age of Medicare eligibility if revised by law (see * above), the District shall provide a Medicare Advantage Plan (MAPPO) as agreed upon by JHMB currently provided by the District that is comparable to Plan A as secondary to Medicare that the retiree shall pay for at the same rate as an active employee.**

- f. Has reached the age of fifty-seven and one-half (57½) years, except in the case of a debilitants. A debilitant, as so certified by PERS, becomes eligible for this benefit immediately if such debilitant has had ten (10) years of service in the District. Board-approved leave shall be counted in the years of service requirements for the benefit.

2. An eligible dependent(s) is defined as meeting the eligibility requirements of the FUSD Employee Health Care Plan.

3. Eligibility is further determined by both the retiree and/or dependent(s) enrolling in Medicare Part "A" when first qualified for such coverage through Social Security eligibility at no cost to the retiree and/or dependent(s). Additionally, it is required that all retirees and/or dependent(s) enroll in Medicare Part "B" upon becoming eligible.
4. If an eligible retiree, as defined in paragraph "A" above or an active employee eligible for retirement (on and after age 50 and not as a debilitant) is deceased prior to age fifty-seven and one-half (57½), the spouse may purchase the district plan at cost until the retiree would have reached age fifty-seven and one-half (57 ½), at which time the District would absorb the cost.
5. To receive this benefit, a retiree must not be in a paid status with the District.
6. All references to "Medicare" refer to the Federal Medical Law as described in Title 18 of the Social Security Act of 1964. An eligible dependent(s) is defined as meeting the eligibility requirements of the FUSD Health Care Plan.
7. Bargaining unit members retiring after age of fifty (50) who maintain coverage under the District's Health and Accident Plan at their own expense shall be eligible for District-paid coverage at age fifty-seven and one-half (57 ½) in accordance with the other provisions in this article.
8. Disputes arising over the application of this article shall not be subject to the "Grievance Procedure" as printed within this Agreement. This shall not be construed to prevent the submission of such disputes to the appropriate court of law.
9. Hold Harmless: The parties acknowledge that the District has taken the position in these negotiations that this collective bargaining agreement has the legal effect of modifying benefits (deductibles and co pays) contributions and other assessments for current retirees of the District. The parties further acknowledge that the unions/associations have disputed the District's position regarding contributions and other assessments for retirees. Notwithstanding this difference, the parties agree that this agreement is a valid and binding collectively bargained agreement which, if the district's position is correct legally establishes contributions and other assessments by current retirees. Nothing herein shall be construed as acceptance or acquiescence by the unions of the legitimacy of the District's position in this regard. Accordingly, should future District action to implement assessments and contributions from current retirees based on this collective bargaining agreement be challenged in an appropriate forum, and if the unions are named as a party in such action, the District hereby agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the unions for any adverse final judgment and any reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the unions/associations. The District shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine whether any such action shall be compromised, resisted, defended, tried, or appealed.

VII. Plan Design

Specific information regarding monthly contributions, assessment, co-pays, deductibles, prescription benefits, out-of-pocket maximums and other information for all plan coverages can be found in the District Plan document or at jhmbhealthconnect.com.

ARTICLE 4 – COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

1. A complaint is any allegation that a policy or administrative regulation of the District that is not included in contract has been violated, and the violation has adversely affected the bargaining unit member filing the complaint. The complaint must be filed on the appropriate form provided by the District.

These complaints shall be subject to the following process:

- A. Within ten (10) working days after a complainant knew, or by reasonable diligence could have known, of the condition upon which the complaint is based, the complainant must present any complaint in writing to his/her supervisor.
 - B. The supervisor shall communicate a decision to the complainant in writing within ten (10) working days after receiving the complaint and has the right to request a personal conference with the complainant.
 - C. In the event the complaint is not resolved at step one, the complainant may appeal his/her complaint within five (5) working days after the decision is rendered, or within five (5) days of the expiration of the ten (10) days response period, to the division head of that department.
 - D. The division head or his/her designee shall communicate his/her decision to the complainant within the ten (10) working days after receiving the complaint.
 - E. In the event the complaint is not resolved at the division head level, the complainant may appeal his/her complaint within five (5) working days after the decision is rendered, or within five (5) days of the expiration of the ten (10) days response period to the Superintendent.
 - F. The Superintendent, or his designee, shall communicate his decision to the complainant within ten (10) working days after receiving the complaint. This decision will be final.
2. The correct application of the Complaint Procedure may be grieved; however, the decisions or merits of any complaint are not subject to the Grievance Procedure Article in this contract.

ARTICLE 5 – COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS

During the term of this Agreement, the Union expressly waives and relinquishes the right to meet and negotiate and agrees that the District shall not be obligated to meet and negotiate with respect to any subject or matter whether or not referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both the District or the Union 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 6 – CONCERTED ACTIVITIES

It is agreed and understood that there will be no strike, work stoppage, slowdown, picketing or refusal or failure to perform job functions and responsibilities fully and faithfully, or other interference with the operations of the District by the Union or by its officers, agents, or members during the term of this Agreement.

The Union recognizes the duty and obligation of its representatives to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and to make every effort toward inducing all employees to do so. In the event of a strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or other interference with the operations of the District by employees who are represented by the Union, the Union agrees in good faith to take all necessary steps to cause those employees to cease such action.

It is agreed and understood that any employee violating this article may be subject to discipline.

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 Education Code from any employee and/or Union.

Actions by the District taken under this article shall be subject to the grievance procedure. In the event a grievance is filed, it must be limited to the question of whether or not this article has been violated. Nothing in this article shall be so construed as to prevent either party from seeking judicial relief by a court of competent jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 7 – UNION RIGHTS

All Union business, discussions and activities will be conducted by unit members or Union officials outside established work hours as defined in Article 13, Hours, herein, and will be conducted in places other than District property except when:

1. An authorized Union representative obtains advance permission from the superintendent or designee regarding the specific time, place and type of activity to be conducted.
2. The Superintendent or designee can verify that such requested activities and use of facilities will not interfere with the school programs and/or duties of unit members and will not directly or indirectly interfere with the right of employees to refrain from listening or speaking with a Union representative.
3. The Union pays in advance a reasonable fee for expenses related to utilities, security, cleanup and any unusual wear or damage.

The Union may use the school mailboxes and bulletin board spaces designated by the Superintendent subject to the following conditions:

1. All postings for bulletin boards or items for school mailboxes must contain the date of posting or distribution and the identification of the organization together with a designated authorization by the Union president.

2. A copy of such postings or distributions must be delivered to the Superintendent or designee at the same time as posting or distribution.
3. The Union will not post or distribute information which is derogatory or defamatory of the District or its personnel, subject to the immediate removal by the District of the right to post or to distribute for a period of at least one full semester.

Reduction or elimination of bargaining unit member benefits contained within this Agreement by amendment or repeal of existing California or Federal law shall obligate the District, upon Union request, to meet and negotiate for the purpose of considering other similar benefits in compensation for only those benefits lost.

The Union's designated representatives shall be provided an account of a total of thirty-five (35) working days annually to be distributed among the union's designated representatives for which they may utilize for meeting and negotiating, processing grievances and participating in committees and workshops.

The Union's designated representatives will exclusively receive time off from duties for the processing of grievances past Level I of the Grievance Procedure, Article 12 herein, for unit members who are designated as Union representatives, subject to the following conditions:

1. Forty-eight (48) hours prior to release from duties for grievance processing, the designated representative informs his/her immediate supervisor in order that an adequate substitute may be obtained, if such is necessary and checking in at the school site office consistent with Board Policy.
2. Release time for Designated Association representatives shall be permitted as described in this Article, provided that such release time does not interfere with District assignments and obligations of employees.
3. That such time off shall be limited solely to representing a grievant in a conference with a management person, beyond Level I, and in no way shall this limitation include use of such time for matters such as gathering information, interviewing witnesses or preparing a presentation.

