

AGREEMENT

Between

The Board of Education

of

USD 259

Wichita, Kansas

and

**Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers
(Safety Services Employees)
The Service Employees International Union**

Local No. 513



July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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The Wichita Public Schools is committed to ensuring an environment that is free of discrimination, and to fostering a climate in which all employees and students may participate, contribute and grow to their fullest potential. Harassment and disparate treatment will not be permitted or condoned in Wichita Public Schools. The Wichita Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, or any other legally protected classification in its programs and activities. All Wichita Public Schools employees have the responsibility to support this statement. The following person have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Non-Discrimination Statement:

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**Agreement Between
The Board of Education of
Unified School District 259,
Sedgwick County, Kansas
and
The Service Employees International Union
Local No. 513
(Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers)**

INTRODUCTION

- A. The entering into this Agreement and the terms of this Agreement are governed by the Act. The terms of this Agreement apply to employees of the District who are members of the Bargaining Unit. The members of the Bargaining Unit and the Board have ratified this Agreement. The Agreement is for a term of one years, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Article XII, Employee Benefits, may be reopened by the Board at any time during the term of the Agreement solely for the purpose of negotiating the health plan premiums in the event that health plan reserves fall below Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000). In addition, the Board and the Union may agree to reopen negotiations at any time during the term of this Agreement in order to make amendments to this Agreement. An amendment that results from a reopening of negotiations will be effective when the amendment is ratified by the Board and the Bargaining Unit. The parties agree to exchange proposals that relate to negotiating an agreement for the 2026-2027 school year on or before February 1, 2026.
- B. Appendix “A” to this Agreement is adopted by reference and incorporated by reference into this Agreement as though fully set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE I: RECOGNITION

- A. The Board recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative for the purpose of meeting and conferring and the settlement of grievances for those designated in the Bargaining Unit.
- B. The Bargaining Unit shall consist of all uniformed security officers and security dispatchers employed in permanent positions for twenty (20) or more hours per week and paid on Ranges AS-JcS of the Wichita Public Schools’ safety services salary schedule. Safety Services employees paid on Ranges K-Z of the Wichita Public Schools’ safety services salary schedule, and supervisors, as defined by the Act, are excluded from the Bargaining Unit.
- C. The Board of Education will seek informal input from the Union when designing in-service activities for Safety Services employees during the school year.

ARTICLE II: MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

The Union acknowledges that the Board and the Superintendent have certain exclusive statutory rights and responsibilities which they may not surrender and except as expressly provided otherwise by this agreement or by law, the Board shall retain its rights to make, amend, or execute decisions and policies that are necessary to operate and maintain the program of the school district and to otherwise carry out its lawful rights and responsibilities.

Neither shall anything in this agreement be construed to limit the statutory power and duty of the Superintendent. Such rights of the school district include but are not limited to: direct the work of the employees; hire, promote, demote for non-disciplinary reasons, transfer, assign, or retain employees in positions within the public agency; demote for disciplinary reasons, suspend or discharge employees for proper cause; maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; relieve employees from duties because of a lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; take actions as may be necessary to carry out the mission of the school district in emergencies; and to determine the methods, means, and personnel by which operations are to be carried on, including subcontracting if such is deemed desirable. Employees whose positions are eliminated by subcontracting, downsizing, or dissolving will be given priority to transfer to vacant positions within the district for which they are qualified or receive training.

ARTICLE III: SAVINGS CLAUSE

- A. Any paragraph of this Agreement or any action pursuant thereof which is contrary to law will be null and void, but the remainder of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.
- B. Any previously adopted policies, practices, procedures, customs, rules, regulations or writings of the Board which are in conflict with this Agreement will be superseded by the terms set forth in this Agreement. The Board will not amend this agreement nor make nor execute decisions or policies which violate this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV: WAIVER CLAUSE

The Union recognizes that it has the right to negotiate any and all terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Act and judicial interpretations thereof. Regardless of that right, the Union hereby waives its right to negotiate any such term or condition which has not been noticed, negotiated, agreed, set forth herein, and ratified by both parties. The Union expressly agrees that the Board and Administration have the exclusive right to control and change such terms and conditions which have not been negotiated by policy, rule, procedure, regulation or decision during the term of this Agreement. Negotiations may be re-opened in accordance with the terms set forth in the Introduction section of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V: EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

- A. Safety Services Employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing.
- B. Safety Services Employees shall also have the right to refuse to join or participate in activities of employee organizations.
- C. Safety Services Employees shall be eligible to participate and vote on building committees if a building committee exists.
- D. No Employee shall be subject to workplace bullying, harassment, discrimination, abusive, derogatory, or belittling language, and/or retaliation.

ARTICLE VI: PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

A. Authorized Deductions

The Board agrees that whenever duly authorized by any Employee on a form or forms appropriate for such purpose and consistent with the regulations established by the Business/Financial Services Division, payroll deductions will be made and paid over in accordance with such form or forms for any or all of the following purposes:

- 1. Donations to the Friendship Fund
- 2. Union dues
- 3. YMCA dues
- 4. Flexible Spending Account
- 5. Tax Sheltered Annuity
- 6. Health Insurance Premiums

B. Union Dues

The Union will develop, and the Board will approve a dues authorization card which will provide for the cancellation of union dues only once during the year, which date shall be July 1 each year, unless the Employee terminates employment with the school district. Such dues deduction authorization may specify that it will continue each year and will continue in effect from year to year unless terminated as specified on the authorization card.

- 1. The Union will indemnify and hold harmless the Board from any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability (including specifically costs and attorney fees) that may arise out of or by reason of any action taken or not taken by the Board for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Paragraph B or the authorization form.
- 2. The Union may submit new payroll deduction authorization cards on a monthly basis. Such cards will be submitted on or before the 5th of each month and should be representative of Employees who have successfully completed their probationary employment status.

C. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan

Employees will be eligible to participate in district tax-sheltered annuity/deferred compensation plans established pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, consistent with regulations established by the Business/Financial Services Division.

ARTICLE VII: HOURS OF WORK

A. Changes and Exceptions

Nothing herein shall be construed as guaranteeing any Employee any number of hours of work per day or week. Work schedules may be changed by the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal, and such schedules may vary from the base work schedule.

B. Hours for Specific Positions

The working hours for specific positions are as follows (Employees who are involved in a shift change will be given a three-day notice unless there is an emergency):

1. Uniformed Security Officers (Site-Based)

Base schedule to be forty (40) hours per week, Monday through Friday, as determined by the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal. Designated lunch periods will be one-half hour, at times set by the Director of Safety Service or Building Principal unless an exception has been granted by the Director of Safety Service or Building Principal. Officers will use the time clock system to check out for and document their lunch periods.

2. Uniformed Security Offices (SSC-Based) and Security Dispatchers

Base schedule to be forty (40) hours per week, as determined by the Director of Safety Services. Designated lunch periods will be one-half hour, as times set by the Director of Safety Services unless an exception has been granted by the Director of Safety Services. Officers and Dispatchers will use the SecTrac system to check out for and document their lunch periods.

C. Rest Periods/Breaks

All employees shall be allowed a rest period if their regular daily schedule calls for four (4) hours or more of continuous work. Rest periods may be flexible, but shall generally be consistent with the following recommended schedule:

Daily Hours Worked	Suggested Rest Periods		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
10 hours	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 Minutes
8 hours	15 minutes	15 minutes	

ARTICLE VIII: COMPENSATION

A. Salary Schedule

The salaries of Employees covered by this Agreement are set forth in the salary schedule in Appendix B which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.

B. Salary Range

Employees will be placed on a range as identified in the Board-approved Safety Services Personnel Classification Plan. The exact step on the range will be determined by the Division of Human Resources after consideration of the individual's prior work, education and/or training.

C. Salary Steps

Increment or step increases are included in the wage and salary schedule to recognize changes in responsibility based upon assignment and to reward length of service.

D. Step Movement

Employees who began service prior to January 1, of the current year, shall normally advance one step on the salary schedule on July 1. Any employee, who on July 1 is on a disciplinary probation or Plan of Assistance, shall not advance on the salary schedule. Upon successful completion of a disciplinary probation or Plan of Assistance the employee is to be eligible for step movement, that will be prorated from the date of completion of the disciplinary probation or Plan of Assistance, if employed prior to January 1st, of the current calendar year.

E. Safety Services Career Ladder

In the 2025-2026 school year, the Committee shall create a career ladder process. A testing process will be offered to eligible Safety Services employees once in the 2025-2026 school year. Employees who successfully complete the career ladder process by June 30, 2025 will be able to advance on the career ladder for the 2025-2026 school year only. Employees eligible for advancement will not be entitled to retroactive compensation.