ARTICLE 8 – DISTRICT RIGHTS

It is understood and agreed that the District retains all its powers and authority to direct, manage and control to the full extent of the law. Included in, but not limited to, those powers and authority are the exclusive rights to determine its organization; direct the work of its employees; determine the times and hours of operation; determine the school calendar; determine the kinds and levels of services to be provided and the methods and means of providing them; establish its educational policies, goals and objectives; insure the rights of educational opportunities of students; determine staffing patterns; determine the number and kinds of personnel required; maintain the efficiency of District operations; determine class size; determine the curriculum; build, move or modify facilities; establish budget procedures and determine the methods of raising revenue; establish evaluation procedures; contract out work; and take action on any matter in the event of an emergency. In addition, the District retains the right to act to hire, classify, assign, evaluate, promote, transfer, terminate and discipline employees.

The exercises of the foregoing powers, rights authority, duties and responsibilities by the District, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by law, and all specific and express terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURES

1. Employees shall be subject to drug and alcohol testing by a certified laboratory or other certified operator if a supervisor reasonably suspects that the employee is currently under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on duty, and/or subsequent to any work-related accident where there is a reasonable suspicion that the accident was caused by an employee being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. When an employee is asked to submit to a drug test and/or alcohol test, he/she shall be informed of the reason he/she is being asked to submit to the test.
2. “Reasonable suspicion” shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulate observations concerning appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors of the employee and/or changes in general work performance and behavior, such as deterioration in productivity, quality of work, or attitude.
3. Employees who test positive for drugs or alcohol who refuse to submit to testing shall be subject to discipline pursuant to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4218.

ARTICLE 10 – EFFECT OF AGREEMENT

It is understood and agreed that the specific provisions contained in this Agreement shall prevail over District policies, practices, and procedures and over State laws to the extent permitted by State law, and that in the absence of specific provisions in this Agreement, such practices and procedures are discretionary with the District.

ARTICLE 11 – EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

The District and the Union recognize the rights of employees to form, join and participate in lawful activities of employee organizations and the equal alternative right of employees to refuse to form, join or participate in employee organization activities.

1. Personnel Files: The personnel file of each employee shall be maintained at the District's Central Administration Office.
 - a. The person or persons who draft and/or place material relevant to the assessment of performance in an employee's personnel file shall sign the material and signify the date on which such material was drafted and placed in the file.
 - b. Access to personnel files shall be limited to the members of management on a regular need-to-know basis. Board of Education members may request the review of an employee's file at a personnel session of the Board of Education, or the Board may designate an individual Board member(s) to examine personnel files. The contents of all personnel files shall be kept in the strictest confidence. This paragraph shall not apply

in the event all or a portion of the personnel files are necessary for preparation, or as evidence, in an administrative or judicial proceeding.

- c. In the event derogatory charges against an employee are proven to be without substance by any official or body having final judicial authority on the question of such charges, the material shall be expunged from the personnel file.
- d. Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered or filed unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment thereon. This shall include evaluations, competency review forms, memos, quality control reports, or any other material considered to be of derogatory nature. The employee shall be obligated to attend a conference called for such purpose by an administrator having line authority over such employee. The employee shall have the right to representation during such conference. The employee shall acknowledge he/she has received a copy for his/her personal retention by affixing his/her signature on the actual copy to be filed, with the understanding that such signature merely signifies that he/she has read the materials to be filed and does not necessarily indicate agreement with its contents. In the event that an employee refuses to affix his/her signature to the documents, a statement to this effect, together with that of a witness, may be attached to the document by the administrator in charge of the safekeeping of the file. An employee shall have the right to enter, and have attached to any such derogatory statement, his/her own comments thereon. Such review shall take place during normal business hours.
- e. Each employee shall have the right to review the contents of his/her own personnel files. A representative of the employee's choosing may accompany the employee in this review. The employee's representative may review the employee's personnel file in the absence of the employee, provided that the employee has authorized, in writing, the review and provided that such authorization is given to the administrator or designee responsible for the safekeeping of the file. Photocopies of documents shall be provided to the employee or the employee's representative for an amount equal to the cost of reproduction. The employee's review of such information shall take place during the normal working day of the Division of Human Resources and at a time which would result in the least amount of disruption to the employee's work schedule.

2. Informal Personnel Sessions:

- a. Employees may request an informal personnel session with their immediate superiors, department heads and District Administration and Management, with a Union representative present. These sessions are excluded from the Grievance Procedure as provided for in this Agreement.

- b. Informal personnel sessions may be used to discuss such problems as morale and employee dissatisfaction and discuss suggestions from the employee in ways to improve department operation.

ARTICLE 12 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Definitions:

- a. A “grievance” is a formal written allegation by a grievant that he/she has been adversely affected by a violation of the specific provisions of this Agreement.
 - 1) Actions to challenge or change the policies of the District as set forth in the rules and regulations or administrative regulations and procedures must be undertaken under separate legal processes. Other matters for which a specific method of review is provided by law, by the rules and regulations of the Board of Education, or by the administrative regulations and procedures of this school district are not within the scope of this procedure.
 - 2) A “grievant” may be any one of the following:
- f. Any Classified non-management employee of the District covered by the terms of this Agreement.
- g. The union, either on its own behalf or when representing any of the bargaining unit members as authorized in writing.
- h. A “day” is any day in which the district Administration Center is open for business with the exception of those days during winter vacation and spring vacation.
- i. The “immediate supervisor” is the lowest level administrator not in the bargaining unit having immediate jurisdiction over the grievant who has been designated to adjust grievances.

2. Fundamentals:

- a. Nothing contained herein will be construed so as to limit the right of those considering lodging a grievance from discussing the matter informally with any appropriate management person, with or without Union intervention and/or representation, in an

attempt to resolve the matter informally. It is mutually understood and agreed that informal efforts to resolve problems should normally occur but are not required.

- b. Grievant shall have the right to the presence of a Union representative at all steps, at all conferences, and during any and all discussions and/or proceedings, formal or informal, concerned with processing or adjusting the grievance.
- c. Any grievant having more than one immediate supervisor may file the grievance at step 2. If two or more employees having identical grievances have different supervisors, they may file the grievance at step 2.
- d. Any bargaining unit members required to appear in connection with this article shall suffer no loss of pay.
- e. The grievant shall be entitled to process a grievance during normal working hours with no loss of pay or benefits.
- f. Neither party shall attempt to isolate the grievant in order to influence an adjustment of the grievance.
- g. Nothing contained herein will prevent the grievant from proceeding through this Grievance Procedure without Union intervention, provided that the District shall not agree to a resolution of the grievance until the Union has received a copy of the grievance and the proposed resolution and has been given the opportunity to file a response. Bargaining unit members may individually present grievances to the District for processing. If the grievant desires a representative to help resolve the grievance at any level, said representative shall be designated by the exclusive representative for that purpose.
- h. It is mutually understood and agreed that the time limits specified at each level are maximums and do not preclude the parties from desirable efforts to expedite the process of seeking a solution.
- i. It is mutually understood and agreed that the parties are encouraged to exert every effort to achieve a grievance adjustment affording a solution.

- j. It is mutually understood and agreed that the management persons responsible for considering grievances are not obligated to render a written decision if, in their judgment, such decision would be detrimental to resolution of the grievance. In the event no decision is rendered, the grievant may submit such grievance to the subsequent level in conformance with the specified timelines.

3. Informal Level:

Before filing a formal, written grievance, the grievant should attempt to resolve it by an informal conference with his/her immediate supervisor.

4. Formal Level:

- a. Level I. Within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance or within fifteen (15) days of the time the grievant could reasonably have known of the occurrence of the act or omission, the grievant must present his/her grievance in writing on the appropriate form to his/her immediate supervisor. This statement shall be a clear, concise statement of the grievance, the circumstances involved, any decision rendered at the informal conference and the specific remedy sought.

- 1) If there is doubt as to which individual is the immediate supervisor for purposes of grievance processing, the District Office of Labor Relations shall, upon request, immediately inform the grievant who his/her designated immediate supervisor is to enable the grievant's submission of the grievance or complaint for Level I consideration.
- 2) The supervisor shall communicate his/her decision to the employee in writing within ten (10) days after receiving the grievance. If the supervisor does not respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal to the next level.
- 3) Within the above time limits, a personal conference will be held at the request of either party.

- b. Level II. In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level I, he/she may appeal the decision on the appropriate form to the Division Head of the Business Division, or his/her designee, within ten (10) workdays.

- 1) This statement must include a copy of the original grievance, the decision rendered a clear, concise statement of the reasons for the appeal and the insufficiency of the Level I response.

2) The Division Head, or his/her designee, shall communicate his/her decision within ten (10) days after receiving the appeal. Either the grievant or the Division Head, or his/her designee, may request a personal conference within the above time limits. If the Division Head, or his/her designee, does not respond within the time limits, the grievant may appeal to the next level.

3) The Division Head, or his/her designee, may reject the Level II grievance as insufficient if the Level II grievance does not contain all the necessary elements identified in section 4.B.1) above.

c. Level III. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Level II, he/she may within ten (10) workdays appeal the decision on the appropriate form to the Administrator, Labor Relations, or his/her designee.

1) This statement shall include a copy of the original grievance and appeal, the decisions rendered a clear, concise statement of the reasons for the appeal and the insufficiency of the Level II response.

2) The Administrator, Labor Relations, or his/her designee shall communicate his/her decision to the grievant within ten (10) days.

3) The Administrator, Labor Relations, or his/her designee may reject the Level III grievance as insufficient if the Level III grievance does not contain all the necessary elements identified in section 4.C.1) above.

d. Level IV. If the Union is not satisfied with the decision at Level III, the union may within ten (10) workdays submit a request in writing to the Office of Labor Relations for arbitration of the dispute.

1) The union and the District shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator. If no agreement can be reached, they shall request the State Mediation and Conciliation Service to supply a panel of five (5) names of persons experienced in hearing grievances in public schools. Each party shall alternately strike a name until only one name remains. The remaining panel member shall be the arbitrator. The order of striking shall be determined by flipping a coin.

- 2) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the hearing shall be borne equally by the District and the union. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them.
- 3) The arbitrator shall, as soon as possible, hear evidence and render a decision on the issue or issues submitted to him/her. If the parties cannot agree upon a submission agreement, the arbitrator shall determine the issues by referring to the written grievance and answers thereto at each step.
- 4) The arbitrator will not have power to add to, subtract from or modify the terms of this Agreement.
- 5) After a hearing and after both parties have had an opportunity to make written arguments, the arbitrator shall submit in writing to all parties his/her findings and award, if any, which shall be final and binding.

Nothing shall preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to extend or shorten any timelines within this Grievance Procedure. Such mutual exceptions must be in writing.

ARTICLE 13 – HOURS

1. Work Week

The regular workweek of a full-time unit member shall be forty (40) hours, and the regular workday shall be eight (8) hours. The scheduling of the hours and workdays shall be at the sole discretion of the District management.

2. Overtime

- a. The District will provide compensation or compensatory time off at a rate equal to one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay for unit members designated by the District and authorized to perform such overtime.
- b. Overtime is any time required to be worked in excess of eight (8) hours in any one workday or any time in excess of forty (40) hours in any calendar week. This provision does not apply to unit members whose regular workday is less than eight (8) hours, or whose workweek is less than forty (40) hours. For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, time during which the unit member is excused from work because of holidays, sick leave, vacation, compensated time off, or other paid leaves of absence, shall be considered as

time worked by the unit member. The designation, authorization and allocation of any overtime shall rest solely with the District management and shall not be subject to Article 12, Grievance Procedure.

3. Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article, the workweek for any unit member having an average workday of four (4) hours or more during the workweek shall consist of no more than five (5) consecutive working days. Such an employee shall be compensated for any work required to be performed on the sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) day following the commencement of the workweek at a rate equal to one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay of the employee designated by the District and authorized to perform the work.
4. The scheduling of workdays and work shifts shall be established by the District.
5. The regular workweek of a full-time unit member shall be forty (40) hours, and the regular workday shall be eight (8).
 - a. Day Shift (1st shift)
 - 1) Monday through Friday
 - 2) Start time 5:00 am to 7:30 am with 8-hour shift with 30 min lunch break.
 - 3) Should there be any business need to change shift times, the District shall provide 2-week notice prior to implementation.
 - b. Off Shift (2nd shift)
 - 1) Monday thru Friday
 - 2) Start time 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with 8-hour shift with 30 min lunch break.
 - 3) Staffing of 2nd shift will be by volunteer, and/or new hires after (date of ratification) to perform work relating to mobile maintenance work only.
 - 4) All straight hours worked will be paid at the 5% differential shift pay.
 - 5) Annually evaluate second shift.

6. Holiday Eligibility:

All unit members shall be entitled to the paid holidays as indicated in Appendix A, provided the unit members are in paid status during the working day immediately preceding and the working day succeeding the holiday.

- a. Regular unit members who are not normally assigned to duty during the holidays of December 25 and January 1 shall be paid for those two (2) holidays provided that they were in paid status during the workday of their normal assignment immediately preceding and succeeding the holiday period.
- b. When a holiday herein listed falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday, in lieu of the day observed. When a holiday herein listed falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed. When a unit member is required to work on any said holiday(s), he/she shall be paid compensation, or given compensatory time off for such work in addition to regular

pay received for the holiday at the rate of time and one-half his/her regular rate of pay.

7. Rest Period

All full-time bargaining unit members will be granted a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes for every four (4) hours of work as scheduled by the District.

8. Minimum Call-In and Call-back Time

Any employee called in to work on a day when the employee is not scheduled to work, and any employee called back to work after he/she has completed his/her regular assignment, shall be compensated two hours (2) for less than two hours of work and in increments of 2 hours for hours worked beyond two hours, at the overtime rate.

Call Up: Any employee contacted by telephone or text about work from a supervisor or designee, with the exception for contacts regarding overtime, and said employee responds to the call or text and is not on duty for the District, shall be compensated at a rate of one-half hour (1/2) per call, or actual time if the call is longer than one-half (1/2) hour. The employee will submit a form to their supervisor for compensation.

ARTICLE 14 – LEAVES

The benefits which are expressly provided by the article are the sole benefits which are part of this collective agreement, and it is agreed that the other statutory or regulatory leave benefits are not incorporated, either directly or impliedly, into this Agreement, nor are such other benefits subject to the Grievance Procedure, Article 12.

1. Bereavement Leave

- a. Number of Days: Pursuant to the provisions of Education code Section 45194, bereavement leave without loss of pay for a period not to exceed three days, or five days if out-of-State travel is required, may be granted in the event of death of any member of the immediate family, Members of the immediate family, as used in this section, means the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or a grandchild of the employee or of the spouse of the employee, and the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, stepchild, brother or sister of the employee, or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee.
- b. Immediate Family: Members of the immediate family, as used in this section, shall be extended to include stepmother and stepfather of the employee.
- c. Family, Not Immediate: In cases of death of members of the family not included as “members of the immediate family”, see Leave for Personal Emergency.