F. Education Pay

Full-time security employees paid on Ranges AS through JcS who earn a college degree in Law Enforcement, Administration of Justice, Education, Cyber Risk, Psychology or Sociology, or a degree which the HRIS Compliance Manager determines in their discretion to be sufficiently related to one of those fields of study, may submit to the Human Resources Office competent proof of such degree and thereafter receive the following monthly compensation:

Associate's Degree \$65/mo.

Bachelor's Degree \$70/mo.

Master's Degree \$75/mo.

G. Paid Holidays

Paid holidays covered by this Agreement are shown in Article X and are included in determining the number of paid working days in a pay period for computing fractional or part-time work by Employees.

H. Differential Pay

Employees shall be paid one dollar (\$1.00) shift differential pay per hour for each hour of their regular work schedule which occurs later than 6:00 p.m. but earlier than 6:00 a.m.

I. Premium Pay

All safety and security staff will receive \$0.50 per hour premium pay for permanently assigned work at the following locations: Gateway Alternative Program, Greiffenstein-Wells Middle School, Bryant Opportunity Academy, and Sowers Alternative High School.

J. Longevity

Permanent safety services employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week are eligible for longevity payment if they meet the requirements set forth in Article VIII Section I3. Safety services employees who are eligible for longevity during 2025-2026 will be paid by November 30, 2025. (See Timeline for Determining Percentages.) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, safety services employees who completed ten (10) years of employment with the Board on or before July 1, 2026, will not advance to receive a longevity payment for the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter.

1. Determination

An Employee's longevity shall be determined by counting the years of continuous service as an employee of the District in any position which is permanent and requires a working schedule of twenty (20) hours or more per week.

2. Discontinuance of Employment

Any discontinuity in employment, regardless of length, will result in full loss of longevity. In the event that a former employee, terminated as a result of reduction in force, is reemployed within two (2) years of the date of termination, then the period of unemployment shall not be regarded as a discontinuity in employment for the purpose of determining eligibility for a longevity payment. However, the period of unemployment shall not be counted in determining such eligibility,

3. Years of Service

Employees on Ranges AS through JcS of the Safety Services Salary Schedule shall qualify for longevity payments according to the following schedule:

10 to 19 years	3% of July 1 base salary
20 to 29 years	7% of July 1 base salary
30 or more years	11% of July 1 base salary

4. Timeline for Determining Percentages

The percentages specified in item three (3) above will be applied to the Employee's base salary as of July 1 excluding all licenses, certificates, differentials, overtime, etc., and will not be affected by any increases due to a reclassification or adjustment occurring after July 1st. To be eligible for a particular longevity category in Paragraph J.3. above, an Employee must have started that number of years of continuous service on or before July 1st.

5. Longevity Payment Schedule

All longevity payments will be made in November in accordance with regular payroll procedures and will be subject to all applicable deductions. Any Employee who is on unpaid leave of absence or whose employment terminates prior to November 15 will receive no part of any longevity payment.

K. Mileage

Employees who are required to drive their own vehicles in connection with their employment shall be compensated at a rate per mile established by the Board at the beginning of the fiscal year. Compensation will be in a manner consistent with procedures established by the Business/Financial Services Division.

L. Personal Phones

Employees who are required to use their own personal cell phones in connection with their employment shall be compensated at a flat rate of \$60/month. Compensation for this will be in a manner consistent with the procedures established by Human Resources.

M. District Sponsored In-service

Employees who are released to attend District-sponsored in-service activities and are being paid a wage will be allowed to use that time, if approved by Superintendent, Chief Human Resources Officer or designee, to advance on a career ladder.

N. Safety Services Uniforms Allowance

Employees required to wear uniforms, will receive an annual uniform allowance of up to \$550.00. Uniforms may be ordered by employees through the District established ordering process. Payment for uniforms will be made by the District directly to the vendor.

O. During the 2025-2026 contract year, uniformed security officers and security dispatchers shall receive, in addition to any other negotiated increase to base pay, one-third (1/3) of the difference between the classified bargaining unit salary schedule and the safety services bargaining unit salary schedule. The parties previously agreed to that provision in the 2024-2025 and similar adjustment shall be included in future contract of the 2026-2027 contract year, resulting in an additional adjustment in each of those years equal to one-third of the difference between the classified bargaining unit and safety services bargaining unit schedules.

ARTICLE IX: OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY PAY

A. Holiday Pay Rates

Employees who are required to be on duty on holidays observed by the Board will receive premium pay. Employees shall receive holiday rates as follows:

1. For the Board recognized National holidays, listed in Article X, A, an Employee, who requests it, shall be granted the recognized holiday off when safety services activities permit. If the recognized holiday falls on a regular day off, the Employee shall be given

time off as holiday pay on a day selected by the Employee within the 28-day work period in which the holiday falls, as safety services activities permit.

Example: An Employee works Wednesday – Sunday. Labor Day falls on a Monday. The Employee shall be given a day to take as a holiday within a 28-day period, as safety services activities permit.

If an Employee works on board recognized national holiday, the Employee shall be compensated two (2) times their regular hourly rate plus the Board-paid holiday rate and no time off will be given for working the recognized holiday. (“Worked National Holiday Pay”)

Example: Employee works Saturday – Wednesday. Labor Day falls on a Monday. If the Employee works, (2) times regular rate of pay will be paid plus Board-paid holiday. No other day will be given as time off. Otherwise, if the Employee does not work, holiday pay only will be paid.

2. In cases where an employee working a Monday - Friday schedule are given a day off within a regular work week (e.g. July 4 falls on a weekend and a Monday is given as a day off) no holiday premium compensation will be given for working on these days (e.g. no holiday premium pay on Monday if work is performed on Monday).

Employees who are not scheduled to work will receive the appropriate number of days off during the 28-day period, as safety services activities permit. Those working a Monday-Friday schedule given days off within the regular work week will not be paid premium if they work on those recognized holidays but will be paid premium compensation if they work on the weekend days. The Director of Safety Services will determine minimum and maximum staffing requirements for Board recognized national holidays. If Employees are called back to work during a Board recognized national holiday, the Employees will receive two (2) times their regular hourly rate plus Board-paid holiday rate.

3. For other Board recognized holidays listed in Article X, B, an Employee who requests it shall be granted the day(s) off when safety services activities permit. If the(se) days fall on a regular day off, the Employee shall be given time off as holiday pay on a day selected by the Employee within the 28-day work period in which the holiday(s) fall, as safety services activities permit. An Employee who works on Board recognized holiday(s) shall be compensated at one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular hourly rate plus the Board-paid holiday rate. No time off will be given for working the holiday(s). The Director of Safety Services will determine minimum and maximum staffing requirements for Board recognized holidays.

B. Sunday Pay

Employees called back to work on Sunday shall earn two (2) times their hourly rate, unless Sunday is a Board-recognized national holiday, in which case the Employees shall be paid three (3) times their hourly rate. Employees who begin their call back on Saturday shall be paid the Sunday pay rate beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, if at least one hour is worked on Sunday.

C. Call Back to Duty

A "call back" to duty shall be considered not less than two (2) hours' work performed. Employees called to work under special circumstances, such as snow removal, will be allowed to work overtime and a regular shift.

D. Safety Services Emergency Work

In cases of emergency (e.g. entire District shut down, with the exception of limited Safety Services personnel), as identified by the Director of Safety Services, employees shall be compensated two times their regular hourly rate for work performed.

E. Excess of Forty (40) Hours (Overtime)

Employees shall be paid one and one-half (1 ½) times their regular hourly rate for all assigned hours exceeding a forty (40) hour work week (40 hours in pay status) which are not identified in A.1 or A.2 above.

F. Event Work

Employees assigned to work extracurricular events will be paid for a minimum of 2 hours even if they work less than 2 hours.

G. Safety Services Emergency Pay

Employees who are assigned to a building that experiences an Emergency Event, or who are called on to respond to an Emergency Event, shall receive Emergency Pay. "Emergency Event" means a fire that causes significant property damage and/or extended evacuation; a gas odor or leak that causes extended evacuation; a violent intruder; severe weather causing extensive wind or water damage; credible threats of violence resulting in extended action by security staff; a student in possession of a firearm; a medical emergency requiring the use of CPR, AED, Narcan, or "Stop the Bleed"; or any other circumstance identified by the building principal or Director of Safety Services as requiring extraordinary or unusual efforts by security staff. "Emergency Pay" means (1) an employee's regular hourly rate, multiplied by (2) the number of hours actually worked by the employee during the Emergency Event at the building affected by the Emergency Event, multiplied by (3) one-and-one-half (1.5).