2. Industrial Accident or Illness Leave

- a. Education Code: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 45192, employees who are a part of the classified service shall be provided leave of absence for industrial accident or illness under the following rules and regulations.

- b. Compensable Workers: The accident or illness must have arisen out of or in the course of the employment of the employee and must be accepted as a bona fide injury or illness arising out of or in the course of employment by the State compensation Insurance Fund.
- c. Maximum Leave: Allowable leave shall be for sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for the same accident.

- d. Not Accumulative: Allowable leave shall not be accumulative from year to year.
- e. Commencement: The leave under these rules and regulations shall commence on the first day of absence.
- f. Lost Wages: Payment for wages lost on any day shall not, when added to an award granted the employee under the workmen's compensation laws of this State, exceed the normal wage for the day.
- g. Authorized Absence: Industrial accident or illness leave will be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence regardless of a compensation award made under workmen's compensation.
- h. Leave Overlap: When an industrial accident or illness leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee shall be entitled to only the amount of unused leave due him for the same illness or injury.
- i. Entitlement Exhausted: When entitlement to industrial or illness leave has been exhausted, entitlement to other sick leave will then be used; but, if an employee is receiving workmen's compensation, he shall be entitled to use only so much of his accumulated or available sick leave, accumulated compensating time, vacation or other available leave which, when added to the workmen's compensation award, provides for a full day's wage or salary.
- j. Wage Loss Benefit Checks: During all paid leaves of absence, whether industrial accident leave as provided in Section 45192, sick leave, vacation compensated time off or other available leave provided by law or the action of a governing board, the employee shall endorse to the District wage loss benefit checks received under the worker's compensation law of this State. The District, in turn, shall issue the employee appropriate warrants for payment of wages or salary and shall deduct normal retirement and other authorized contributions.
- k. Re-employment List: When all available leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, have been exhausted and if the employee is not medically able to assume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of thirty-nine (39) months. When available, during the thirty-nine (39) – month period, he shall be employed in a vacant position in the class of his previous assignment over all other available candidates except for a reemployment list established because of lack of work or lack of funds, in which case he shall be listed in accordance with appropriate seniority regulation.
- l. Permanent Employees: The benefits provided by these rules and regulations shall be applicable only for these employees who have completed one or more continuous years of service with the District.
- m. Failure to Accept Assignment: An employee who has been placed on a reemployment list, as provided herein, who has been medically released for return to duty and who fails to accept an appropriate assignment, shall be dismissed.

- n. Travel Outside of State: Any employee receiving benefits as a result of these rules and regulations shall, during periods of injury or illness, remain within the State of California unless the governing board authorizes travel outside the State.
- o. Additional Leave: The expressed authorization or requirements of these rules and regulations shall not deprive the governing board of the power to grant additional leave pursuant to the provisions of Education Code, Section 45190, if circumstances should warrant.

3. Legal Commitments and Transactions

- a. Jury Duty: In the event classified employees are summoned by a clerk of a Court to serve as a juror, they should notify their principal or department head, who shall in turn notify the Division Head of Business Services.
- b. Court Duty: In the event that a classified employee of the District should be summoned to appear as a witness in court other than as a litigant or summoned to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the connivance or misconduct of the employee, employees affected should immediately notify their principal or department head, who shall in turn notify the Division Head of Business Services.
- c. Jury or Witness Fees: The District shall grant leaves of absence to employees under the above conditions and shall pay the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount he/she receives for jury or witness fees.
In order to implement proper payment, the principal or department head shall notify the Payroll Department immediately upon the return of the employee of the amount received daily for jury or witness fees. (This information is to be transmitted with the absence blank.)

4. Military Leave

A leave with pay shall be granted a classified employee for the purpose of attending military service training programs upon the presentation to the Division of Human Resources of an official copy of the military orders requesting the employee's presence

5. Parental Leave of Absence

A parental leave of absence without pay shall be granted to a classified employee for the purpose of childbearing and/or child rearing as follows:

- a. Pregnant Entitlement: A classified employee who is pregnant shall be entitled upon request to a maternity leave for a maximum of one year. Said employee shall notify the Superintendent in writing of her desire to take such leave and, except in case of emergency, shall give such notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which her leave is to begin. She shall include with such notice either a physician's statement certifying her pregnancy or a copy of the birth certificate of her child, whichever is applicable. An employee who is pregnant may continue in active employment throughout her pregnancy as long as she is able to properly perform her required functions.

- b. Parental Leave of Absence: Any classified employee shall be entitled upon request to a one-year parental leave of absence to begin immediately after the birth of her child, or after receiving de facto and/or de jure custody of any infant child (i.e., three years of age or less) or prior to receiving such custody if necessary, in order to fulfill the requirements for adoption.
- c. Handicapped Children: Employees who are parents and/ or guardians, or who have received de facto and/or jure custody of physically and or mentally handicapped children shall, upon request, be entitled to a leave of absence for a maximum of one year.
- d. If a Dependent Child Becomes Handicapped: If a child five years of age or less becomes physically and/or mentally handicapped, the provisions of (2) and (3) above shall be applied for the employees eligible under those provisions to care for said child.

6. Notification of Return to Active Employment

- a. If any classified employee who has been on parental leave less than one year notifies the Superintendent of his or her desire to terminate his/her leave and to return to active employment within sixty (60) days after the termination of pregnancy for any reason, acquisition of de facto custody of an infant child, the birth of his/her child, or the commencement of the leave, whichever is later, said employee shall within seven (7) days after receipt of the notice be assigned to the same position which she or he held at the time the leave commenced, or, if that position is no longer in existence, to a substantially equivalent position. A substitute employee will be hired during the classified employee's absence to assure job availability for the classified employee. Upon his or her return, said employee shall be entitled to all benefits and/or considerations to which employees are normally entitled upon return from a parental leave of absence without pay
- b. While on parental leave, a classified employee shall have the option to remain an active participant in the fringe benefit programs by contributing the full premium amount necessary for those actively employed. It is understood that such participation in the Public Employees Retirement System is subject to that agency's eligibility requirements
- c. All assignment rights for persons returning from parental leave shall be subject to the then existent District provisions for assignment and transfer

7. Peace Corps Leave

a. Definition

- 1) A Peace Corps leave of absence is one granted to permit an employee to accept an appointment to serve in the Peace Corps.
- 2) Formal request for Peace Corps leave shall be made after acceptance by the Peace Corps and determination of probable dates of beginning and end of leave.

b. Eligibility Requirements: A regular classified employee may be granted a Peace Corps leave at any time.

c. Length of Leave: Leaves for service in the Peace Corps shall be granted for a period of two (2) years only.

d. Effect on Benefits

- 1) Step Advance: When acceptable evidence of satisfactory Peace Corps Service is presented, credit is allowed for a minimum of two years on the same basis as though such experience was an assignment to active service with the Fresno Unified School District.
- 2) Retirement: Service on a Peace Corps leave is not creditable for retirement purposes, and no retirement contributions are required.
- 3) Other: No other benefits (vacation, accumulated illness, etc.) shall accrue during the period served on a Peace Corps leave. Earned vacation may be taken prior to or after return from the Peace Corps leave.

e. Request Procedure: After acceptance by the Peace Corps, request for leave should be filed with the Division of Human Resources.

8. Personal Emergency Leave

a. Education Code: To comply with Education Code Section 45207, a classified employee of the District may use his/her accumulated sick leave acquired under the provisions of the article on "Sick Leave" in this Agreement in cases of personal emergency or necessity. Use of sick leave under this article of "Leave of Personal Use" limited to seven (7) days in any school year.

b. Reasons: Reasons which shall be considered as personal emergency or necessity under these rules and regulations are:

- 1) Death of a member of the immediate family – the "immediate family" as used in this section means the mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, husband, wife, son, daughter, stepchild, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of the employee or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee. This applies after "Bereavement Leave" has been used.
- 2) Emergency or necessity leave may be granted to cover attendance at the funeral of a close relative but not included as a member of "immediate family" as defined in (1) above. (It would include uncles, aunts and cousins.) Emergency leave may also be granted for the funeral of a non-relative living in the immediate household.

- 3) Accident involving his/her personal property or the person or property of a member of his/her immediate family as defined in (1) above, and of such emergency nature that the immediate presence of employee is required during his/her workday.
- 4) Appearance in court as a litigant or as a witness under an official order.
- 5) An illness or an unusual circumstance involving a member of the employee's immediate family as defined in (1) above, serious in nature, which under the circumstances the employee cannot reasonably be expected to disregard, and which requires the attention of the employee during his/her assigned hours of service.
- 6) The birth of a child making it necessary for an employee who is the father of the child to be absent from his position during the assigned hours of service.

9. Personal Business Leave

- a. Allowance: To comply with Education Code Section 45207, a classified employee of the District may use his/her accumulated sick leave acquired under the provisions of the article on "Sick Leave" in this Agreement in cases of personal emergency or necessity. Use of sick leave under this article of "leave of personal use" is limited to seven (7) days in any school year.
- b. Procedure: An employee requesting that time off for personal emergency or necessity leave be charged to his/her accumulated sick leave. The request should set forth the specific facts constituting the emergency or necessity and the need for his/her presence away from his/her place of employment. Such written request should be made within five (5) days upon return to duty if the employee is unable to file prior to departure from duty.

10. Personal or Family Leave

- a. Granting of Leave: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education may grant a leave of absence to a permanent classified employee when compelled to absent himself/herself from his/her duties due to a personal or family emergency that is considered by the Superintendent to be of such a nature to render the employee unable to perform his/her duties. Reasons for such a leave could include, but not be limited to, severe illness of a member of the family or close relative, need for the presence of the employee out of the area for purposes, head of household responsibilities, quarantine.
- b. Length of Time: Such leave may be granted for a period not to exceed one year and shall be without compensation.
- c. Request in Writing: Employee should request such leave in writing to the Division of Human Resources allowing sufficient time for action whenever possible.

- d. While on Leave: While on authorized leave, the position held by the classified employee will be filled by a substitute or temporary employee.
- e. Failure to Return: Should the employee on leave not return to his/her position on the date agreed upon in the written grant of leave of absence, the position shall be considered open, and the employee shall be terminated for cause (unexcused absence and/or abandonment of position) unless a resignation is received from the employee voluntarily terminating his/her employment.

11. Pregnancy / Disability Leave

- a. A pregnant classified employee who has not received leave as provided under the "Parental Leave" article of this Agreement is entitled to utilize accrued sick leave days and/or subdeduct days for pregnancy/disability subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) Apply to Sick Leave: Sick leave shall apply only to those days of absence during which the classified employee is actually unable to perform her assigned duties because of disability arising from pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage and/or recovery therefrom.
 - 2) Verification: The District may require the classified employee to file a physician's verification which clearly states the employee was incapable of meeting her normal work assignment.
 - 3) Health Evaluation: Within seven (7) calendar days after the termination of the leave, the classified employee shall submit a physician's written health evaluation including the reasons the employee was disabled during the period of absence. The District may require additional physician statements or reevaluation of the classified employee by her physician. (Any additional statements required shall be at District expense.)

12. Sick Leave

- a. Leave of Absence for illness or Injury: Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 45191, every classified employee employed on a full-time basis (i.e., five (5) days per week, twelve (12) months per year) shall be entitled to twelve (12) days leave of absence for illness or injury per fiscal year without loss of pay. All employees employed less than five (5) full days per week and/or less than twelve (12) full months per year shall be entitled, for a fiscal year of service, to that proportion of twelve (12) days as the number of days employed per week bears to five and the number of months employed per year bears to twelve (12). If such employees do not take the full amount of leave allowed in any year, the amount not taken shall be accumulated from year to year.

All 12-month employees shall be entitled to twelve (12) days sick leave per fiscal year. All 10, 10 ½ and 11-month employees shall be entitled to 10, 10 ½ and 11 days sick leave per fiscal year respectively. The sick leave need not be accrued by the employee before using; however, a new employee shall not be eligible to take more than six (6) days until the first day of the calendar month after completion of six (6) months of active service with the District. If an employee's service begins subsequent to July 1 of any fiscal year, entitlement

will be only that proportion of sick leave the service bears to a full year of service for the first fiscal year.

- b. Physician's Statement: Any classified employee who is absent due to illness or injury more than five (5) consecutive days is required to submit a written statement from a licensed physician verifying that absence was due to illness or injury and he/she is physically able to return to work. In addition, the Union will assist the District by counseling members who may be misusing sick leave.

13. Travel Leave

- a. Recommendation and Approval: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education may grant a classified employee, with at least five (5) years of credited service, a leave for purposes of travel for personal enlightenment, or to accompany a spouse, for a period not to exceed one year. Such leave shall be without compensation.
- b. Authorization: Employees should request such leave in writing to the Division of Human Resources allowing sufficient time for consideration and action. While on (authorized) leave, the position held by the classified employee will be filled by a substitute or temporary employee. Should the employee on leave not return to his/her position on the date agreed upon in the written grant of leave of absence, the position shall be considered open, and the employee shall be terminated for cause (unexcused absence and/or abandonment of position) unless a resignation is received from the employee voluntarily terminating his/her employment.

14. Unauthorized Leave of Absence

- a. Definition: Unauthorized leave is defined as absence from regularly assigned duties that are not in conformance with any leave provisions contained within this Agreement or without prior official approval of the District. Such unauthorized leave may include, but is not limited to, collective refusals to provide service, unauthorized use of sick leave, unauthorized use of other leave benefits, and non-attendance at required meetings.
- b. Disciplinary Action: Absence that is determined to constitute unauthorized leave may result in the initiation of such disciplinary action as may be deemed appropriate.

15. Catastrophic Leave Program

The purpose of the voluntary catastrophic leave program is to permit bargaining unit members to donate eligible sick leave credits to a bargaining unit member when that bargaining unit member suffers from a catastrophic illness or injury and has exhausted all paid leave. This program only provides for receipt of sick leave credits as are donated and does not provide for an absolute right of continued paid leave.

A. Definition of Catastrophic Illness/Injury

In order to be considered catastrophically ill or injured within the context of this program, a bargaining unit member must meet all of the following conditions:

- 1) The bargaining unit member has sustained a serious illness or injury; and/or the bargaining unit member must be off work (not actually rendering service to the District) for purposes of caring for a seriously ill parent child, or spouse, due to their personal serious health condition.
- 2) Such illness or injury is expected to incapacitate the bargaining unit member and prevent the bargaining unit member from returning to work for at least 30 days: and
- 3) The bargaining unit member has already exhausted all available paid sick leave including sub differential leave and other paid time off.

B. Eligibility for Receipt of Transfers of Sick Leave

Any bargaining unit member who is eligible to accumulate and use sick leave may receive transfers of sick leave credits, if the bargaining unit member has been found to meet the definition of catastrophically ill or injured. The recipient must apply, or sick leave transfer usage and such application shall include medical reports certifying the nature of the illness/injury. During any fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), a recipient shall not receive more than:

1. Bargaining unit members whose pay is based upon a daily rate, 75 days;
2. Bargaining unit members whose pay is based upon an hourly rate, 600 hours.