ARTICLE X: HOLIDAYS

A. Board Recognized National Holidays

The calendar adopted by the Board recognizes certain national holidays. For 2025-2026, these days are as follows:

Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Memorial Day

B. Other Board Recognized Holidays

The calendar adopted by the Board designates certain other days as holidays. For 2025-2026 these days are as follows:

Wednesday Prior to Thanksgiving
Friday following Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
New Year's Eve
Spring Break (5 days)

C. Rate of Holiday Pay

Full-time Employees shall be paid their regular daily rate for their normal shift assignment for the above holidays, provided they are in pay status (except personal business) on the day before and the day following paid holidays.

D. Calendar

The calendar adopted by the Board may be altered at the discretion of the Board or Superintendent.

ARTICLE XI: VACATIONS

A. Eligibility

Vacation with pay is granted to full-time Employees in positions requiring a 260-day working schedule.

B. Vacation Accrual Dates

The date for determining vacation eligibility is the anniversary date of employment for each full-time Employee. Vacation credit will be accrued and earned on a monthly basis based upon an Employee's working schedule set forth hereafter. An Employee is eligible to use accrued vacation days once earned, except new Employees will not be eligible to use accrued vacation days until they have satisfactorily completed their three (3) month probationary period. A new Employee will not be eligible for vacation pay or credit if the new Employee is terminated prior to satisfactorily completing their three (3) month probationary period.

Hours of Vacation Accrued per Month Based on Years of Service	
Months of Service	260-Day
1 to 36	6.67
37 to 48	7.33
49 to 60	8.00
61 to 72	8.67
73 to 84	9.33
85 to 96	10.00
97 to 108	10.67
109 to 120	11.33
121 to 132	12.00
133 to 144	12.67
145 and over	13.33

C. Approval of Vacation

The responsibility for approval of an Employee's vacation schedule rests with the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal.

1. Carryover of Vacation

All vacation accrued between anniversary dates of any given year shall ordinarily be scheduled and taken prior to the Employee's anniversary date of the following year. While the "carrying over" of vacation is discouraged, an Employee may carry over vacation days beyond June 30 of each year to a maximum of 320 hours.

2. Maximum Days Allowed

The maximum allowable number of vacation days that may be scheduled at any one time shall be the total number of days that an Employee will earn between the anniversary dates of the year the vacation is taken.

3. Minimum Units of Vacation Allowed

Absences chargeable to vacation time for employees paid on ranges AS-JcS shall be in units no smaller than one-quarter hour.

D. Severance Pay

All earned vacation credit up to a maximum of twenty (20) days is paid upon separation from employment and is computed on the basis of the current salary. At the discretion of the Administration, employees who move to a shorter work year may be paid for some or all of their accumulated unused vacation days.

E. Holiday During Vacation

Holidays will not be charged against an Employee's vacation time when they occur during regularly scheduled vacation periods.

F. Working During Vacation

Employees are not allowed to work for the Board during their scheduled vacation time and receive additional pay for such time worked. Any exceptions, due to an emergency situation, must have prior approval of the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal.

G. Winter/Spring Breaks

Employees who work the 260-day schedule will be scheduled to work at a minimum staffing level (i.e., two officers and one dispatcher per shift). Those not scheduled to work will be required to take these days as calendared vacation or temporary leave days unless the Employee opts to take them as unpaid days.

ARTICLE XII: EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. Medical and Dental Benefits

1. The Plan

a) The Board will offer employees a base medical and a base dental plan with no additional employee paid premiums other than: premium without wellness discount, tobacco/nicotine user premium, working spouse premium, and part-time employee premium (0.75-0.99 FTE), as further described below. The Board provided medical and dental plans shall provide coverage for employees and eligible dependents, if any, in accordance with the terms, conditions and exclusions of the Board provided group medical and dental plans. Changes in these Board provided medical and dental plans will normally be effective on January 1 of any year and only with the involvement of the Union. At its discretion, the Board may offer additional medical and dental plan options with employee-paid premiums, through payroll deduction, that will be in addition to the premiums further described below.

b) The medical and dental plans will begin January 1 and will end December 31 of each year.

2. Eligibility

a) Employees who are employed in a position for 30 hours or more per week are eligible to participate in the Board provided group medical and dental plans. The employees' participation will be governed by the Health Plan Document.

b) Employees who were employed for at least 20 hours but less than 30 hours per week as of August 1, 2014, and who are currently receiving Health Plan benefits ("Grandfathered Employees") will also be eligible to participate in the Health Plan ("Grandfathered Employees"). An employee whose Grandfathered Status ends will no longer be eligible to participate in the health plan. The employee's removal from participation in the health plan will be governed by the Health Plan document.

c) To be eligible to participate in the Board group medical and dental plans, all employees will be required to enroll during open enrollment or within 31 days of hire. Employees who do not enroll, or decline through the enrollment process, will be automatically enrolled in the employee only base medical plan without the wellness discount and the employee only base dental plan.

3. Board Contribution

a) The Board will contribute \$690 per month, all of which will be used to partially fund the Medical and Dental Plan, for every employee who is eligible to participate in the Health Plan under this Article XII, Section A.

b) The Board shall continue to pay its contribution for any eligible employee who suffers a continuing total disability for a period not to exceed 180 calendar days after the date of the commencement of the total disability. All actions and decisions under the medical and dental plans shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Administration.

4. Premiums/Payroll Deductions

a) Effective January 1, 2018, safety services employees and their spouses shall agree to a payroll deduction as set in the table below unless the employee and/or spouse qualify for a wellness premium discount:

	Bi-weekly 26 pays	Bi-weekly 20 pays	Monthly	Annually
Employee Without Wellness Discount	\$46.15	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Spouse Without Wellness Discount	\$46.15	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Both Without Wellness Discount	\$92.30	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00

*These premiums do not apply to dependent children; actual monthly deduction may vary based on pay calendar

To receive the 2026 wellness discount (\$1200 per year for an employee and \$1200 per year for a spouse), the employee (and spouse if applicable) must have received either an annual physical exam with blood work OR an eye exam between September 1, 2024 and

August 31, 2025. The employee must complete the enrollment process to receive the wellness discount. If the employee fails to complete the enrollment process, no wellness discount will be provided.

New hires and employees transferring into benefitted positions will automatically receive the wellness discount for the rest of that calendar year. Employees hired after April each year and employees transferring into benefitted positions after April will automatically receive the wellness discount for the rest of that calendar year and the following calendar year.

Employees are asked to certify if they are a tobacco user, during the enrollment process. This is subject to audit by testing. If the employee's test has a positive result for tobacco/nicotine use, the teacher will be subject to the additional payroll deduction for tobacco/nicotine use. The payroll deduction for a positive test result or refusal to be tested shall equal the annual tobacco/nicotine premium, averaged between the date of the first paycheck after a positive test result or refusal to be tested and the last paycheck paid in December of the year the nicotine payroll deduction is begun.

If the spouse's test has a positive result for tobacco/nicotine use, the teacher will be subject to the additional payroll deduction for the spouse's tobacco/nicotine use. The payroll deduction for a positive test result or refusal to be tested shall equal the annual tobacco/nicotine premium, averaged between the date of the first paycheck after a positive test result or refusal to be tested and the last paycheck paid in December of the year the nicotine payroll deduction is begun.

b) Employees whose spouses have access to group medical insurance who choose to utilize the Board provided group medical and dental plans to provide coverage for the employee's spouse shall agree to a payroll deduction of \$200 per month, or \$2400 per year, beginning January 1, 2017 and thereafter. However, such employees who work less than a 12-month assignment shall agree to a payroll deduction equal to \$2,400 per year pro-rated for the length of their assignment.

Employees with a spouse shall certify whether or not their spouse has access to group medical insurance. It is the employee's responsibility to notify Employee Benefits if their spouse gains benefit coverage.

	Bi-weekly 26 pays	Bi-weekly 20 pays	Monthly	Annually
Working Spouse	\$92.31	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$2,400.00

c) Effective January 1, 2017, a permanent employee who is employed 30 or more hours and less than 40 hours per week in a primary benefited position shall agree to a payroll deduction of \$40 per month. However, such employees who work less than a 12-month assignment shall agree to a payroll deduction of \$480 per year prorated for the length of their assignment. For the 2016 health plan year only, the \$40 per month part-time premium will be waived for eligible employees who are .75 FTE to .99 FTE. Grandfathered Employees defined under Article XII, Section A, who are less than .75 FTE will continue paying the \$40 monthly premium for the health plan.