C. Eligibility to Transfer Sick Leave

Any active duty bargaining unit member who is not catastrophically ill/injured and who is eligible to earn and use sick leave may transfer sick leave to another bargaining unit member subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The transferring bargaining unit member must retain a minimum of 8 days for daily – rate bargaining unit members or 64 hours for hourly-rate bargaining unit members of sick leave for his/her own personal use.
- 2) Transfers must be a minimum of an employee's total workday hours and in hour increments thereafter (for purposes of this program only, the bargaining unit member workday shall be considered to be equivalent to 8 hours).
- 3) All transfers are irrevocable.
- 4) The transferring bargaining unit member may transfer a maximum of 5 days for daily-rate bargaining unit members and 40 hours for hourly-rate bargaining unit members per year: and

- 5) Neither the transferring bargaining unit member nor the designated recipient may be in violation of subsection I.

D. Irrevocable Transfer

Transfer of sick leave is irrevocable. Transfer is defined as the actual use of one bargaining unit member's sick leave by a bargaining unit member who has been declared eligible under the catastrophic leave program. If the catastrophically ill or injured bargaining unit member returns to work or otherwise does not actually use an intended donation, the "transfer" did not occur the days are returned to the bargaining unit member making the donation.

E. Use of Eligible Leave First

Should the recipient of sick leave transfer accrue any other leave credits as a result of receiving the transferred leave, such credits will be used prior to the use of additional transferred leave credits thereby continuing to exhaust any accruals.

F. Procedure for Application for Catastrophic Illness Status

- 1) A bargaining unit member must complete a prescribed application form and return it to the Human Resources/Labor Relations Department together with supporting medical documentation. Applications shall be available in sufficient quantities at work sites.
- 2) The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department shall review these materials to render the decision as to whether or not the illness/injury meets the definition of catastrophic illness/injury in subsection A. The Human Resources/Relations Department may seek additional documentation and/or ask the applicant to submit to examination by a physician that it designates to determine in fact that the applicant does suffer from a catastrophic illness/injury within the meaning of these rules. A bargaining unit member's failure to comply with these requirements may be grounds for rejection of the application.
- 3) In order to continue to qualify as catastrophically ill/injured, a bargaining unit member who has been determined to be catastrophically ill/injured may be required (1) to submit to specified examination and/or (2) to supply further documentation of current medical status as is necessary; provided, however, that such requests shall not be made for the purpose of harassing said bargaining unit member.
- 4) If a bargaining unit member is determined not to be catastrophically ill/injured, the bargaining unit member shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Education. The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department will automatically provide the bargaining unit member with the written reasons for denial and the procedure for appeal.

G. Posting of Eligible Recipients

- 1) The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department shall assign an exclusive number to each catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit member deemed eligible to receive sick leave transfer under this program.
- 2) The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department shall maintain a running list of catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit members, to be identified only by their special numbers, in order to let transferring bargaining unit members designate their recipient.
- 3) In all cases, the Human Resources/Labor Relations Department and its designees shall shield and protect the identities of catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit members and the right of employees/workers to confidentiality protection; and
- 4) Eligible recipients may identify themselves with the case number if they choose so that donors will have the information for designating a recipient.

H. Receipt of Transferred Sick Leave Credits by Catastrophically Ill Bargaining Unit Members

- 1) Bargaining unit members wishing to donate sick leave shall complete a donation form designating the case number of the catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit member and the number of days/hours they intend to donate.
- 2) The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department shall receive these forms and develop a list of donors in order of receipt of the forms. Forms received on the same date will be listed in order of opening and listing the donor. The list of intended donors as well as the list of actual donors will remain confidential information of the Human Resources/Labor Relations Department and the Payroll Department.
- 3) The Human Resources/Labor Relations Department will request from Payroll an accounting of the amount of sick leave credit needed by a catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit member to enable them to have a full paycheck after all other leave has been used in a given pay period. Human Resource/Labor Relations Department will then start at the top of the list of donors and stop when enough hours have been accumulated for that pay period. Payroll will be notified to transfer the sick leave from the donors to the recipient. The process will continue with each new pay period until the individual returns, reaches the maximum in days/hours within fiscal year, or otherwise relinquishes his/her eligibility.
- 4) All hours transferred shall be credited as sick leave for the receiving bargaining unit members. As they are used, they shall be treated as use of the bargaining unit members own sick leave for all purposes including, continued accrual of

vacation credits, sick leave, retirement service; service for pay increments; eligibility of holiday pay.

- 5) At the beginning of each pay period, a catastrophically ill/injured bargaining unit member must use all sick leave and vacation credits accrued during previous pay period before hours will be transferred.
- 6) A bargaining unit member who has been determined catastrophically ill/injured may use transferred hours from the date of certification of eligibility back to the date of application.
- 7) A receiving bargaining unit member may use transferred credits in a pay period to the extent that when combined with other compensation from the District and all other benefits from public sources, the total does not exceed the pay for 100% of the bargaining unit member's regularly scheduled hours for such pay period (excluding regularly scheduled overtime and premium pay). A receiving bargaining unit member may be required to provide financial records to prove compliance with this subsection. Failure to provide such records is grounds for exclusion from eligibility to receive sick leave transfers pursuant to this program.
- 8) The maximum amount of sick leave that can be transferred to a bargaining unit member for any single catastrophic illness/injury is 75 days for daily rate bargaining unit members and 600 hours for hourly rate bargaining unit members.

I. No Selling or Coercion

No individual shall directly or indirectly solicit the receipt of, or accept, any compensation in full or partial exchange directly or indirectly, for sick leave credits to be transferred pursuant to this program.

ARTICLE 15 – PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

The District shall deduct Union membership dues and voluntary political contributions authorized by the employee as provided by the Union to the District. Deductions for dues shall start the pay period after the District receives notification of the authorization. The District shall transmit such payment to the Union through electronic funds transfer no later than thirty (30) days after the deduction from the employee's earnings occur.

The Union agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its employees or agents, other than in cases of District negligence or misconduct, against claims of whatever nature arising out of deduction from employees' paychecks.

Requests to authorize dues deductions shall be directed to the Union rather than the District. Requests to revoke or change the authorization shall also be directed to the Union rather than the District. The District shall rely on the Union's explanations in a certified list, submitted by a representative of the Union who has the authority to bind the Union, regarding whether authorization/revocation/change in deductions has been requested by the employee. The Union

shall not provide the District a copy of the employee's authorization unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization.

ARTICLE 16 – RECOGNITION

The District confirms its recognition of the Union as the exclusive representative for that unit of employees recognized by the District per Board of Education Resolution dated February 24, 2016. That unit is comprised of but not limited to the following positions and/or any temporary full-time employee working the classifications listed:

Carpenter	Metal Trades I, II
Concrete Worker/Finisher	All Leads
Locksmith	
Mechanic Vehicles & Equipment	
Vehicle Utilities Worker	

and excluding all other employees, including substitutes, management, supervisory, confidential and non-classified employees and employees represented by the Fresno Teachers Association Building Trades Professionals formerly represented by Building and Trades. Also excluded are all part-time (not regular employees) and casual employees.

ARTICLE 17 – SAFETY CONDITIONS

Safety is a primary concern of the Board of Education, and the Board directs that a safety program be instituted to fulfill this responsibility for employees.

The safety program shall be directed toward maintaining safe working conditions and equipment and shall comply with standards prescribed by Federal, State and local laws and regulations affecting employee safety.

The Board believes in the dignity of work and feels every person should derive personal satisfaction from his/her work, free from injury or illness; therefore, safety must always be a part of any function or work performed by employees of this District.

A Safety Committee comprised of bargaining unit representatives, department head and his/her representatives shall be formed and shall meet as appropriate to discuss safety and other work-related conditions.

ARTICLE 18 – SAVINGS PROVISION

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

ARTICLE 19 –SUPPORT OF AGREEMENT

The Union agrees to support this Agreement for its term and will not appear before the public-school employer in order to seek change or improvement in any matter subject to the meet and negotiation process except as by mutual agreement of the District and the Union.

ARTICLE 20 – TERM

The parties agree to sunset the prior agreement expiring on June 30, 2022 and enter into a new term of agreement that shall remain in full force and effect from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

In the event a successor Agreement is not adopted prior to the termination date, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as a successor Agreement is adopted or the impasse procedures set forth in Chapter 10.7, Division 4 of Title I of the Government Code, commencing with Section 3458, exhausted.

The parties agree that the contract shall be closed for salary and health and welfare benefits for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, but either party shall have the right to reopen to negotiate one non-economic article chosen by each party.

Either party may require a reopening of negotiations for purposes of considering the addition of non-conflicting provisions to the existing provisions of Fringe Benefits in its entirety.

Any article may be reopened by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 21 – TOOL INSURANCE

The employer shall be responsible for the replacement value of an employee's tools and toolbox stolen from the premises of the employer by reason of illegal breaking and/or entering of such premises, or by reason of fire in the employer's premises at any time. It shall be the total responsibility of the employee when assuming employment to file with the employer a complete inventory of all personally owned tools on the employer's premises, subject to inventory by the employer. Such inventory shall be kept up to date on a continuing basis as the employee adds to and/or subtract from their toolbox. Failure to provide the employer with an inventory of tools will relieve the employer from the responsibility of paying for any loss claimed.

ARTICLE 22 – TRANSFER AND FILLING OF VACANCIES

Transfers of bargaining unit members may be initiated by the District management at any time whenever such transfer is in the best interest of the District as defined by District management.

A unit member affected by such transfer shall be given notice as soon as administratively predictable; and when possible, conference will be held between the appropriate management person and the unit member in order to discuss the reasons for the transfer.

The District management shall post in each bargaining unit work location a list of all known bargaining unit vacancies. Updated lists will be posted weekly. Shop supervisor shall post such vacancy notices in each shop on the bulletin board to be provided for bargaining unit information.

For purposes of this provision, a vacancy is any unit position which is new, or which remains unfilled after any transfers are made pursuant to paragraph (1) above.

Consideration will be given to the applications which meet the established qualifications for the vacancy, and which are properly submitted; however, the final selection is at the discretion of the District management provided the applicant chosen by the District management meets the requirements set out in the job description of the vacant position.

No posted vacancy shall be permanently filled until five (5) unit workdays after notice of the vacancy has been posted.

ARTICLE 23 – SUSPENDED DRIVER LICENSE ACCOMODATION

Suspended Driver's License

A worker whose Driver Certificate and/or driver's license has been suspended by the CHP (or DMV, as appropriate) shall:

1. At the unit member's request, the Associate Superintendent, Human Resources/Labor Relations or designee and Union representative shall meet to attempt to come to a mutual agreement on a temporary job assignment. There will be no guarantee that a temporary job assignment can be found for a particular worker. Placement shall be on a case-by-case basis. The Division of Human Resources/Labor Relations shall not be required to create work, but the District shall make a good faith effort to accommodate the worker.

ARTICLE 24 – EVALUATIONS

a. Probationary Employees:

- 1) Unit members newly hired for regular positions in the District shall be considered probationary employees until they have satisfactorily completed one year of probationary service. Probationary employees shall be evaluated in their fifth (5th) month and eleventh (11th) month.
- 2) Notwithstanding the evaluation cycle set forth above for probationary employees, at any time prior to the expiration of the probationary period, the Superintendent or designee may, at its discretion, dismiss a probationary unit member from district employment. A probationary unit member shall not be entitled to a hearing.

b. Permanent Employees:

- 1) Permanent Employees shall be evaluated at least every-other year. A permanent unit member shall be evaluated by his/her immediate supervisor. Evaluations shall be based on documented evidence and/or direct observation by the supervisor and shall not be based on hearsay. The permanent unit member may attach a written response to the performance evaluation.
 - i. Subject to Grievance: The evaluation process and procedure here agreed upon are subject to the Grievance Procedure; however, evaluation of the performance is not. Evaluations shall not be used as a disciplinary action.
 - ii. Evaluation Request: A unit member who receives "requires improvement" on the Classified Employee Evaluation Report may request another evaluation after a three-month period. If the supervisor can justify their continued rating of requires

improvement the evaluation need not be completed. This provision does not apply to an “unsatisfactory” rating.

- iii. Professional Learning Plan (PLP): All unit members are encouraged, but not mandated to conduct a self-assessment to assist in identifying goals and objectives for improving their professional practice for career planning. All employees are also encouraged, but not mandated to create a Professional Learning Plan (PLP), based on self-reflection as well as feedback from their supervisor.
- iv. The unit member shall receive a written copy of the performance evaluation at a personal conference conducted by the evaluator.

ARTICLE 25 – Video Surveillance

The District may employ the use of video devices in non-classroom and other areas of district-owned sites, while respecting the rights of bargaining unit members. The District may utilize video recording devices to protect district equipment, materials and facilities, and to provide safety oversight for students, staff, and the community.

Video surveillance or recording devices shall not be used for day to day employee monitoring. Video surveillance recordings may be used by the District to investigate allegations of misconduct or violations of District policies and procedures or state and federal law. Should an investigation be required as a result of a reported incident, such recordings may be utilized for investigative purposes and serve as evidence for possible disciplinary action.

Authority to monitor and review video, recording devices, and footage shall be designated by the District. Authorized users shall include District and site administrators, technology staff, supervisors, and when needed, administrative designees.

APPENDIX A – GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL (CRAFT UNIT)

I. BENEFITS

a. Anniversary Increment

An anniversary increment shall be applied as follows:

Eight-tenths of one percent (.8%) each year of employment from the 11th to the 20th year, to a total of eight (8%) percent at the 20th year and thereafter.

Employees working less than eight (8) hours per day shall be granted a proportionate share of the maximum increment. Increment payments to employees shall be made monthly during their duty year (e.g., ten (10) month employees will receive their increment in ten (10) equal payments). A year shall be construed as seventy-five percent (75%) or more of a normal work year.

b. Education Incentive

A voluntary Professional Growth Program has been developed for all classified employees and is designed to give classified personnel incentive to improve skills within the job classification held, to encourage employees to contribute more to the educational program of the schools and to improve work performance. Increment units may be earned in the following types of professional growth activities:

- 1) University or college credits
- 2) Adult school classes
- 3) Institutes, lectures, seminars and workshops
- 4) Inservice training
- 5) Continued Education
- 6) Any Certificates, Licenses and Special Training

A professional growth award will represent completion of fifteen (15) semester units or equivalent increment points, or 210 hours (for categories 3-6). A professional growth award shall increase the classified employee's basic salary by \$100 per year.

Eligible classified employees who are employed less than full time and/or less than twelve calendar months a fiscal year shall be paid a professional increment for which they qualify in such proportion as the time served bears to eight (8) hours a day and forty (40) hours a week and/or twelve (12) calendar months a year.

Short-term employees, temporary employees, substitute employees and probationary employees are excluded from this program.

Additional and more detailed information pertaining to the Professional Growth Program may be obtained by contacting the Division of Human Resources.

c. Holidays

The following thirteen holidays will be observed as legal or Board holidays for all classified employees working on a calendar month basis:

Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Spring Vacation Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth

The Parties further agree that for the 2023-2024 school year and each year thereafter, the Admissions Day Holiday shall be eliminated and be a workday, and the half day holidays for Spring Vacation and Christmas Eve shall be full day holidays.

d. Cesar Chavez

A floating holiday in memory of Cesar Chavez will be provided to bargaining unit members to be taken prior to June 30 of each year. The floating holiday will be discontinued if a scheduled holiday for Cesar Chavez is instituted.