	Bi-weekly 26 pays	Bi-weekly 20 pays	Monthly	Annually
Part Time Premium	\$18.46	\$24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 480.00

d) An employee who is a tobacco/nicotine product user shall agree to pay the annual tobacco premium.

	Bi-weekly 26 pays	Bi-weekly 20 pays	Monthly	Annually
Employee tobacco user	\$46.15	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Spouse tobacco user	\$46.15	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Both tobacco users	\$92.30	\$120.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00

However, such employees who work less than a 12-month assignment shall agree to a payroll deduction equal to the annual tobacco premium, prorated for the length of their assignment. To be eligible to participate in the Board medical plan, an employee whose spouse is a tobacco/nicotine product user who participates in the Board health insurance plan shall agree to pay the annual tobacco premium. However, such employees who work less than a 12-month assignment shall agree to a payroll deduction equal to the annual tobacco premium, prorated for the length of their assignment. Employees shall sign a certified statement verifying whether or not they are tobacco/nicotine product users and whether or not their spouse who participates in the Board health insurance plan is a tobacco/nicotine product user.

A tobacco/nicotine product user is a person who uses a tobacco/nicotine product or products four or more times per week within no longer than the past 6 months and includes cigarettes (including electronic cigarettes), cigars, pipes, and any form of chewing tobacco. The term tobacco/nicotine user does not include for religious or ceremonial use or when prescribed or recommended by a physician or in conjunction with smoking cessation treatment. Physician documentation would be required.

5. Cash Option

Eligible employees who provide evidence of other medical coverage as required by the Affordable Care Act may enroll in a cash option in lieu of participation in the base or buy-up medical plans. Eligible employees enrolled in the cash option shall be paid \$1,200.00 per year pro-rated for the length of their assignment subject to applicable payroll deductions.

	Bi-weekly 26 pays	Bi-weekly 20 pays	Monthly	Annually
Cash Option	\$46.15	\$60.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00

B. Severance Pay Benefits

1. Death, Retirement, Honorable Resignation

An employee who dies or who retires or resigns honorably after reaching age fifty-five (55) years or five (5) years in the employ of the Board shall be eligible for a severance payment.

2. Termination

An employee with 15 or more years of service with USD 259 who is terminated (other than for suspected criminal activity) may have their individual case reviewed through the grievance procedure. The parties to the grievance may allow the employee to voluntarily resign rather than involuntary termination, and if allowed, the employee will receive severance pay, if otherwise eligible. As a condition of allowing the discretionary severance payment, the employee must agree to settle and discontinue their grievance and additionally waive any other individual right or rights they may have against any officer, manager, supervisor, or employee of USD 259 arising out of their termination. The employee who is allowed to self-terminate under the above conditions will sign a Personnel Action Request with the remark "not eligible for rehire" in the comment section.

3. Computation and Rate of Severance Pay

The amount of the severance payment for which the employee is eligible shall be computed by multiplying the sum of the number of unused temporary leave hours which the employee has accumulated plus the number of unused vacation hours which the employee has accumulated in excess of the number which he/she is still eligible to take by \$3.75 per hour.

For those employees paid by the hour the severance payment will be computed by multiplying the accumulated hours by \$3.75 per hour. The severance payment shall be made to the eligible employee in accordance with regular payroll procedures and shall be subject to all applicable deductions.

4. Exceptions

Any employee who applies for retention of employment prior to retiring for the purpose of KPERS is not eligible for such severance payment at that time.

C. Group Life Benefits

The Board shall provide group term life coverage with individual limits of \$30,000 for all permanent employees who work twenty (20) hours or more per week. Any increase in coverage shall not be effective until the employee reports for work.

D. Short Term Disability Benefits

The Board shall provide short-term disability benefits as set forth in the short-term disability summary plan description.

1. Rate of Benefits and Waiting Period

Short term disability benefits for disabilities resulting from non-occupational illness or injury, shall be paid at the rate of 70% of the employee's regular rate subject to all applicable deductions. Following the exhaustion of temporary leave, there is a five (5) day waiting period before short term disability benefits begin. The five (5) day waiting period will be waived for absences greater than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days and short-term disability payments shall be paid retroactively.

(See also Temporary Leave.)

2. Single Disability

A single disability for a period of 180 calendar days is defined as a single absence. Under no circumstances will short term disability benefits be paid in excess of 180 calendar days from the date of disability.

3. Exceeding 180 Days Absent

If the employee cannot return to work on or before the 181st calendar day of absence, the employee will be terminated or placed on leave of absence from the district, if eligible.

4. Recurrence of Disability

For the recurrence of a disability to be considered a new disability, the disability will be subject to a new waiting period and required independent medical evaluation designated by Employee Benefits and Insurance Management. In addition, the employee must have returned to work for a continuous period equal to the period of absence or for thirty (30) consecutive workdays. Short absences for reasons not related to the disability shall not be counted towards fulfillment of this requirement but will not be considered an interruption thereof.

5. Second Distinct Disability

If a second distinct disability occurs prior to the expiration of thirty (30) consecutive workdays, the thirty (30) day work requirement may be waived by the Chief Human Resources Officer or designee.

6. Injury/Accident During Employment

If subsequent to the commencement of short-term disability benefits, it is determined that the illness or accident arose out of or in the course of employment, the employee's compensation shall revert to worker's compensation disability payments and the employee's short term disability shall be reduced by any retroactive payment of workers compensation.

E. KPERS Benefits

The Board shall participate in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System in accordance with KSA 74-4931, et seq.

F. Worker's Compensation Benefits

The Board shall continue under the Kansas Workers Compensation Law to provide worker's compensation coverage for all employees. Employee benefits are defined in state statute and are subject to legislative and judicial changes. Current state statute will supersede any provisions contained in this agreement. Workers' compensation covers injury and disease arising out of and in the course of one's employment. Benefits include medical expenses and disability payments when applicable. Job related accidents must be reported to the employee's supervisor, and both the Employee Report of Incident and Supervisor's Report will be forwarded to the Employee Benefits and Insurance Management office immediately but no more than 24 hours after the occurrence. Compensation and charge to temporary leave procedures are as follows:

1. Procedures:

- a. Injured employees must immediately report accidents to their supervisors and the Employee Benefits and Insurance Management office within 24 hours.
- b. If employee believes that the absence is a result of personal injury caused by battery arising out of or in the course of their employment, the employee must request paperwork from the Workers' Compensation department. This request should be made as soon as possible following the incident but no later than 30 days from the date of incident for battery consideration. The determination and investigation of battery will be made independent of the Workers' Compensation office.
- c. Injured employees will take their doctors' work status report after each appointment to their supervisor.
- d. Injured employees will report in after each doctor visit to the Employee Benefits and Insurance Management office.
- f. If employees have questions concerning Worker Compensation benefits or procedures, they may call the Employee Benefits and Insurance Management office, or the claims advisory section of the Division of Workers Compensation (1-800-332-0353).

2. Disability Payments:

- a. A seven-calendar day waiting period must be met before the disability payments begin. If the employee is off work for 21 consecutive days, the same statute requires the employer to pay retroactively the first seven (7) days of disability.
- b. The employee will receive 66 2/3 percent of their average weekly wage, subject to the state weekly maximum. This benefit is paid as long as the authorized treating physician certifies that the employee is temporarily, totally disabled.

- c. A job injury absence up to five days will be charged to the employee's accumulated temporary leave to the extent that temporary leave is available, such charge will be reinstated if the employee is authorized to be off work for 21 consecutive days.
- d. Use of vacation time to cover any part of any absence due to an on-the-job injury is not permitted.
- e. If certified by the authorized treating physician, the Board will pay any permanent partial disability according to the formula provided by the state statute.
- f. If the employee files a battery claim within the designated 30-day period following an injury and the injury is determined after investigation to meet the definition of battery, they shall be paid their full salary less any other Board provided or State provided employee compensation or disability benefits for the period of such absence without having such absence charged to their accumulated temporary leave. Payment for such absence shall not extend beyond 180 calendar days. Requests for battery more than 30 days after date of an injury will not be considered.

3. Medical Expense:

- a. Workers' Compensation will pay all medical expenses resulting from the job related injury and prescribed by the authorized treating physician. Kansas state statute allows the Board to direct the medical care of its injured employees.
- b. Injured employees will receive care from authorized doctors and will return a work status form from the doctor after each appointment to his or her supervisor.
- c. State statute provides a limited amount for the employee to use at their discretion for a second opinion or treatment. This unauthorized medical amount is explained with initial paperwork sent to the employee following injury.