NOTE: School-day-only employees who work Admission Day will be granted one additional day of pay, and that will be provided in their monthly salary computation. All others will have half of Admission Day added to the spring

vacation and one-half day added to the Christmas Eve holiday, making them full-day holidays.

Additional Holidays: Every day declared by the President or Governor of this state as a public fast, mourning, thanksgiving, or holiday, or any day declared a holiday by the Governing board under Education Code Section 37222 or its

successor shall be a paid holiday for all employees in the bargaining unit only if schools in the District are closed on the stipulated day.

e. Overtime

It is the policy of the District to keep overtime at a minimum. All overtime must have prior approval by the authorized department or division head. Employees will not be paid for unauthorized overtime.

f. Night Differential

If a unit member's shift is after 5:00 p.m., a night differential of 5% will be added to the base pay.

g. Call Back

Two hours minimum pay for employees called back to work after the end of a regular eight-hour shift.

h. Hazardous Materials Pay

Maintenance Worker III rate of pay, or worker's current rate of pay if higher, will be granted to workers when they are working with hazardous materials.

i. Vacation

Duration of Employment	12-Month Employee	11-month Employee	10 ½- Month Employee	10-Month Employee
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*Prior to July 1	-	0-2 Months	none	none	none	none
"	-	3 Months	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
"	-	4 Months	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
"	-	5 Months	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
"	-	6 Months	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5
"	-	7 Months	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.5
"	-	8 Months	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.0
"	-	9 Months	7.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
"	-	10 Months	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
"	-	10 ½ Months	---	---	8.5	---
"	-	11 Months	9.0	9.0	---	---
"	-	12Months	10.0	---	---	---
1	-	3 years**	10.0	9.0	8.5	8.0
4	-	10 years	15.0	13.5	13.0	12.5
11	-	14 years	18.0	16.5	15.5	15.0
15 +	-	years	20.0	18.0	17.5	16.5

NOTE: In all cases vacation is advance in the current school year. For example, in the order for a twelve (12) month employee to be entitled to fifteen (15) days of vacation, the employee must have completed three years and has begun the fourth year of employment.

- For vacation computation purposes, a month shall be construed as more than one- half of the normal working days of the regular classified employee's work month.
- For longevity vacation allowance computation purposes, a year shall be construed as 75% or more of the normal work year.

1) Vacation for Employees Who Work Less Than a Full Twelve Months:

All vacation days shall be taken during the Christmas or Easter vacations at the discretion of the principal or department head. In no case may vacations be taken when school is in session, or at any other time that would necessitate the hiring of a substitute.

2) Vacation Not Cumulative:

On the theory that vacation is given annually for the recreation and relaxation of the employee, it shall not be accrued from year to year for the purpose of taking extended vacations, except as noted below.

3) Vacation Carryover:

Any employee in the bargaining unit who has been employed for more than one (1) year may elect to carry over ten (10) days of vacation to the following fiscal year.

4) Vacation Accrued:

Unit members shall accrue annual vacation at the regular rate of pay earned at the time the vacation is commenced according to the rules and regulations as set forth in Appendix A. The scheduling of such vacation shall be within the sole discretion of the District management.

5) Attendance Incentive Program

Members who have perfect attendance from July 1 to June 30, of any fiscal year, shall earn additional time as follows:

School Day only employees with perfect attendance will earn one (1) additional day off during the fiscal year.

School day only employees working a summer school assignment with perfect attendance shall earn one and one-half (1 ½) additional days off per fiscal year.

Twelve-month employees with perfect attendance will earn one and one-half (1 ½) additional days off per fiscal year.

The time will be granted July 1 of the following fiscal year of the perfect attendance. The scheduling of the time off must be mutually agreed upon with the department head.

The absences that will be viewed as qualifying for purposes of the Award are as follows:

- Scheduled District Holidays
- Approved Vacation
- Jury Duty
- Bereavement Leave
- Union Business
- Military Leave

II. SALARIES

The parties mutually agree that pursuant to the parity clause that the contingency language for 2022-2023 shall apply to the IAMAW salary schedule in the same manner as applied to other bargaining unit salary schedules.

Per the Parity Agreement provided for in Appendix A, Section 3. the salary provided for in Appendix A, Section II.4. shall be as follows for years 2023-2024, and 2024-2025:

Effective July 1, 2023, the applicable employee salary schedules shall be increased by 8.5% (eight and one-half percent).

Effective July 1, 2024, the applicable employee salary schedules shall be increased by 3% (three percent). Unit members shall also receive a one-time off schedule payment equal to 2.5% (two and one-half percent) of the unit member's annual salary.

Effective July 1, 2025, all Certificated Salary Schedules shall be increased by four and one-half percent (4.5%). All unit members shall also receive a one-time 2.5% off schedule payment.

In light of the salary increases and per the Parity Agreement provided for in Article 3 and Appendix A, Section II, the District's employee contribution rate towards health and welfare benefits, provided for in Article 3 and, shall be reduced to \$22,000 for 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

a. Uniforms

Parties agree to resolve uniforms in Labor Management.

b. Parity

If any other District association or union negotiated agreement results in a superior health and welfare/compensation package to that agreed to by another association or union, such negotiated agreement shall be provided to the affected classified association/unions. The parties agree that the superior agreement shall be applied in the same manner to the association/unions unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

c. Hazard Pay Differential

A unit member will receive a hazard pay differential assignment to a position designated by Human Resources and Risk Management as a hazard pay position. A hazard pay position is one of which: (1) exposes the unit member to a specific and significant hazard, (2) is clearly dangerous to the health or well-being of any unit member so assigned, or (3) the hazard is abnormal of the basic occupation of job class. Such differential will amount to 10% above the unit member's regular salary.

d. Pay Rules Defined

A Lead employee will be paid 5% higher than the highest base classification of the trade (excluding longevity).

When a Lead position becomes vacant, the three senior unit members in that respective trade/shop may go through the interview process.

When a Supervisor is absent more than 5 days, the lead tradesperson will be paid supervisory pay while acting as the interim. After any such employee has completed 40 hours of service/5 consecutive work days in a higher class, the employee shall be paid the supervisory rate of pay during the school year (July 1 – June 30) for every subsequent occurrence where the employee is acting as the interim.

Management will review and consider if additional trade shop and/or program leads are needed should staff grow over 20 FTE in any specific shop to ensure effective and efficient services to sites. For Clarity, Mobile Maintenance is a program not a shop or trade.

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

IAMAW CRAFTS Hourly-Salary-Schedule

2023-2024

Effective July 1, 2023

IAMAW CRAFTS Hourly Salary Schedule

Grade	Title	Union	Job Code	Hrly Rate (Step 18)
M12	Vehicle Utilities Worker	IAMAW Local 653	M025	\$38.1966
M51	Vehicle/Equipment Mechanic	IAMAW Local 653	M009	\$47.7395
M57	Carpenter	UB Local 1109	M001	\$53.5423
M57	Locksmith	UB Local 1109	M006	\$53.5423
M58	Concrete Worker/Finisher	OPCM Local 300	M003	\$47.6903
M60	Metal Trades II	UA Local 246	M018	\$49.7477

IAMAW CRAFTS Lead Hourly Salary Schedule

Grade	Title	Union	Job Code	Hrly Rate (Step 18)
M52	Lead Vehicle/Equipment Mechanic	IAMAW Local 653	M032	\$50.1265
M63	Lead Carpenter	UB Local 1109	M002	\$56.2193
M67	Lead Metal Trades II	UA Local 246	M042	\$52.2350
M70	Lead Locksmith	UB Local 1109	M044	\$56.2193

Year 2023-24

8.5% increase effective 7/1/2023

Board approved 4/24/2024

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Salary may be pro-rated based on Duty Days and/or FTE (<1.0 FTE)