G. Other Injury Benefits

- 1. For the 2025-2026 school year only, up to seven (7) days of temporary leave will be restored to an employee who misses work at the direction of a physician due to physical injury sustained as a result of a student altercation.

H. General Liability Coverage

- 1. The Board shall provide commercial general liability coverage with a combined single limit of liability of at least \$500,000 per occurrence and including employees of the district within this coverage.
- 2. This coverage will include safety services employees who transport pupils within the course and scope of their employment. However, a commercial general liability policy excludes coverage for automobiles. This reference to transport of pupils refers to the act of supervision of pupils. Employees' own automobile insurance shall be primary coverage for property damage, personal injury protection, and automobile liability protection. Board insurance shall provide secondary coverage only.

I. Unemployment

The Board, under the Kansas Employment Law, shall provide unemployment compensation for all eligible employees.

J. Voluntary Early Retirement

The Board will provide a voluntary early retirement program for safety services employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1996. The substance and procedures of the program, and any changes thereto, are in each instance to be determined by the Board. Alterations shall not be applied retroactively to affect any retired employee receiving benefits from the program.

K. Flexible Spending

The Board shall provide a Flexible Spending Account Plan established pursuant to Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code which will allow voluntary payroll deduction. The substance and procedures of the Plan, and any changes thereto, are in each instance to be determined by the Board after consultation with the Union. The Plan shall include only dependent care assistance and non-reimbursed medical expenses. Health insurance premiums will be deducted from wages on a pre-tax basis through the use of a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

L. Reassignment

Employees who are reassigned from one employee group to another will be subject to decisions by the Human Resources Division concerning temporary leave, longevity payments, and other conditions of employment. Such decisions shall be based on relevant provisions of various policies, procedures and employment agreements in addition to the past practices of the district and maintenance of equity among employees.

M. Catastrophic Emergency Benefit Plan

The Catastrophic Benefit Pool was established to help employees recover payment for days they have entered into deduct status after they have exhausted all their temporary leave and experience a major disaster declared by the President of the United States or a qualified medical emergency. The catastrophic event would need to be considered a qualifying Family Medical Leave event to be deemed a qualifying medical emergency.

1. The plan shall be established by allowing each benefited employee to contribute one (1) day of temporary leave into the plan. Those who wish to enroll in the Plan (those new to the district, those who wish to enroll for the first time, or those who went off benefits since they contributed a day) may do so at any time during the year. Those who have contributed a day in the past will NOT be allowed to do so again unless they went off benefits since, they contributed the day or if in the future the hours drop low enough that the pool is required to be replenished.

2. All applicable temporary leave must be exhausted before individuals are eligible to apply for reinstatement of temporary leave days already deducted because of the catastrophe. Temporary leave must be in deduct and showing up as such on the PeopleSoft system before individuals are eligible. Employees who meet the criteria above shall be eligible to submit an application to draw on the pool up to twenty (20) days per contract year.

3. The Catastrophic Benefit Pool is not an option for people eligible for or receiving Worker's Compensation or Disability Compensation payments.
4. The plan shall be administered by Employee Benefits and Insurance Management. Disputes shall be resolved by the President of the Service Employees International Union or designee, the President of the United Teachers of Wichita or designee, and the Chief Human Resources Officer or designee.

N. BOE Carrier Options

Each benefit specified by this agreement may, at the Board's option, be provided by a Board selected carrier or by self-funding by the Board or any combination thereof. The Board may change from one carrier to another or to self-funding at any time. The specific coverage may be altered by the Board at any time so long as the coverage provided complies with the expressed terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE XIII: TEMPORARY LEAVE

A. Eligibility

Employees are eligible to accrue temporary leave days if they are working in a permanent position twenty (20) hours or more per week. Temporary leave days are computed on a common factor for all eligible Employees based on one (1) day earned for every fifteen (15) days in pay status.

B. Accrual

Each Employee who is eligible to accrue temporary leave days will be granted the number of days to which he/she is entitled for a year on the first day that the Employee reports for work on or after July 1. Temporary leave days will be prorated for any eligible Employee who works less than full-time or who is hired after July 1. Temporary leave days granted shall be added immediately to the Employee's accumulation. Probationary Employees will not be granted any temporary leave days in advance of such days being earned.

C. Unused Temporary Leave

Unused temporary leave days will be cumulative without limit.

D. Use of Temporary Leave

Accumulated temporary leave days may be used for:

1. Personal Illness, Injury, Incapacitation

Personal illness, injury, or incapacitation up to the maximum number of days the Employee has accumulated. However, no Employee may use temporary leave days for any single such disability beyond 180 calendar days from the first day of the disability. If the absence qualifies or will qualify for short-term disability and an Employee will be absent six (6) or more consecutive work days, the Employee must notify Employee Benefits and Insurance Management and provide medical documentation to Employee Benefits and Insurance Management within fourteen (14) calendar days of the onset of the absence. Employee Benefits and Insurance Management may require the ongoing verification of disability.

2. Family Illness & Family Death (Bereavement)

Employees may use up to fourteen (14) days per contract year from their available temporary leave for absences related to family illness or bereavement. These days are not in addition to temporary leave but are drawn from the existing temporary leave balance.

a. Family Illness

Up to fourteen (14) days may be used for the illness or injury of a spouse, child, or parent. Up to eight (8) of these days may be used for the illness or injury of extended family members or other significant individuals in the employee's life.

b. Family Death (Bereavement)

Up to fourteen (14) days may be used for bereavement leave due to the death of an immediate family member, extended family member, or other significant individual in the employee's life.

These provisions do not limit an eligible employee's right to additional unpaid leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), although FMLA may run concurrently with these benefits. FMLA provides up to 12 workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for eligible employees to care for a spouse, child under the age 18, disabled adult child, or parent with a serious health condition.

3. Personal Business

Personal business up to a maximum of three (3) days per fiscal year by employees with less than twenty (20) years employment with the Board, and up to a maximum of four (4) days per fiscal year by Employees with twenty (20) years or more employment with the Board. Temporary leave days for personal business will be granted as long as regular work assignments can be carried on. However, temporary leave days for personal business will not be used to extend vacation and/or to extend adopted Board-approved holidays (with the exception of the District conference release day in November), or non-working days. Personal business leave is provided for the Employee who is confronted with serious and urgent individual or family problems, emergency situations, or legal demands which cannot be attended to at any time other than through the Employee's duty day. Personal business leave may be used in the event of the illness or death of a friend or any other relative not identified as a member of the immediate family. Personal business leave is not provided for recreation or avocational activities. The Employee is not required to give the specific reason or nature of the personal business but must state that it falls within the above definition. The immediate supervisor must be notified as soon as the Employee knows of the need for personal business leave in order for the necessary arrangements to be made. Repetitive use of personal business leave without proper notice, normally at least 24 hours in advance, will be cause for review.

4. Temporary Active Duty

Temporary active duty up to a maximum of thirty (30) days per fiscal year. Non-Chargeable Leave for temporary active duty is provided for the Employee who is a member of a reserve military unit which is ordered to active duty as a result of an emergency or disaster.

5. Parental/ Adoptive Leave

Employees who are legal parents or guardians are eligible for up to six (6) weeks of paid parental leave per contract year for the purpose of attending the birth of their child and participating in bonding time following birth. Adoptive and foster parents are also eligible for up to six (6) weeks of paid leave for bonding following the placement of a child. This leave is charged to temporary leave as personal illness (PI) and must be approved through the Employee Benefits office.

Paid parental and adoptive leave under this provision does not limit or replace the employee's right to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), if eligible, although FMLA may run concurrently with these benefits. FMLA bonding leave must be taken within 12 months of the birth or placement of the child. If both parents are employed by the District, they may be limited to a combined total of 12 workweeks of FMLA bonding leave, in accordance with FMLA regulations.

E. Charging Temporary Leave

When an Employee is absent from his/her assignment for any of the above reasons, such absence will be a chargeable absence and the number of days of such chargeable absence will be subtracted from his/her accumulated temporary leave days. Absence for a part of a day for hourly Employees shall be charged as temporary leave in amounts no smaller than one quarter hour.

F. Excessive Absences

Absences in excess of accumulated temporary leave or in excess of the specified limits are deducted from the Employee's salary at a daily rate for each day of such excess. However, the specified limits may be extended by the Chief Human Resources Officer upon written request by the Employee if the Employee has accumulated sufficient days.

G. Absences Subject to Review

All chargeable absences that continue beyond the specified limits, all absences without leave, all absences which are too frequent, and all chargeable absences which end without the Employee giving proper advance notice will be subject to review and appropriate action by the Administration.

H. Reemployment

Any former Employee who is reemployed within twelve (12) months of the date of termination, upon satisfactory completion of his/her probationary period, will have his/her temporary leave days that were accrued at the time of his/her separation reinstated for up to a maximum of five (5) years unless severance compensation has been paid for such leave.

I. Exceeding Five Days

If temporary leave is claimed in excess of five (5) consecutive days for an illness, injury, or incapacitation, on or before the end of the sixth day certification by a physician may be required before the wages for the period of leave are paid. Further, the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal may request, given evidence there is just cause, a physician's statement requiring medical verification at any time the Employee is absent.

J. Voting in Elections

In accordance with the provisions of Kansas Labor Laws, (KSA, 1978, Supp. 25-418) persons entitled to vote at a general or primary election will be entitled to absent themselves from their employment under the circumstances and for the period of time described therein.

K. Court/Jury Duty

Non-chargeable temporary leave for court duty or jury duty may be granted to an Employee to appear in court to answer a jury summons or for reasons other than personal neglect, violation of law, or matters in which the Employee has a vested interest. The amount paid for jury duty or witness fees, if any, shall be deducted from the Employee's regular pay. Verification of the amount received for jury duty or witness fees must be provided.

L. Notifying Supervisor

An Employee desiring to be off duty for any reason should make arrangements with his/her supervisor as far in advance as possible.

ARTICLE XIV: EXTENDED LEAVE

An Employee may be granted extended leave without pay or benefits, subject to approval of the Board, for health; illness of spouse, child or parent; maternity; paternity; adoption; study; campaigning for or serving in public office; or professional activities. Such leaves are subject to the provisions of the Board policy on extended leaves.

An Employee will be allowed to take an unpaid leave of absence for military service in accordance with the employee handbook.

ARTICLE XV: PLAN OF ASSISTANCE

The Plan of Assistance is designed to be helpful. It is initiated when other means of the assistive process have not been successful, and the supervisor determines that the Employee needs additional assistance and support to maintain or achieve an acceptable level of performance.

ARTICLE XVI: NO STRIKE-LOCKOUT CLAUSE

- A. The Union will not authorize, cause, aid, ratify or condone, nor will any Employee take part in, aid, render assistance to, or support any strike, sit-down, slow-down, stoppage of work, boycott, picket, or other interruption of work at any facilities or in the operation of the District.
- B. The Board agrees that during the term of this Agreement, there will be no lockout. Lockout is defined in K.S.A. 75-4322 (r) as any action taken by the Board to provoke interruptions of or prevent the continuity of work normally and usually performed by the Employees for the purpose of coercing the Employees into relinquishing rights guaranteed by the Act.

**ARTICLE XVII:
FURLOUGH AND REDUCTION IN FORCE**

The Superintendent of Schools shall have the responsibility for determining the number of safety services positions employed by the school district. If the Superintendent determines the need to reduce the number of safety services positions, the Superintendent may, in his/her discretion, furlough safety services employees for a specified period not to exceed ninety (90) days or declare a reduction in force. In either event, the following administrative implemental procedures shall take full force and effect and shall apply to all safety services employees.

1. If a reduction in force is necessary, the greatest possible reduction shall be accomplished through attrition.
2. If a reduction in force is necessary, the remaining reduction in the number of positions shall be accomplished by layoff.
 - a. The reduction shall be applied to the largest group of safety services positions which may be reasonable considered. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with union representatives prior to determining the group or groups of safety services positions from which the reduction shall be made.
 - b. Within each specified classified group, safety services employees shall be selected by the respective administrative for layoff in the following order:
 - 1) Probationary safety services employees within the 90 day probationary period.
 - 2) Safety services employees on probation when a reduction in force is declared.
 - 3) Safety services employees who are on a Plan of Assistance when a reduction in force is declared.
 - 4) Within each of the above sub- paragraphs, if two or more safety services employees are otherwise equally eligible for selection, employees with shorter lengths of total seniority within the district will be selected before those with longer lengths of total district seniority.
 - 5) Following the above procedures, if two or more safety services employees are equally eligible based on total seniority in the district, employees with the shorter lengths of current employment within the position will be selected before those of longer length of current employment.
 - c. After implementing such a reduction procedure, the list of names of laid off safety services employees shall be maintained by the Human Resources Division for two (2) years.

- d. Any safety services employee who has been so laid off shall no longer be considered an employee and shall have no employee rights or benefits other than those required by law or by this policy.
- e. Any safety services employee who has been so laid off may retain membership in the Board provided health coverage plan for a period of up to 18 months. However, the Board shall make no contribution and the employee must make advance arrangements for payment of premiums with the Employee Benefits and Insurance Management Office.
- f. It is the responsibility of the listed laid off safety services employee to keep the Human Resources Division informed of their current contact information, i.e., e-mail address, current address, and phone number. Additionally, the laid off employee will maintain a current electronic employment application with Human Resources.
- g. The named safety services employee on the list will be considered an internal application. If a safety services vacancy occurs within two (2) years for which the named safety services employee on the list is qualified, the employee will be contacted to interview for the open position. The usual employment procedures will be followed in determining the fitness for employment.
- h. If any safety services employee on the list waives recall rights in writing, fails to accept recall to a position for which the employee is qualified, fails to respond within 10 days to a recall notice sent to the latest address furnished to Human Resources Division, or fails to report for duty in the accepted position, the name of such safety services employee shall be removed from the list and such safety services employee shall have no further recall rights.
- i. Any safety services employee who is recalled shall regain all employment benefits to which he/she was entitled at the time of layoff. However, no benefits may be accrued during the period of unemployment and the safety services employee shall be subject to all changes in employment conditions which have been made in the interim.
- j. In lieu of a reduction in force, the Superintendent may determine, in his/her discretion, that there is a need to furlough safety services employees for a specified period not to exceed ninety (90) days. If so, the measures set forth in paragraph 2 above will govern the selection of employees for furlough, and the measures set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 will apply to employees who have been furloughed. If necessary, the Superintendent may determine in his/her discretion that it is necessary to eliminate the positions of and lay off employees who have been furloughed.
- k. Employees on furloughed status shall retain vacation and/or temporary leave balances, and longevity status, accrued as of the date on which the employee is

furloughed; however, no additional vacation and/or temporary leave, or longevity, will accrue during the furlough period. Furloughed employees are eligible to retain health and dental coverage in place as of the date they are furloughed, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable plan(s). Furloughed employees remain responsible for their share of the cost of their coverage, with payment of the employee's share due at the same time as it would be made if by payroll deduction, or by an alternate payment schedule approved by Employee Benefits.

ARTICLE XVIII: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Purpose and Definitions

1. The purpose of this grievance procedure shall be to resolve good faith differences of opinion regarding the interpretation or application of this agreement.
2. Grievance: any alleged violation or misapplication of this agreement.
3. Grievant: an Employee who has filed a grievance or, in the case of a group grievance, the Union.

B. Time Limitations

1. The time limitations specified at each level may be extended by mutual agreement between the grievant or his/her representative and the Superintendent or designee.
2. When the term "days" is used herein, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean contract days during the school year and calendar days between school years.

C. Informal Level

1. Prior to filing a grievance in writing and within fourteen (14) days after the occurrence of the event upon which it is based, the grievant and his/her representative, if any, shall attempt to resolve the matter informally by requesting a meeting with the immediate supervisor. Such a meeting shall be held within seven (7) days after the request is made.
2. Lack of adherence to informal level remedy shall retain grievance status.

D. Level One

1. If the matter is not resolved informally to the satisfaction of the grievant, the grievance must be filed in writing with the grievant's immediate supervisor within seven (7) days after the first informal meeting and a copy of such grievance shall be forwarded to the Union President or designee and the Superintendent or designee.
2. Within seven (7) days after receiving the Level One grievance, the immediate supervisor may, at his/her option, hold a discussion meeting with the grievant and his/her

representative, if any. Within seven (7) days after the discussion meeting, if one is held, or within seven (7) days after the grievance is filed in writing, the immediate supervisor shall make a decision in writing, together with the supporting reasons. Copies shall be forwarded to the grievant, the grievant's representative, if any, the Union President or designee and the Superintendent or designee.

3. (a) The Union, as an alternative to the informal level and to an Employee(s) filing a Level One grievance, may file with the Superintendent an alternative Level One grievance in circumstances where the otherwise grievant(s) has a genuine concern that the filing of a grievance might result in retaliation being taken by the grievant's immediate supervisor. The President of Union shall verify to the Superintendent that the person who would otherwise file the grievance has a genuine concern that the filing of a grievance might result in retaliation being taken by the otherwise grievant's immediate supervisor. It is understood by the Union that the Board does not tolerate retaliation by supervisors against persons who file grievances, and the Union agrees that it will cooperate with the Superintendent regarding the addressing and eliminating of situations where retaliation may be occurring.

(b) Upon the filing of an alternative Level One grievance, the Union shall file a written statement that sets out the alleged violation or misapplication of this Agreement. If the matter is not informally resolved between the Superintendent and the Union to the satisfaction of the person(s) who would otherwise have filed the grievance within ten (10) days after the grievance is filed, then the Superintendent and President shall meet at their mutual earliest convenience. Upon such meeting the Superintendent and President shall select a neutral person as a hearing officer to serve on a panel with the Union President and the Superintendent to decide whether there was a violation or misapplication of this agreement. The decision of the panel shall be final.

E. Level Two

1. Within seven (7) days after receiving the decision at Level One, the grievant may appeal the decision in writing to the Superintendent. The grievant shall forward copies to the immediate supervisor, the grievant's representative, if any, the Union President or designee and the Superintendent or designee.
2. Within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the written appeal or a grievance filed at Level Two, the Superintendent or designee will meet with the grievant and/or representative of the Union and all parties of interest in an effort to resolve the grievance.
3. Within fourteen (14) days after the meeting specified in Paragraph 2 above, the Superintendent or designee shall make a decision in writing. Copies shall be forwarded to the grievant, the immediate supervisor, the grievant's representative if any, the Union President or designee and the Superintendent or designee.

F. Level Three (Termination Grievances Only)

1. Within twenty (20) days after receiving the decision at Level Two, the grievant may appeal the decision of the Superintendent or designee to a hearing officer. The grievant shall forward copies of the request for a hearing officer to the grievant's representative, if any, the Union President or designee and the Superintendent or designee.
2. Within ten (10) days after the receipt of the request for a hearing officer, the parties shall jointly submit an open records request to the chief legal counsel for the Kansas State Department of Education for the list of hearing officers compiled by the Commissioner of Education as required by K.S.A. 72-5438(f) and amendments thereto. If the list exceeds five (5) names, the first five (5) names on the list will be the panel from which the hearing officer will ultimately be chosen. Any list provided after the first requested list that exceeds five (5) names will be chosen on a rotational basis, e.g., if there are eight names on the second list, then the sixth, seventh, eighth, first and second names on the list will serve as the panel from which the hearing officer will be chosen. After the panel has been selected, the right to first strike a name shall be determined by the flip of a coin. The parties shall then alternately strike names from this list until one name remains. The person whose name remains shall be the hearing officer. The hearing officer will be notified of his/her selection by a joint letter from the petitioner and the District, requesting that he/she set a time and place for the hearing subject to the availability of the parties, and the letter shall specify by stipulation the issue to be determined by the hearing officer.
3. The hearing officer will generally consider the following guidelines, as appropriate, in making a determination as to whether there is just cause to terminate.
 - (a) Was the employee, if appropriate, warned of the consequences of his or her conduct? The warning may be given orally or in writing. There are exceptions for certain conduct, such as, but not limited to, coming to work under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, falsification documents including electronic documents, stealing District property, and behavior that threatens the health or safety of students, District employees or members of the public.
 - (b) If the termination involves not following a rule or an order, was the employer's rule or order reasonably related to efficient and safe operations? Was the rule or order communicated?
 - (c) Did the employer investigate before administering discipline, i.e., did the investigation include interviews of key witnesses and review of necessary documents, including those witnesses and documents suggested by both the employee and the District?
 - (d) Can the District meet its burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence?
 - (e) Were rules, orders and discipline applied consistently and without discrimination?

- (f) Did the employer use progressive discipline, if appropriate?
- (g) Did the District, if appropriate, take into account the employee's length of service and past record, except conduct described in (a) above?
4. The hearing officer shall have no right to add to, subtract from, nullify, ignore or modify any of the terms of this agreement. The hearing officer shall consider and decide only the stipulated issue presented to the hearing officer in writing by the district and the grievant, and the hearing officer's decision and award shall be based solely on the hearing officer's interpretation of the application of the terms of the agreement to the issue stipulated. If the parties were unable to stipulate the issue, the hearing officer shall first determine the issue to be decided as presented by one party or the other without alteration. If the matter presented to the hearing officer does not involve interpretation of the terms or provisions of this agreement, the hearing officer shall so rule in his/her award and shall make no other decision on the issue. The hearing officer shall render no award under this agreement which shall be retroactive beyond the date of the event on which the grievance is based. The award of the hearing officer shall be final and binding upon the Board, the Union, and the grievant involved.
 5. The hearing officer so selected shall fix the time and place for the hearing and notify the parties thereof. In any disciplinary grievance, the hearing officer shall have no authority to alter or amend any discipline imposed by the district if the hearing officer finds either that the district's actions did not violate the agreement, or that there was just cause for the action.
 6. No hearing officer decision made hereunder shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to any renewal of the existing agreement or the making of a new agreement between the Union and the Board. The force and effect of hearing officer decisions shall expire when the agreement expires unless the language involved is substantially the same in the expired agreement and the new agreement.
 7. No decision of the hearing officer in any one case shall create a basis for retroactive adjustment in any other case which arose prior to the date of the written decision of the panel, unless the Union and the district mutually agree otherwise in writing.
 8. The fees and expenses of the hearing officer shall be borne equally by both parties. Each party shall be responsible for its own hearing expenses. The party producing any witnesses shall pay the expenses of said witness, if any. Upon request of either party, an official court reporter shall record the proceedings, and the party making such request shall pay the cost of the reporter. If the other party requests a copy of the proceeding, that party shall share equally the costs of the reporter.

G. Board Review (All Grievances other than Termination)

1. Should the decision (relating to grievances other than termination grievances as outlined in Item F above) of the administrative review be unsatisfactory to the grievant, within ten (10) regular workdays of the rendering of the decision, the grievant may make a written request for appeal to the Board. The grievant shall file a request for appeal with the Chief Human Resources Officer and/or designee.
2. The Chief Human Resources Officer and/or designee will set a hearing date with a committee of the Board not fewer than ten (10) regular workdays or more than forty (40) regular work days after such an appeal is filed with the Chief Human Resources Officer and/or designee and the grievant will be informed in writing of the time, date, and place of the hearing at least five (5) regular work days prior to the hearing.
3. The grievant may be represented by an authorized representative of the Union, himself/herself, legal counsel, or any other person selected by the grievant. The grievant may also have witnesses appear at the hearing. The Chief Human Resources Officer and/or designee shall be informed in writing five (5) days prior to the hearing with the Board of the grievant's representatives and all witnesses to be present during the hearing.
4. The Board of Education, or a committee thereof, shall conduct the hearing in executive session unless the employee requests an open hearing.
5. The grievant will be given a written decision of the Board within thirty (30) regular work days following the conclusion of the hearing.
6. The final decision lies with the Board of Education, except that the employee shall have other remedies or appeals as are provided by the federal or state constitutions or by law.

H. Legal or Statutory Remedy

If the grievant pursues any legal or statutory remedy for an issue, then any further or subsequent proceedings for relief through the grievance procedure shall be barred unless the court or administrative agency refuses jurisdiction until all administrative remedies have been exhausted.

I. Reprisal/Discrimination

No employee shall be subject to any reprisal or discrimination by reason of the exercise of his/her rights under this Grievance Procedure or any appeal provisions set forth herein.

ARTICLE XIX: SAFETY SERVICES PROFESSIONAL DRESS PHILOSOPHY

All Employees are required to adhere to dress requirements established for their specific work group (i.e., required uniforms, protective equipment, etc.). When attending District in-service or other District-sponsored events, Employees will follow the safety services Professional Dress Philosophy as set forth in the then current Agreement between the District and the Union that applies to employees of the District who are employed in permanent positions for twenty (20) hours or more per week and are paid on range AS-JcS of the safety services salary schedule, excluding non-members of the Bargaining Unit and confidential employees. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of Safety Services or Building Principal as needed.

ARTICLE XX: SAFETY SERVICES ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

- A. The purpose of the Safety Services Attendance Standards are to provide guidelines to supervisors concerning employees who are approaching or in deduct status pertaining to the use of temporary leave.
- B. It is the employee's responsibility to be aware of how many temporary leave hours they have accumulated and have remaining.
- C. Temporary Leave Balance Under Forty (40) Hours
 - 1. An "awareness letter" will be sent to the employee who has forty (40) hours of temporary leave remaining. The goal is to notify the employee as close to forty (40) hours as possible realizing that due to hours missed this awareness letter may not be issued at exactly forty (40) hours of temporary leave remaining. The "awareness letter" is electronically sent to the employee and the employee's supervisor based on the hours in the Human Resources Information Systems system (currently PeopleSoft). This is not a disciplinary conference. The documentation of this conference will be kept in the supervisors file for five (5) years.
 - 2.
 - a. Employees who have been in deduct status previously within the prior five (5) years of employment will move to the progressive disciplinary actions for attendance when they have a temporary leave balance under forty (40) hours.
- D. Deduct Absences
 - 1. An absence is considered to be in deduct when the employee does not have enough temporary leave hours available to cover all the hours, they were absent for that shift.
 - 2. Any protected absence approved by Employee Benefits is considered exempt and will not be included in calculation or application of this rubric.
 - 3. A deduct absence that shall be considered as exempt from the rubric must be approved by the CHRO.

E. Progressive Disciplinary Actions

1. When an employee is in deduct status for the first time since employment, they will receive a written warning. Additional resources can be provided to the employee by the direct supervisor regarding EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services. The second deduct absence will result in the employee being placed on a ninety (90) day probation for attendance. The third absence in deduct would result in termination.
2. Employees who have been in deduct status previously within the prior five years of employment will receive a written warning. Additional resources can be provided to the employee by the direct supervisor regarding EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services. The first deduct absence will result in being placed on a ninety (90) day probation for attendance. The second deduct absence will result in termination.
3. Supervisor will notify Human Resources before proceeding with disciplinary actions for deduct absences.
4. A formal disciplinary conference requires the supervisor to give written 24-hour notification to the employee. The employee has the right to bring representation of their choice to the conference.

Documentation of this conference is to be sent to Human Resources.

5. When an employee is on probation for attendance, a defined absence is: a no call, a late call, (meaning past the timeframe in which the employee is slated to call in to report an absence), no shows, tardies, leaving early without permission, and a non-exempt absence.

	Paid leave balance under 40 hours	Deduct absence #1	Deduct absence #2	Deduct absence #3
<u>Level A</u> Employee is in deduct status for the <i>FIRST</i> time since employment OR it has been at least 5 years since the employee has been in deduct status.	Awareness Letter (Letter A)	Written Warning (PCS A1)	90 day Probation for attendance (PCS A2)	Termination (PCS A3)
<u>Level B</u> Employee is in deduct status, and has been in deduct status in one of the previous 5 years of employment.	Written Warning (PCS B1)	90 day Probation for attendance (PCS B2)	Termination (PCS B3)	

APPENDIX A

TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF USD 259, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS AND THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL NO 513 (UNIFORMED SECURITY OFFICERS AND SECURITY DISPATCHERS)

DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms, for the purpose of the Agreement to which this Appendix A is attached, shall have the meanings prescribed below:

1. **“Agreement”** means the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas, and the Service Employees International Union, Local No. 513 (Uniformed Security Officers and Security Dispatchers, as certified by KDOL Case No.: 72-UDC-1-2014 on August 13, 2014).
2. **“Act”** means the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act (K.S.A. 75-4321 *et seq.*)
3. **“Administration”** means the Superintendent and the Superintendent’s designees.
4. **“Bargaining Unit”** means all uniformed security officers and security dispatchers employed in permanent positions for twenty (20) or more hours per week and paid on Ranges AS-JcS of the Wichita Public Schools’ classified safety services salary schedule. Safety Services employees paid on Ranges K-Z of the Wichita Public Schools’ classified safety services salary schedule, supervisors and confidential employees, as defined by the Act, are excluded from the Bargaining Unit.
5. **“Board”** means the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas.
6. **“Chief Human Resources Officer”** means the person whose job title is Chief Human Resources Officer for the District.
7. **“Contract Year”** means the one (1) year period of time beginning July 1 and ending June 30.
8. **“Director of Safety Services”** means the person whose job title is Director of Safety and Environmental Services for the District.
9. **“District”** means Unified School District No. 259, Sedgwick County, Kansas.
10. **“Employee”** means employees of the District who are members of the bargaining unit.
11. **“Superintendent”** means the Superintendent of Schools for the District.
12. **“Union”** means Service Employees International Union, Local No. 513.

APPENDIX B

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SSC DISPATCHER AND OFFICER CAREER LADDER

Range F	Range G	Range H	Range I	Range J
Requirements:	Requirements:	Requirements:	Requirements:	Requirements:
High School Diploma	Score 80% on Career Ladder test administered by Safety Services staff	Score 80% on Career Ladder test administered by Safety Services staff	Score 80% on Career Ladder test administered by Safety Services staff	Score 80% on Career Ladder test administered by Safety Services staff
	20 hours of In-service earned within the last twelve months, 10 hours of in-service earned within the last twelve months for dispatchers	24 hours of In-service earned within the last twelve months for officers, 12 hours of in-service earned within the last twelve months for dispatchers	32 hours of In-service earned within the last twelve months, 16 hours of in-service earned within the last twelve months for dispatchers	40 hours of In-service earned within the last twelve months, 20 hours of in-service earned within the last twelve months for dispatchers
	No formal disciplinary actions in the past twelve months	No formal disciplinary actions in the past twelve months	Mentor new Safety Services personnel	Mentor new Safety Services personnel
	No assistive process or plan of assistance in the past twelve months	No assistive process or plan of assistance in the past twelve months	No formal disciplinary actions in the past twelve months	No formal disciplinary actions in the past twelve months
			No assistive process or plan of assistance in the past twelve months	No assistive process or plan of assistance in the past twelve months

NOTES:

- If an employee received disciplinary action in the previous school year, they will be eligible for advancement on the career ladder one year from the date (the pay period following the one year anniversary) of the incident that led to the discipline. The employee will be allowed to take the career ladder test at the time it is administered; advancement will occur later.
- To move one range on the Salary Schedule an employee must have served at least one calendar year at the previous range. The employee will be allowed to take the career ladder test prior to their one year anniversary, advancement will occur at the time of their anniversary.

APPENDIX C

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026 A-J SECURITY SALARY SCHEDULE 3% (plus 1%)

Step	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Range													
AS	15.69	15.90	16.14	16.40	16.70	16.98	17.29	17.63	17.98	18.34	18.72	19.16	19.57
BS	16.11	16.35	16.61	16.91	17.20	17.55	17.88	18.26	18.64	19.04	19.45	19.89	20.32
CS	16.56	16.82	17.11	17.43	17.75	18.08	18.46	18.85	19.24	19.66	20.11	20.56	21.06
DS	17.03	17.34	17.63	17.96	18.31	18.67	19.05	19.45	19.89	20.32	20.79	21.25	21.77
ES	17.56	17.87	18.24	18.59	18.97	19.38	19.80	20.25	20.70	21.18	21.69	22.21	22.73
FS	18.08	18.45	18.79	19.19	19.59	20.02	20.46	20.92	21.39	21.89	22.41	22.95	23.52
GS	18.69	19.05	19.43	19.83	20.27	20.70	21.17	21.65	22.15	22.67	23.19	23.77	24.34
HS	19.30	19.68	20.11	20.54	21.01	21.50	22.00	22.50	23.06	23.61	24.18	24.77	25.39
IS	19.94	20.35	20.80	21.25	21.76	22.24	22.76	23.30	23.85	24.44	25.03	25.64	26.28
JS	20.63	21.08	21.55	22.03	22.54	23.06	23.59	24.15	24.72	25.32	25.93	26.57	27.23
JAS	21.34	21.83	22.31	22.85	23.37	23.94	24.51	25.10	25.72	26.36	27.02	27.68	28.37
JBS	22.07	22.60	23.11	23.64	24.20	24.77	25.38	25.98	26.62	27.28	27.96	28.63	29.34
JCS	22.86	23.38	23.96	24.53	25.10	25.71	26.31	26.95	27.59	28.27	28.96	29.69	30.40

APPENDIX D

One member of the Bargaining Unit shall participate in all Safety Services applicant interviews, including management interviews. The Executive Board as listed above will select the member who will participate in the interview. The District will provide training for members who wish to participate in applicant interviews once in the 2025-2026 school year. In order to participate in an interview, the member must have attended the interview training as provided by a human resources representative. The Bargaining Unit agrees that at least 10 members will attend the training to ensure availability.

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